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Report Highlights:

Wheat production is forecast at 20.3 MMT for 2001/02, four percent lower than the previous year. Barley production is forecast to increase seven percent to 5.9 MMT in 2001/02.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Canberra [AS1], AS

ABARE has forecast wheat production in 2001/02 at 20.1 MMT according to the latest crop report. However, post puts the total wheat crop slightly higher at 20.3 MMT representing a decrease of around four percent on the previous year.

Wheat production in New South Wales (N.S.W.) is forecast at 7.2 MMT by ABARE, around 7 percent higher than the previous years flood affected crop. This increase is driven by average to above average crop conditions in the central and northern regions and partially constrained by average to below average crop conditions in the southern region. Late planting rains in the southern region combined with a low level of subsoil moisture have produced poorer crop conditions slightly diminishing yield potential.

Queensland wheat production is forecast by ABARE at 0.9 MMT, 33 percent lower than the drought affected crop of the previous year. Large areas of Queensland's southern cropping belt have now been drought declared. Post has put production for Queensland slightly lower at 0.85 MMT partially reflecting recent industry reports putting wheat production as low as 0.6 MMT.

Western Australian (WA) wheat production is forecast by ABARE at 5.46 MMT, four percent below last years drought affected crop. Significant areas of WA have also been drought declared (See report No.'s AS1018 & AS1022). However, recent widespread rains have somewhat improved the outlook. Post puts production at 5.6 MMT.

Wheat production in South Australia (SA) is forecast by ABARE at 4.0 MMT. This represents a 5 percent fall from the previous record year. Although constrained by average crop conditions in many areas, the forecast is driven by a record planted area of 2.1 million hectares.

Victoria is forecast by ABARE to produce 2.5 MMT of wheat, 22 percent lower than the previous year. Many areas of Victoria received late planting rains and crops are "later" as a result and are currently suffering from poor subsoil moisture. However, with recent rains post believes yield potential has stabilized. Post forecasts wheat production at 2.7 MMT partially reflecting industry sources which put the crop as high as 2.8 MMT.

ABARE forecasts Australia barley production at 5.9 MMT, an increase of seven percent on the previous year. Rain late in the season and an improved price outlook have combined to increase plantings of barley by seven percent compared to the previous year. This forecast is driven by a 26 percent increase in planted area in N.S.W. together with significant increases in Victoria, SA and WA.

AUSTRALIA WHEAT: State-Level Statistics						
(Million Hectares; Tons Per Hectare; Million Tons)						
					ABARE	POST
					EST.	EST.
	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2001/2002
Queensland					Oct	Oct
Area	1.000	1.250	1.130	1.027	0.600	0.600
Yield	1.493	1.760	1.742	1.315	1.500	1.417
Prod	1.493	2.200	1.969	1.350	0.900	0.850
New South Wales						
Area	3.025	3.131	3.482	3.548	3.400	3.400
Yield	1.948	2.140	2.482	1.888	2.118	2.118
Prod	5.893	6.700	8.641	6.700	7.200	7.200
Victoria						
Area	0.895	0.950	1.222	1.200	1.170	1.170
Yield	1.736	1.789	2.124	2.667	2.137	2.308
Prod	1.554	1.700	2.595	3.200	2.500	2.700
South Australia						
Area	1.400	1.750	1.872	2.000	2.100	2.100
Yield	1.917	1.943	1.389	2.100	1.900	1.900
Prod	2.684	3.400	2.600	4.200	3.990	3.990
Western Australia						
Area	4.100	4.500	4.625	4.327	3.900	3.900
Yield	1.899	1.800	1.987	1.317	1.400	1.436
Prod	7.784	8.100	9.189	5.700	5.460	5.600
Total						
Area	10.422	11.581	12.331	12.079	11.176	11.176
Yield	1.863	1.908	2.027	1.752	1.796	1.820
Prod	19.417	22.100	24.994	21.168	20.072	20.340
Estimates based on historical Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics reports.						

AUSTRALIA BARLEY: State-level Statistics						
(Million Hectares; Tons Per Hectare; Million Tons)						
					ABARE	POST
					EST.	EST.
	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2001/2002
Queensland					Oct	Oct
Area	0.145	0.120	0.130	0.091	0.080	0.080
Yield	1.614	1.667	1.992	1.165	1.250	1.250
Prod	0.234	0.200	0.259	0.106	0.100	0.100
New South Wales						
Area	0.572	0.560	0.450	0.420	0.530	0.530
Yield	2.026	2.054	2.338	2.071	2.102	2.102
Prod	1.159	1.150	1.052	0.870	1.114	1.114
Victoria						
Area	0.590	0.550	0.580	0.595	0.625	0.625
Yield	1.515	1.455	2.036	2.101	1.880	1.880
Prod	0.894	0.800	1.181	1.250	1.175	1.175
South Australia						
Area	0.997	1.020	0.846	0.925	0.965	0.965
Yield	2.010	2.010	1.667	2.314	2.030	2.030
Prod	2.004	2.050	1.410	2.140	1.959	1.959
Western Australia						
Area	0.946	0.825	0.530	0.910	0.950	0.950
Yield	1.844	1.758	2.113	1.275	1.600	1.600
Prod	1.744	1.450	1.120	1.160	1.520	1.520
Total						
Area	3.250	3.075	2.536	2.953	3.162	3.162
Yield	1.857	1.837	1.980	1.881	1.873	1.873
Prod	6.035	5.650	5.022	5.556	5.923	5.923
Estimates based on historical Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics reports.						