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Kenyan Maize update

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Report Highlights:
FAS total maize production for 2003/04 is projected at 2.5 million tons, falling behind consumption (2.7 million tons). Efforts by private sector to import maize are thwarted by poor production from the neighboring countries and the 25 % duty. The U.S. is the expected source if commercial imports occur.

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Long Rain Crop

The long rain harvest is complete in most parts of the maize growing areas. The Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) estimates an output of 2.19 million tons, which compares well with normal year long rain averages (2.18 tons). FAS estimate 2 million tons for the long rain crop, a 0.2 million tons increase from the previous estimate primarily due to good production in the main maize producing areas. The good production camouflaged the poor harvest from the marginal agricultural areas.

Production

Some of the main short rain dependent areas received good rains whereas others (i.e. along the coastal strip) have experienced prolonged drought. FAS estimate for the short rain crop (harvesting has commenced in the early planting provinces) remains at 500,000 tons. However, this may e at the high end of short rain production. The likelihood is that the short rain harvest could come in lower when actual harvest occurs. Though the month of January experienced unseasonable rains it is unlikely that the figures will increase, the output levels should be fairly close to trend through the remainder of the 2003/04 marketing year.

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Trade

Maize Prices

National average maize prices during the month of february have been relatively high ($ 220/mt) as compared to the same time last year ($ 125/mt). The high prices are attributed to reduced supply from neighboring countries and competition from other traders and millers. The prices are forecast to remain relatively firm until February/March with the commencement of the Short rain harvest. This will be temporary as supply shortages are expected to set in April/May. Cross border imports are limited due to the poor production from the neighboring countries and commercial imports from South Africa are unlikely given the high South African prices coupled with 25 % duty. The US is the expected source if commercial imports occur.

Recent National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) price increases to $ 199/mt indicate an increasing possibility of commercial imports in the April – June time frame.

Tanzania to import maize from Kenya

The government of Tanzania is scheduled to import 10,000 tons from Kenya as famine relief aid. A further 10,000 tons may be shipped to Tanzania in March.

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PSD Table

Country **Kenya**

Commodity **Corn**

	2002 USDA Official [Old]	Revised Post Estimate [New]	2003 USDA Official [Old]	Estimate Post Estimate [New]	(1000 HA)(1000 MT) 2004 USDA Official [Old]	Forecast Post Estimate [New]	UOM
Market Year Begin		07/2002		07/2003		07/2004	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	1500	1690	1500	1500	0	1600	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	135	490	48	180	48	150	(1000 MT)
Production	2430	2400	2300	2500	0	2550	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	33	110	200	250	0	200	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Imports	82	100	200	250	0	200	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	31	10	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	2598	3000	2548	2930	48	2900	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	100	0	80	0	150	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Exports	0	100	0	100	0	150	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	50	50	50	52	0	50	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	2550	2720	2500	2700	0	2600	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	48	180	48	150	0	150	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2598	3000	2548	2930	0	2900	(1000 MT)