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## Argentina

### Oilseeds and Products

### Lock-Up Report

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**Report Highlights:**

Soybean planting is underway with about half of the projected area completed. Post maintains its forecast for soybean planted area at 17 million hectares. Export taxes on soybeans were raised from 27.5 to 35 percent, while soybean oil and meal taxes were raised from 24 to 32 percent. Post maintains its production forecast for sunflowerseed to reach 4.5 million tons on planted area totaling 2.6 million hectares. Export taxes for sunflowerseed were raised from 23.5 to 32 percent; sunflower meal and oil were raised from 20 to 30 percent.

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## Soybeans

Soybean planting is underway and about half of the total projected area has been planted. The Secretariat of Agriculture reported, as of November 22, that 45 percent of its projected 16.6 million hectares had been planted. The provinces of Buenos Aires, Cordoba, and Santa Fe (which combined represent about 75 percent of Argentina's soybean area) were 56 percent, 45 percent, and 60 percent completed, respectively. At the same period in last year's campaign, 55 percent of the projected 16.1 million hectares had been planted.

The Buenos Aires Grains Exchange reported on November 23, that seeding is advancing with a few interruptions due to the lack of moisture at the national level. The recent November frost events have had little negative impact on the soybean crop. In isolated cases reseeded was necessary, but overall there was not significant damage. The area most affected was located in the Buenos Aires province in the delegations of Coronel Suarez, La Madrid, Benito Juarez, Olavarria, Azul and Tandil. The area farther south (southern coast) experienced less severe low temperatures, and consequent crop damage, due to the atmospheric stabilizing effect of the ocean. It is likely that some plots in the most affected areas initially planted to corn will be re-planted with soybeans, as well as some destroyed wheat plots that will be planted with soybeans. Post is maintaining its forecast area harvested at 17 million hectares until further information is available.

On November 9, the GOA officially increased the export tax on soybeans from 27.5 to 35 percent; and soybean oil and meal from 24 to 32 percent. The following week, export registrations for soybeans and derivative products were re-opened with a change that restricts exporters to a maximum limit of 150 days between registering the export sale and loading the soybeans or soybean derivatives for shipment.

## Sunflowerseed

Sunflower planting is currently underway and, as of November 22, it reached 85 percent of the Secretariat of Agriculture's projected 2.6 million hectares for 2007/08. Buenos Aires province, which accounts for about 50 percent of total planted area, was reported at 87 percent complete.

The recent November frost events had minimal impact on the crop, with only isolated and non-significant damage in the regions most affected in south and central Buenos Aires. There were also reports of hail in southern Chaco, but damages were isolated and not significant.

Post maintains its forecast for total production at 4.5 million tons in 2007/08 and harvested area at 2.6 million hectares.

On November 9, the GOA officially increased the export tax on sunflowerseed from 23.5 percent to 32 percent; the tax on sunflower meal and oil was raised from 20 percent to 30 percent.