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Crop Situation Update

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Report Highlights:

The wheat harvest is almost completed in Bosnia and Herzegovina with total production estimated at 250,000 MT. Total consumption is around 650,000 MT. BiH is a regular importer of wheat with annual imports around 350,000 to 400,000 MT. Most wheat imports are supplied by neighboring countries (e.g Hungary, Czech Republic and Croatia). However, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France and Uruguay supplied wheat last marketing year. This year's corn area is around 225,000 ha. Crop conditions are good at present, and production is estimated to be around 800,000 MT to 900,000 MT.

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Wheat

The wheat harvest is almost completed in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and agricultural ministries report that yields are average or above average throughout most of the country. This news comes despite the heavy rainfall and flooding that occurred in central and northern Bosnia during the springtime. In the Republika Srpska, one of the two entities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the yield is expected to be around 180,000 MT. In the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the other entity, total yield is expected to be around 60,000 – 70,000 MT (however, these numbers are still unconfirmed by the Federation's ten cantons). According to the entity Ministries of Agriculture, total yield is estimated at around 250,000 MT. Annual total consumption is around 650,000 MT.

Corn

This year's corn area is around 225,000 ha. At present, growing conditions are good, and production is estimated to be between 800,000 MT and 900,000 MT.

Production Policy

In the Republika Srpska mineral fertilizers and herbicides were subsidized during fall planting at 105 KM/ha. In the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, wheat for seed is subsidized at 0.14 KM/kg, and mercantile wheat is subsidized at 0.06 KM/kg. Corn is subsidized at 60 KM/ha.

(Note Currency Exchange: \$1.00 ~ 1.60 KM)

Wheat Imports

BiH is a regular importer of wheat. Annual imports are usually around 30,000 –400,000 MT, depending on local production. Most wheat imports are supplied by neighboring countries (e.g Hungary, Czech Republic and Croatia). However, during the last marketing year, wheat was imported from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France and Uruguay.