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Report Highlights:

Corn was sown on roughly 350,000 ha with estimated total production at 1.4 million MT, which will probably result in about 250,000 to 300,000 MT imports. The 2006/2007 wheat crop was sown on 160,000 ha with total production at 700,000 MT. It is estimated that in stock, Croatia has 200,000 MT of wheat, which together with this year's harvest will allow for 200,000 MT of exports. Barley was sown, on 60,000 ha with estimated yield of 220,000 MT. This production is expected to meet domestic demand.

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Wheat

Wheat crop in season 2006/2007 was sown on 160,000 ha with total production at 700,000 MT. At the same time it is estimated that Croatia has in stock about 200,000 MT of wheat. This means that Croatia has enough wheat for domestic consumption as well as for exports. In Croatia, the wheat crop was harvested a month earlier than normal because of mild winter and spring/summer drought but luckily weather did not damage the crop. Due to the drought in all of Europe there is a good chance that Croatia will export about 200,000 MT of wheat to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia and some other European countries. Nevertheless, Croatia will also import a small amount of durum wheat for blending, as is the case every year.

Corn

Corn was sown on approximately 350,000 ha, which is expected to result in a production of 1.4 million MT. This is a 30% decrease in production compared to the Croatian average due to the summer drought. Production shortages will probably result in imports of roughly 250,000 to 300,000 MT of corn in 2007/2008.

Barley

Barley was sown on about 60,000 ha with estimated yield of 220,000 MT. This production is expected to meet domestic demand, and Croatia is not expected to import significant amounts of barley this year.

Tariffs

Tariffs and quota information can be found at www.carina.hr, or from the USDA/FAS office in Zagreb by contacting Andreja Misir, USDA/FAS, Agricultural Specialist, andreja.misir@usda.gov