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Grain Update

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Report Highlights:

Dry weather in the main producing areas of China will significantly cut corn yields. Tighter domestic supplies combined with much lower U.S. prices will sharply reduce Chinese exports, but stocks appear large enough to limit imports at least through MY 2000.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
Beijing [CH1], CH

Corn

Production

Although some beneficial rains came in late July, a long dry period through June and July in the main-producing area of Northeast China has definitely hurt yields. Combined with a 10 percent drop in planted area, this means production will drop significantly in MY 2000.

Prices and Trade

After rising through June and July by nearly 10 percent, Chinese corn prices have held steady in recent weeks. The rises in part likely anticipated a smaller crop this year. However, even before the full extent of this year's drought was known, prices had begun to pick up. The Chinese economy is generally doing better now and this appears to have bolstered meat demand. Consequently the trade reports demand for feed is improving.

At the same time prices in China have been rising, prices on the CBOT have collapsed. Most export contracts to Asia are optional origin, so, barring a sudden jump in CBOT prices, most of the projected exports from China for the rest of this marketing year and next year will not materialize. Stocks however remain large. Even though feed demand in China is strong and this year's crop is small, it appears that the stocks will keep China from becoming a net importer in MY 2000.

The trade numbers reflect changes from the official numbers which greatly under-reported (by more than 1 MMT) exports in April and May.

PSD Table						
Country	China, Peoples Republic of					
Commodity	Corn				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/1998		10/1999		10/2000
Area Harvested	25239	25240	25904	25904	24500	23750
Beginning Stocks	26000	26000	38616	38558	37996	38738
Production	132954	132954	128080	128080	122000	115000
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	262	202	250	100	250	500
Oct-Sep Imports	262	202	250	100	250	500
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	262	158	0	75	0	400
TOTAL SUPPLY	159216	159156	166946	166738	160246	154238
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	3340	3338	9000	8000	5000	1000
Oct-Sep Exports	3340	3338	9000	8000	5000	1000
Feed Dom. Consumption	93020	94500	95000	95000	98000	98000
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	117260	117260	119950	120000	123000	124000
Ending Stocks	38616	38558	37996	38738	32246	29238
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	159216	159156	166946	166738	160246	154238

CHINA'S WHEAT IMPORTS BY MONTH (1,000 Metric Tons)					
	1997	1998	1999	2000	
January	164	29	11	107	
February	110	27	5	53	
March	72	407	27	115	
April	209	240	43	169	
May	253	389	9	176	
June	30	42	47	49	
July	43	53	56		
August	68	16	17		
September	227	22	1		
October	271	82	28		
November	246	36	21		
December	168	147	74		
JAN-DEC TOTAL	1,860	1,490	339	669	
	(97/98)	(98/99)	(99/00)	(00/01)	
JUL-JUN MY TOTAL	2,156	498	866	0	1/
1/ year to date Source: PRC Customs HS Code: 1001.1000, 1001.9010, 1001.9090 (f:\shared\lotus\gmfd\wheat\whmthim.wk4)					

CHINA'S CORN IMPORTS BY MONTH (Metric Tons)					
	1997	1998	1999	2000	
January	0	0	18	0	
February	0	99	17	43	
March	145	52,501	18	42	
April	14	4	1	14	
May	1	2,204	58	2	
June	0	20,052	20,012	63	
July	0	52	50,079		
August	34	7,500	0		
September	0	36,170	0		
October	61	20	0		
November	0	23,894	0		
December	180	108,125	41		
JAN-DEC MY TOTAL	435	250,621	70,244	164	
	(97/98)	(98/99)	(99/00)	(00/01)	
OCT-SEP MY TOTAL	118,823	202,242	205	0	1/
1/ year to date HS Code: 1005.1000, 1005.9000 Source: PRC Customs f:\shared\lotus\gmfd\com\cnmmthim.wk4					

CHINA'S CORN EXPORTS BY MONTH (Metric Tons)					
	1997	1998	1999	2000	
January	17,111	335,765	119,190	210,003	
February	57,106	428,867	83,508	589,488	
March	166,125	405,198	272,908	1,219,532	
April	291,204	580,188	53,149	1,090,000	
May	560,793	240,079	171,438	1,150,000	
June	919,882	401,390	304,349	962,939	
July	607,266	304,729	551,192		
August	711,398	334,601	212,649		
September	555,530	432,336	346,007		
October	734,155	351,911	305,648		
November	766,926	371,899	518,836		
December	1,209,076	499,614	1,365,144		
JAN-DEC TOTAL	6,596,572	4,686,577	4,304,018	5,221,962	
	(97/98)	(98/99)	(99/00)	(00/01)	
OCT-SEP MY TOTAL	6,173,310	3,337,814	7,411,590	0	1/
1/ year to date HS Code: 1005.1000, 1005.9000 Source: PRC Customs (f:\shared\lotus\gmfd\com\cmmthex.wk4)					

CHINA'S MONTHLY RICE IMPORTS (Metric Tons, Milled Basis)					
	1997	1998	1999	2000	
January	63,875	24,359	34,684	16,771	
February	23,630	20,940	19,346	1,675	
March	8,144	41,548	18,206	19,627	
April	12,379	39,333	13,651	4,994	
May	17,366	3,696	209	5,054	
June	14,360	1,262	276	3,374	
July	16,014	4,731	876		
August	16,381	22,062	12,642		
September	66,059	15,854	23,029		
October	28,831	28,421	12,025		
November	21,323	8,015	7,090		
December	37,984	33,755	26,088		
TOTAL	326,346	243,976	168,122	51,495	1/
1/ Year to date HS Codes: 1006.1010, 1006.1090, 1006.2000, 1006.3000, 1006.4000 Source: PRC Customs (f:\shared\lotus\gmfd\rice\ricmthim.wk4)					

CHINA'S MONTHLY RICE EXPORTS (Metric Tons, Milled Basis)					
	1997	1998	1999	2000	
January	15,675	49,699	276,026	184,949	
February	28,649	174,875	104,966	373,666	
March	36,779	139,919	181,847	256,707	
April	36,779	162,847	92,631	256,710	
May	109,943	289,397	136,522	156,500	
June	91,682	403,323	238,835	289,436	
July	0	421,783	255,738		
August	85,398	376,800	362,255		
September	138,870	484,433	279,023		
October	113,084	343,569	383,265		
November	38,325	322,352	149,414		
December	123,078	576,692	244,649		
TOTAL	818,261	3,745,689	2,705,171	1,517,968	1/
1/ Year to date HS Codes: 1006.1010, 1006.1090, 1006.2000, 1006.3000, 1006.4000 Source: PRC Customs (f:\shared\lotus\gmfd\rice\vicmthex.wk4)					

CHINA'S BARLEY IMPORTS BY MONTH (Metric Tons)					
	1997	1998	1999	2000	
January	176,489	39,900	152,551	131,482	
February	60,850	108,730	197,501	104,004	
March	228,266	186,945	226,176	116,147	
April	307,960	55,875	174,692	286,784	
May	248,311	141,060	210,360	392,182	
June	176,891	287,396	111,767	93,228	
July	125,669	40,505	156,203		
August	32,727	52,702	120,747		
September	126,762	155,850	155,025		
October	13,601	124,564	272,156		
November	131,908	85,167	228,840		
December	244,747	240,445	262,757		
JAN-DEC MY TOTAL	1,874,181	1,519,139	2,268,775	1,123,827	
	(97/98)	(98/99)	(99/00)	(00/01)	
OCT-SEP MY TOTAL	1,459,219	1,955,198	1,887,580	0	1/
1/ year to date HS Code: 1003.0010, 1003.0090 Source: PRC Customs (f:\shared\lotus\gmfd\others\barely\blymthim.wk4)					

CHINA'S SORGHUM EXPORTS BY MONTH (Metric Tons)					
	1997	1998	1999	2000	
January	138	537	803	451	
February	200	2,165	301	536	
March	4,748	253	1,942	2,169	
April	32,396	44	3,922	2,415	
May	16,680	48	419	407	
June	19,933	2,036	255	2,650	
July	3,852	5,107	105		
August	6,851	89	3,024		
September	8,810	2,212	137		
October	15,431	893	2,478		
November	840	2,612	1,277		
December	2,106	2,611	1,956		
JAN-DEC TOTAL	111,985	18,608	16,619	8,628	
	(97/98)	(98/99)	(99/00)	(00/01)	
OCT-SEP MY TOTAL	30,868	17,024	14,339	0	1/
1/ year to date HS Code: 1007.0010, 1007.0090 Source: PRC Customs (f:\shared\lotus\gmfd\others\sorghum\sgmmthex.wk4)					