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### Grain and Feed

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**Report Highlights:**

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### Saudi Arabia Reduces Subsidies on Imported Feed and Feed Ingredients

On January 22, 2009, the Saudi government announced a decision to decrease import subsidies on barley, feed corn and other animal feed ingredients in response to declining world grain and feed prices. According to the new decree, the import subsidy on barley, the leading feed grain in Saudi Arabia, was reduced from \$200 to \$80 per metric ton. Last year, Saudi Arabia imported 8.2 million metric tons of barley, more than 50 percent of world available feed barley exports. The recent decree added Rhodes grass and Sudan grass to the subsidy list.

The January 22<sup>nd</sup> subsidy decree was the third measure that the Saudi government has taken in the past four months. In November 2008, the government reduced import subsidies on feed grains and feed ingredients by up to 60 percent.

The following table shows the revised animal feed subsidy rates in U.S. dollars per metric ton.

Feed Type	Protein Percentage	Energy per ton	Subsidy Amount	Subsidy Amount	Subsidy Amount	Subsidy Amount
			Jan-09	Nov-08	Oct-08	Mar-08
Barley	Feed barley specification	Feed barley specification	\$53.33	\$80.00	\$200.00	\$320.00
Yellow corn			60.26	\$88.00	234.67	266.67
Soybean meal			101.06	\$133.33	348.53	\$396.00
Soybean meal			\$92.26	\$135.20	317.87	\$361.33
Sorghum-white or red			50.13	\$90.13	247.33	\$250.13
Oat			\$52.53	76.80	199.47	266.67
Wheat bran			\$56.00	85.33	217.60	247.20
Palm Kernel meal			61.13	\$89.60	227.73	258.37
Cotton seed meal			86.66	\$130.66	311.47	353.60
Canola meal			76.80	118.40	279.20	317.07

Feed Type	Protein Percentage	Energy per ton	Subsidy Amount	Subsidy Amount	Subsidy Amount	Subsidy Amount
			Jan-09	Nov-08	Oct-08	Mar-08
Alfalfa			58.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alfalfa hay			49.86	70.40	\$207.73	\$205.87
Rhodes grass			\$34.40	\$74.66	\$181.87	\$189.33
Sudan grass			\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Soybean hulls			\$53.60	\$82.93	\$215.47	\$244.80
Sunflower hull			\$26.40	\$26.40	\$102.40	\$116.27
Rice hulls			\$26.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00