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## **Grain and Feed**

### **Grain Update**

### **1999**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**The Government appears ready to release a record 1998 corn production number.**

**Early cool weather followed by extreme heat, however, will likely keep the 1999 crop below the 1998 level . In trade, a Government subsidy program should keep corn exports strong through MY 1999. The most recent monthly trade data for major grains is also included in this report.**

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Includes PSD changes: Yes

Includes Trade Matrix: No

Unscheduled Report

Beijing [CH1], CH

## **Corn**

### **Production**

Although the Government still has published no official number, officials are saying that the State Statistical Bureau will announce that the 1998 crop reached 133 millions tons— a record. In 1999, planted hectareage appears very close to last year, however growing conditions have been worse. The early part of the season was unusually cool in most of the major growing areas, while later in the year drought and extreme heat during pollination seems to have hurt the crop in the North China Plain and parts of the Northeast.

### **Trade**

The Government has committed to subsidize corn exports by as much as 370 RMB (\$45) a ton. Under the program, provincial grain bureaus can, if they export it, write off procurement, storage and interest costs for grain in storage. The older the corn, the greater the write-off allowed, however, it appears the Government may allow some substitution of new corn for old in order to meet export quality specifications.

With this subsidy, China has been able to export some corn at \$100 or less per ton. Provincial grain bureau officials say if the FOB price at the Northeast-China port of Dalian were to consistently reach \$105 per ton over the next year, China would export 10 million tons or more. If the price were at \$100 they would probably reach about 5 million tons. Right now the Dalian FOB price is \$103. With demand firming in Asia, it seems 7 million tons in Chinese exports for MY 1999 is not unrealistic.

For MY 1998, August export numbers were somewhat less than expected, leading to a small downward revision in the expected final number.

PSD Table						
Country	China, Peoples Republic of					
Commodity	Corn				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1997	Preliminary	1998	Forecast	1999
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/1997		10/1998		10/1999
Area Harvested	23775	23775	25240	25240	25100	25100
Beginning Stocks	45000	45000	26000	26000	38550	38750
Production	104300	104300	133000	133000	125000	125000
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	287	287	300	300	250	250
Oct-Sep Imports	287	287	300	300	250	250
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	212	212	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	149587	149587	159300	159300	163800	164000
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	6173	6173	3500	3300	5000	7000
Oct-Sep Exports	6173	6173	3500	3300	5000	7000
Feed Dom. Consumption	91000	91000	93000	93000	95000	95000
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	117414	117414	117250	117250	119950	119950
Ending Stocks	26000	26000	38550	38750	38850	37050
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	149587	149587	159300	159300	163800	164000

Table 1. China's Wheat Imports by Month, 1996-1999

CHINA'S WHEAT IMPORTS BY MONTH					
(1,000 Metric Tons)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	
January	574	164	29	11	
February	567	110	27	5	
March	208	72	407	27	
April	519	209	240	43	
May	1,188	253	389	9	
June	1,702	30	42	47	
July	827	43	53	56	
August	350	68	16	17	
September	93	227	22		
October	246	271	82		
November	363	246	36		
December	136	168	147		
JAN-DEC TOTAL	6,773	1,860	1,490	215	
	(96/97)	(97/98)	(98/99)	(99/2000)	
JUL-JUN MY TOTAL	2,853	2,156	498	73	1/
1/ year to date Source: PRC Customs HS Code: 1001.1000, 1001.9010, 1001.9090 (f:\shared\lotus\grnfd\wheat\whtmthim.wk4)					

Table 2. China's Corn Imports by Month, 1996-1999

CHINA'S CORN IMPORTS BY MONTH					
(Metric Tons)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	
January	283,136	0	0	18	
February	85,666	0	99	17	
March	25,557	145	52,501	18	
April	207	14	4	1	
May	2,597	1	2,204	58	
June	39,978	0	20,052	20,012	
July	159	0	52	50,079	
August	8	34	7,500	0	
September	26	0	36,170		
October	2,504	61	20		
November	58	0	23,894		
December	252	180	108,125		
JAN-DEC MY TOTAL	440,148	435	250,621	70,203	
	(96/97)	(97/98)	(98/99)	(99/2000)	
OCT-SEP MY TOTAL	3,008	118,823	202,242	0	1/
1/ year to date HS Code: 1005.1000, 1005.9000 Source: PRC Customs f:\shared\lotus\grnfd\corn\crnmthim.wk4					

Table 3. China's Corn Exports by Month, 1996-1999

CHINA'S CORN EXPORTS BY MONTH					
(Metric Tons)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	
January	0	17,111	335,765	119,190	
February	0	57,106	428,867	83,508	
March	661	166,125	405,198	272,908	
April	372	291,204	580,188	53,149	
May	707	560,793	240,079	171,438	
June	15,000	919,882	401,390	304,348	
July	34,059	607,266	304,729	551,192	
August	72,463	711,398	334,601	212,649	
September	30,104	555,530	432,336		
October	5	734,155	351,911		
November	0	766,926	371,899		
December	5,284	1,209,076	499,614		
JAN-DEC TOTAL	158,655	6,596,572	4,686,577	1,768,382	
	(96/97)	(97/98)	(98/99)	(99/2000)	
OCT-SEP MY TOTAL	3,891,704	6,173,310	2,991,806	0	1/
1/ year to date					
HS Code: 1005.1000, 1005.9000					
(f:\shared\lotus\grnfd\corn\crnmthex.wk4) Source: PRC Customs					

Table 4. China's Rice Exports by Month, 1996-1999

CHINA'S RICE IMPORTS BY MONTHLY					
(Metric Tons, Milled Basis)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	
January	29,938	63,875	24,359	34,684	
February	32,742	23,630	20,940	19,346	
March	91,278	8,144	41,548	18,206	
April	92,024	12,379	39,333	13,651	
May	62,926	17,366	3,696	209	
June	46,296	14,360	1,262	276	
July	31,108	16,014	4,731	876	
August	42,819	16,381	22,062	12,642	
September	54,913	66,059	15,854		
October	53,163	28,831	28,421		
November	118,610	21,323	8,015		
December	105,588	37,984	33,755		
TOTAL	761,404	326,346	243,976	99,890	1/
1/ Year to date HS Codes: 1006.1010, 1006.1090, 1006.2000, 1006.3000, 1006.4000 Source: PRC Customs (f:\shared\lotus\grnfd\rice\ricmthim.wk4)					





Table 5. China's Rice Exports by Month, 1996-1999

CHINA'S RICE EXPORTS BY MONTHLY					
(Metric Tons, Milled Basis)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	
January	709	15,675	49,699	276,026	
February	11,258	28,649	174,875	104,966	
March	21,962	36,779	139,919	181,847	
April	41,713	36,779	162,847	92,631	
May	822	109,943	289,397	136,522	
June	1,224	91,682	403,323	238,835	
July	0	0	421,783	255,738	
August	62,517	85,398	376,800	362,255	
September	59,617	138,870	484,433		
October	30,262	113,084	343,569		
November	7,100	38,325	322,352		
December	13,591	123,078	576,692		
TOTAL	250,774	818,261	3,745,689	1,648,820	1/
1/ Year to date HS Codes: 1006.1010, 1006.1090, 1006.2000, 1006.3000, 1006.4000 Source: PRC Customs (f:\shared\lotus\grnfd\rice\ricmthex.wk4)					



Table 6. China's Sorghum Exports by Month, 1996-1999

CHINA'S SORGHUM EXPORTS BY MONTH					
(Metric Tons)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	
January	154	138	537	803	
February	367	200	2,165	301	
March	1,909	4,748	253	1,942	
April	552	32,396	44	3,922	
May	466	16,680	48	171,431	
June	0	19,933	2,036	255	
July	0	3,852	5,107	105	
August	0	6,851	89	3,024	
September	0	8,810	2,212		
October	0	15,431	893		
November	0	840	2,612		
December	0	2,106	2,611		
JAN-DEC TOTAL	3,448	111,985	18,607	181,782	
	(96/97)	(97/98)	(98/99)	(99/2000)	
OCT-SEP MY TOTAL	93,608	30,868	187,898	0	1/
1/ year to date HS Code: 1007.0010, 1007.0090 Source: PRC Customs (f:\shared\lotus\grnfd\others\sorghum\sgmmthex.wk4)					

Table 7. China's Barley Imports by Month, 1996-1999

CHINA'S BARLEY IMPORTS BY MONTH					
(Metric Tons)					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	
January	27,100	176,489	39,900	152,551	
February	0	60,850	108,730	197,501	
March	90,802	228,266	186,945	226,176	
April	79,132	307,960	55,875	174,692	
May	301,044	248,311	141,060	210,360	
June	103,359	176,891	287,396	111,767	
July	55,607	125,669	40,505	156,203	
August	263,826	32,727	52,702	120,747	
September	37,268	126,762	155,850		
October	114,217	13,601	124,564		
November	80,335	131,908	85,167		
December	155,180	244,747	240,445		
JAN-DEC MY TOTAL	1,307,870	1,874,181	1,519,139	1,349,997	
	(96/97)	(97/98)	(98/99)	(99/2000)	
OCT-SEP MY TOTAL	1,833,657	1,459,219	1,800,173	0	1/
1/ year to date HS Code: 1003.0010, 1003.0090 Source: PRC Customs (f:\shared\lotus\grnfd\others\barely\blymthim.wk4)					