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German Year 2000 Grain Crop

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Report Highlights:

German FedMinAg forecasts the year 2000 grain crop at 44.9 MMT. Quality problems are reported due to extreme heat in May/June and rainy weather during harvest. Opportunities for U.S. wheat exports to Germany improved.

Includes PSD changes: Yes

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German Year 2000 Grain Crop at 44.9 MMT

One week earlier than normal the German Federal Ministry of Agriculture released its first preliminary crop forecast resulting at 44.9 million metric tons (MMT). This is an increase of 1.1 percent over 1999, resulting from an area increase of six percent. Per hectare yields are 4.6 percent lower than in 1999 due to the extreme heat in May/June. Prolonged rains in July and early August caused sprouting problems and increased the share of shriveled grains. However, drier weather since mid-August helped a lot for the later harvesting regions, especially in northern Germany. Protein content on average is above the 1999 level of 12.6 percent. The main effect of the negative harvesting conditions is that German wheat will be less available and competitive on international markets. An estimate of how much high quality wheat from the year 2000 harvest is sprout damaged is not yet clear.

The German FedMinAg forecasts the EU grain at 205 to 208 MMT, about 3.5 percent more than in 1999. The biggest increase is forecast for wheat at about plus eight percent.

Due to harvest problems in wheat prices for bread wheat are about three percent above the August 1999 level despite the reduction of the EU intervention price of 7.5 percent resulting from Agenda 2000. In view of the strong dollar German AgMinister Funke is confident that the EU will be able to export wheat to non-EU countries without the support of export subsidies as is already the case in barley.

German Grain Crop Forecast 2000						
	1999			2000		
	Area	Yield	Production	Area	Yield	Production
	1,000 ha	MT/ha	1,000 MT	1000 ha	MT/ha	1,000 MT
Winter Wheat	2,440	7.64	18,650	2,916	7.19	20,967
Spring Wheat	149	6.03	901	46	5.52	252
Durums	12	5.38	65	9	5.09	45
All Wheat	2,601	7.54	19,615	2,971	7.16	21,264
Rye	748	5.79	4,329	843	4.99	4,208
Winter Barley	1,370	6.59	9,026	1,451	6.40	9,277
Spring Barley	841	5.09	4,275	621	4.71	2,925
All Barley	2,210	6.02	13,301	2,072	5.89	12,202
Oats	268	5.00	1,339	237	4.51	1,071
Spring Mixed	41	4.59	190	29	4.23	124
Winter Mixed	9	5.40	47	10	5.52	56
Triticale	387	6.14	2,374	499	5.54	2,768
All	437	5.97	2,611	538	5.48	2,948
Corn	371	8.84	3,257	363	8.93	3,241
Grand Total	6,635	6.70	44,452	7,024	6.40	44,934
Federal Ministry of Agriculture Forecast						

For oilseeds the FedMinAg forecasts a crop of 3.4 MMT, a reduction of 20 percent compared to 1999. The reduction is due to acreage reduction and the extreme heat in May/June. About one third of the German oilseed area of 1.1 million hectares is devoted to non-food industrial uses.

All Grains	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/00
Area harvested	6,527	6,707	7,014	7,042	6,634
Begin Stocks	9,773	7,423	8,612	11,814	13,730
Production	39,864	42,136	45,486	44,575	44,452
Tot Mkt Yr Imports	3,119	3,006	2,245	2,681	2,414
Oct/Sep Imp	3,044	3,026	2,182	2,847	2,414
Oct/SepImp US	179	11	80	27	18
Tot Supply	52,756	52,565	56,343	59,070	60,596
Tot Mkt Yr Export	11,045	9,247	7,834	7,895	11,820
Oct/Sep Export	10,174	8,255	7,861	8,736	11,820
Feed Dom Consump	21,964	21,632	21,956	22,663	22,325
Tot Dom Consump	34,288	34,706	36,695	37,445	36,825
Ending Stocks	7,423	8,612	11,814	13,730	11,951
Tot Distrib	52,756	52,565	56,343	59,070	60,596

PSD Table						
Country	Germany					
Commodity	Wheat				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised1998		Preliminary1999		Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin	07/1998		07/1999		07/2000	
Area Harvested	2803	1999	2601	2601	2900	2971
Beginning Stocks	3420	2795	3830	2573	3100	1438
Production	20188	20188	19615	19615	22000	21265
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	2130	1092	1500	950	1750	900
Jul-Jun Imports	2130	1092	1500	950	1750	900
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	4	15	0	15	0	80
TOTAL SUPPLY	25738	24075	24945	23138	26850	23603
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	4979	5140	5400	5800	6000	5200
Jul-Jun Exports	4979	5140	5400	5800	6000	5200
Feed Dom. Consumption	9900	8070	9427	7900	10250	8200
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	16929	16362	16445	15900	17450	16300
Ending Stocks	3830	2573	3100	1438	3400	2103
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	25738	24075	24945	23138	26850	23603

PSD Table						
Country	Germany					
Commodity	Rye				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1998		07/1999		07/2000
Area Harvested	936	936	747	748	800	843
Beginning Stocks	3319	2887	4672	4039	4721	3388
Production	4775	4775	4319	4329	4500	4208
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	53	22	80	20	80	30
Oct-Sep Imports	50	29	70	20	70	30
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	8147	7684	9071	8388	9301	7626
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	675	675	1550	2000	1600	1600
Oct-Sep Exports	1350	886	1650	2000	1600	1600
Feed Dom. Consumption	1650	1591	1650	1600	1750	2000
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	2800	2970	2800	3000	2900	3400
Ending Stocks	4672	4039	4721	3388	4801	2626
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	8147	7684	9071	8388	9301	7626

PSD Table						
Country	Germany					
Commodity	Barley				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1998		07/1999		07/2000
Area Harvested	2236	2181	2210	2210	2100	2072
Beginning Stocks	4379	4862	6154	6029	4705	5980
Production	12512	12512	13301	13301	12000	12201
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	809	462	600	400	600	400
Oct-Sep Imports	824	549	600	400	600	400
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	17700	17836	20055	19730	17305	18581
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	1546	1546	5250	3500	3900	3500
Oct-Sep Exports	2173	2157	5250	3500	3900	3500
Feed Dom. Consumption	6650	7033	6700	7000	6900	7300
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	10000	10261	10100	10250	9800	10550
Ending Stocks	6154	6029	4705	5980	3605	4531
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	17700	17836	20055	19730	17305	18581

PSD Table						
Country	Germany					
Commodity	Oats				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1998		07/1999		07/2000
Area Harvested	303	264	268	268	265	237
Beginning Stocks	380	356	274	240	218	264
Production	1279	1279	1339	1339	1325	1071
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	60	50	60	65	60	100
Oct-Sep Imports	59	58	60	65	60	100
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1719	1685	1673	1644	1603	1435
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	25	34	25	30	25	30
Oct-Sep Exports	25	25	25	30	25	30
Feed Dom. Consumption	1000	973	1000	950	1000	750
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1420	1411	1430	1350	1400	1150
Ending Stocks	274	240	218	264	178	255
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1719	1685	1673	1644	1603	1435

PSD Table						
Country	Germany					
Commodity	Mixed Grain				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1998		07/1999		07/2000
Area Harvested	517	517	436	436	540	539
Beginning Stocks	0	259	0	231	0	256
Production	3039	3039	2611	2611	3300	2948
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	0	8	0	4	0	5
Oct-Sep Imports	0	8	0	4	0	5
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	3039	3306	2611	2846	3300	3209
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	165	0	90	0	150
Oct-Sep Exports	0	147	0	90	0	150
Feed Dom. Consumption	2935	2660	2469	2250	3150	2600
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	3039	2910	2611	2500	3300	2850
Ending Stocks	0	231	0	256	0	209
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	3039	3306	2611	2846	3300	3209

PSD Table						
Country	Germany					
Commodity	Corn				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1998		07/1999		07/2000
Area Harvested	341	341	371	371	365	363
Beginning Stocks	559	653	446	617	640	624
Production	2782	2782	3257	3257	3100	3241
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	933	1022	1000	950	1100	950
Oct-Sep Imports	860	1086	1000	950	1100	950
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	9	9	0	6	0	9
TOTAL SUPPLY	4274	4457	4703	4824	4840	4815
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	328	335	450	400	400	380
Oct-Sep Exports	416	381	450	400	400	380
Feed Dom. Consumption	2550	2316	2650	2600	2700	2600
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	3500	3505	3613	3800	3700	3750
Ending Stocks	446	617	640	624	740	685
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	4274	4457	4703	4824	4840	4815