



Voluntary Report - public distribution

Date: 7/28/1999

GAIN Report #GM9047

GERMANY

Grain and Feed

German Grain Crop 1999 - Forecast 1999

Approved by:

Peter O. Kurz

U.S. Embassy

Drafted by:

Dietmar A. Achilles

Report Highlights: German grain harvest 1999 is forecast at 43.0 million tons versus 44.6 million tons in 1998. Area estimate for grains was reduced to 6.64 million hectare versus 7.04 million in 1998. Average yields reportedly above multi year average, potentially on record levels. Crop quality is good. A further build-up of intervention stocks is expected.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
Bonn[GM1], GM

Production

German Federal Ministry of Agriculture revised its crop area estimate for 1999 grain harvest downward to 6.64 million hectares, which is a reduction of 5.7 percent versus 1998. This year, the German agministry changed its statistical method to estimate crop areas with the result of some erratic ups and downs in recent forecasts for 1999. Current numbers are generally expected to be realistic. Total German grain crop is forecast at 43.0 million tons versus 44.6 million tons in 1998. Reported grain yields for most grains seem to range well above average.

Barley harvest has already been finished in most regions. Quality and quantity are reported above average. Current sunny weather favors grain harvest. Most grains can be harvested with low moisture and can be directly stored on the farm. There is no need to sell more grain than intended during harvest time. Farmers are speculating on improving prices later in the season. Most of the crop is expected to meet intervention criteria so that intervention prices will draw the bottom line for domestic price development. The basic rule for intervention is: the better the crop quality, the bigger the grain offers into intervention storage. The reverse conclusion is: the lower the crop quality, the more grain will go into feeding.

The German grain industry is confident that crop shortages in Spain, Russia will improve German export opportunities. French sales to Arab countries may open up German wheat shipment opportunities within the EU. Since German wheat is traditionally of somewhat higher quality than French wheat, German grain traders hope to add some high quality wheats to French shipments to Northern Africa and to other Arab countries plus Iran.

German Grain Crop Forecast			
		1999	
	Area	Yield	Production
	1,000 ha	MT/ha	1,000 MT
Winter Wheat	2,447	7.35	18,000
Spring Wheat	149	5.60	825
Durums	14	5.20	75
All Wheat	2,609	7.24	18,900
Rye	747	5.35	4,000
Winter Barley	1,376	6.40	8,800
Spring Barley	836	5.15	4,300
All Barley	2,213	5.92	13,100
Oats	267	5.10	1,350
Spring Mixed	42	5.00	210
Winter Mixed	9	5.50	50
Triticale	387	6.20	2,390
All	438	6.00	2,650
Corn	364	8.30	3,000
Grand Total	6,638	6.48	43,000
Rape Seed	1,201		
Potatoes	298		
Sugar Beets	488		
Silage Corn	1,196		
Pulses	212		

Source: Federal Ministry of Agriculture (Crop Area) and Minister-Counselor Estimate (Yield and production).

PSD Table						
Country:	Germany					
Commodity:	Wheat					
		1998		1999		2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1997		07/1998		07/1999
Area Harvested	2594	2720	2728	2803	2787	2710
Beginning Stocks	2670	3442	3442	2795	4069	3383
Production	18922	19827	19827	20188	20073	18900
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	1406	826	900	1000	900	900
Jul-Jun Imports	1406	826	900	1000	900	900
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	4	70	70	50	50	50
TOTAL SUPPLY	22998	24095	24169	23983	25042	23183
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	4614	5709	5300	5000	5300	5500
Jul-Jun Exports	4614	5709	5300	5000	5300	5500
Feed Dom. Consumption	7250	7310	7300	7900	7300	7400
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	14942	15591	14800	15600	14800	14900
Ending Stocks	3442	2795	4069	3383	4942	2783
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	22998	24095	24169	23983	25042	23183

PSD Table						
Country:	Germany					
Commodity:	Wheat, Durum					
		1998		1999		2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1997		07/1998		07/1999
Area Harvested	8	7	7	12	10	15
Beginning Stocks	63	63	63	88	77	82
Production	47	34	34	60	59	75
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	256	308	300	280	280	270
Jul-Jun Imports	256	308	300	280	280	270
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	2	67	65	40	30	40
TOTAL SUPPLY	366	405	397	428	416	427
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	24	7	10	10	20	10
Jul-Jun Exports	24	7	10	10	20	10
Feed Dom. Consumption	15	15	15	3	15	10
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	279	310	310	336	320	330
Ending Stocks	63	88	77	82	76	87
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	366	405	397	428	416	427

PSD Table						
Country:	Germany					
Commodity:	Rye					
		1998		1999		2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1997		07/1998		07/1999
Area Harvested	861	843	809	936	931	747
Beginning Stocks	2105	1495	1259	2887	1495	4037
Production	4521	4580	4214	4775	4737	4000
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	29	13	20	25	20	50
Oct-Sep Imports	24	8	15	25	20	50
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	6655	6088	5493	7687	6252	8087
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	2300	596	1240	750	700	1300
Oct-Sep Exports	1432	602	960	950	1000	1300
Feed Dom. Consumption	1660	1523	1680	1650	1450	1600
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	3096	2605	2758	2900	2600	2750
Ending Stocks	1259	2887	1495	4037	2952	4037
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	6655	6088	5493	7687	6252	8087

PSD Table						
Country:	Germany					
Commodity:	Barley					
		1998		1999		2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1997		07/1998		07/1999
Area Harvested	2208	2274	2274	2181	2177	2279
Beginning Stocks	2700	2545	2545	4862	5644	6574
Production	12074	13399	13399	12512	12489	13100
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	530	343	300	450	300	300
Oct-Sep Imports	437	348	300	450	300	300
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	15304	16287	16244	17824	18433	19974
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	3028	906	1000	1500	2500	2300
Oct-Sep Exports	2257	909	1000	1500	2500	2300
Feed Dom. Consumption	6917	6973	6400	6600	6400	6600
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	9731	10519	9600	9750	9600	9800
Ending Stocks	2545	4862	5644	6574	6333	7874
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	15304	16287	16244	17824	18433	19974

PSD Table						
Country:	Germany					
Commodity:	Oats					
		1998		1999		2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1997		07/1998		07/1999
Area Harvested	302	312	312	264	263	279
Beginning Stocks	246	342	342	356	366	245
Production	1606	1599	1599	1279	1276	1350
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	146	50	55	50	100	50
Oct-Sep Imports	124	40	55	50	100	50
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1998	1991	1996	1685	1742	1645
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	27	29	30	40	25	40
Oct-Sep Exports	27	38	30	40	25	40
Feed Dom. Consumption	1232	1210	1200	1050	1000	1050
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1629	1606	1600	1400	1400	1350
Ending Stocks	342	356	366	245	317	255
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1998	1991	1996	1685	1742	1645

PSD Table						
Country:	Germany					
Commodity:	Corn					
		1998		1999		2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1997		07/1998		07/1999
Area Harvested	372	368	368	341	343	364
Beginning Stocks	448	575	575	653	693	595
Production	2913	3188	3188	2782	2761	3000
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	878	982	930	950	900	900
Oct-Sep Imports	1020	927	930	950	900	900
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	5	6	8	10	50	10
TOTAL SUPPLY	4239	4745	4693	4385	4354	4495
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	299	418	400	340	350	350
Oct-Sep Exports	323	420	400	340	350	350
Feed Dom. Consumption	2399	2499	2550	2300	2400	2300
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	3365	3674	3600	3450	3400	3500
Ending Stocks	575	653	693	595	604	645
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	4239	4745	4693	4385	4354	4495

PSD Table						
Country:	Germany					
Commodity:	Mixed Grain					
		1998		1999		2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1997		07/1998		07/1999
Area Harvested	422	497	497	517	515	438
Beginning Stocks	97	212	212	259	107	278
Production	2407	2893	2893	3039	3030	2650
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	2	4	2	10	10	10
Oct-Sep Imports	2	4	2	10	10	10
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	2506	3109	3107	3308	3147	2938
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	39	176	200	180	200	200
Oct-Sep Exports	73	183	200	180	200	200
Feed Dom. Consumption	2135	2421	2500	2650	2500	2300
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	2255	2674	2800	2850	2800	2500
Ending Stocks	212	259	107	278	147	238
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2506	3109	3107	3308	3147	2938

PSD Table						
Country:	Germany					
Commodity:	Sorghum					
		1998		1999		2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1997		07/1998		07/1999
Area Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	3	1	1	2	1	1
Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	24	27	25	25	25	25
Oct-Sep Imports	22	29	25	25	25	25
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	2	4	2	4	2	3
TOTAL SUPPLY	27	28	26	27	26	26
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct-Sep Exports	1	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Dom. Consumption	20	20	25	20	25	25
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	26	26	25	26	25	25
Ending Stocks	1	2	1	1	1	1
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	27	28	26	27	26	26

