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## Austria

### Grain and Feed

## Austrian Grain Harvest Down 11%

### 2005

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**Report Highlights:**

The Austrian grain harvest is expected to reach 4.31 million MT in 2005, this is 11% less than last year's harvest which totaled 4.84 million MT. Heavy rains and cool weather conditions have dampened high expectations for yield and quality.

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## Summary

According to new calculations from the Austrian market analysis company, Agrarmarkt Austria (AMA), the Austrian Grain harvest will reach 4.31 million MT in 2005; this is 11% less than last year's harvest that totaled 4.84 million MT.

The high expectations at the beginning of July regarding yield and quality have been dampened. Heavy rains and cool and changing weather conditions in July have negatively affected yield and the quality of this year's grain harvest.

## Wheat

The AMA estimates that a third of all domestic wheat will not be of satisfactory quality and will need to be used as feed wheat. The protein content was between satisfactory and very good with about 14% to 15%, but the falling number (a quick test that is used to measure the alpha amylase content) was low, which means lower quality. In addition, there was up to 20%. Total wheat production is estimated to amount to 1,404 thousand MT, which is 291 thousand MT (down 17.2%) less than in 2004.

## Barley

There has been a distinct variation in the quality of the barley harvest. In the Pannonic region area, low hectoliter weight and high protein levels were found due to drought and precocious ripening. That means that only 50% of the crop could be used for brewing. Barley production will reach 894 thousand MT (down 10.6% compared to 2004).

## Rye

Rye production suffered from low starch quality. Because of low falling numbers some of the harvest can only be used for feeding purposes. Rye production in 2005 will total 169 thousand MT (down 20.7% compared to 2004).

## Corn

Estimates for corn production in 2005 amount to 1,521 thousand MT (down 7.3%).

<b>Austrian Grains Production in 1000 MT</b>	<b>2003/2004</b>	<b>2004/2005</b>	<b>Estimate 2005/2006</b>
Soft Wheat	1,102	1,607	1,347
Durum Wheat	64	88	57
Barley	880	1,004	894
Rye	132	213	169
Corn	1,442	1,640	1,521
Other Grains	296	291	325
<b>Grains Total</b>	<b>3,916</b>	<b>4,843</b>	<b>4,313</b>

<b>Austrian Grains Area in ha</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Soft Wheat *)	250,129	266,097	269,345
Durum Wheat	16,704	17,583	14,914
Winter Barley	73,352	79,549	72,608
Spring Barley	138,432	111,331	117,698
Oats	34,350	30,325	30,022
Rye	39,919	45,551	42,182
Triticale	40,569	42,966	39,100
Corn for Grain	172,225	177,765	1,646,130
Corn Cob Mix	23,013	22,725	22,191
Silage Corn	71,805	75,078	70,261
*) Including Spelt Wheat			