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Report Highlights: Another large grain crop is expected for France's MY 2000/2001 as area planted to grain are up. This increase follows France's big MY 1999/2000 grain crop. A growing share of the wheat crop is used domestically for feed and for industry processing, while milling uses are stagnant. MY 1998/99 grain exports were up significantly, especially for wheat. Flour exports fell a further 19 percent in MY 1998/99 to 1.05 MMT, due to lower import demand overseas and an accrued competition from other flour exporters. Carry-over grain stocks, although slightly decreasing, are expected to remain large, putting pressure on grain prices and possible shortage of storage space at the beginning of MY 2000/2001.

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Executive Summary

In MY 1999/2000, France had a large grain crop. The MY 2000/2001 grain crop is expected to be nearly as large, since soft wheat plantings are up by 2 percent and barley plantings are up by 2.5 percent. It appears that most grain farmers choose to plant wheat even if wheat prices are depressed, since they have more experience in the cultivation of wheat, and can get, on average, a minimum and decent income with wheat cultivation.

However, current weather conditions with an excess of moisture could hamper the crops' potential by increasing diseases and lowering nitrogen availability in the soil, conditions similar to MY 1997/98. Such condition, if not corrected with supplementary fertilizers by grain farmers, could lower the protein content of the crop. It is still too early to forecast accurately MY 1999/2000 corn plantings, but most analysts believe that the corn area will be up slightly, since oilseed prices are low and compensatory payments are down due to the CAP reform.

For MY 1999/2000, the French wheat sector has set quality classes for wheat with the intention of better rewarding producers on quality criteria such as the protein content, which is a weak point for French wheat.

Feed uses of grain, especially wheat, may suffer from stagnant demand in the poultry and pork sector. Industry uses of grain, especially wheat, are also on the increase. France is the largest wheat starch exporter in the world, with 2.1 million MT of wheat used for starch production in MY 1999/2000. Flour uses for the domestic market are up marginally, but due to weak export demand, French millers are cutting by half their export milling capacity, with financial help from the State.

Grain carry-over stocks, especially intervention stocks, although slightly decreasing, are expected to remain high at the end of MY 1999/2000. This could lead to some storage shortages in MY 2000/2001 if the crop is large and despite the building of new elevators.

Overall grain exports in MY 1999/2000 are well above their MY 1998/99 level, especially for wheat, thanks to large shipments to EU countries but also Iran and Algeria. Barley exports are down from the high level of MY 1998/99, but there are still some strong hopes of large shipments of French barley for Saudi Arabia. Exports of corn are also up. Flour exports still suffer from increased competition from other EU countries as well as lower demand from importing countries which are building their own milling industries.

DATA SOURCES

Data sources for this report include the French Grain Board (ONIC), French Ministry of Agriculture (MinAg), the Strategy Grain newsletter, French Wheat Growers Association (AGPB), French Corn Growers Association (AGPM), French Cooperative Association (AFCAT), French Export Millers Syndicate (SYMEX), French Technical Institute for Cereal and Forage (ITCF), French Financial Organization for the Grain Sector (UNIGRAINS), and other trade contacts.

Note that the report narrative has been truncated according to FAS/W guidance.

GRAIN OUTLOOK, PRODUCTION

Crop Area

According to ONIC and MinAg planting estimates, farmers will cultivate more than 5 million hectares of soft wheat for MY 2000/2001, up more than 2 percent from the level of MY 1999/2000. Winter barley plantings are estimated at 1.2 million hectares, up 2.8 percent from MY 1999/2000 winter barley plantings. Because barley area represents about 30 percent of total barley and is also expected to grow due to the current good price premium for malting barley, barley plantings could rise 2.5 percent in MY 2000/2001. In fact, facing lower voluntary set-aside payments as a result of the Common Agricultural Policy reform of April 1999 (Agenda 2000), and despite lower grain intervention prices, grain farmers chose to increase their wheat and barley plantings. This trend is reinforced by low oilseed market prices and lower oilseed compensatory payments mandated by Agenda 2000. On the other hand, fewer crop rotations in the fields will certainly increase the risk for wheat-specific diseases and pests.

It is still too early to forecast accurately the corn plantings for MY 2000/2001. However, decreasing sunflower yields (due to various diseases) and low sunflower prices, combined with relatively strong domestic corn prices, could encourage farmers to plant more corn. Post has chosen a moderate growth of 0.5 percent for its forecasts.

Production

Production data have been updated using the latest source available. Crop forecasts for MY 2000/2001 have been made using ONIC long term projections for yield growth. Plantings of winter crops (wheat, durum, winter barley) were done in fall 1999 under relatively favorable weather conditions. To date, plant growth is much better than at the same date in 1999. However, January and February 2000 weather conditions (excessive rainfall and mild temperatures) could hamper future plant growth by creating a lack of nitrogen in the soil (see crop quality subsection). Moreover, such mild temperatures could enhance the development of fungal diseases and insects, thus reducing the potential yield of the crop. This situation is very similar to the MY 1997/98 year when, due to excessive rainfall in winter, average wheat yields dropped to 6.8 MT per HA, from 7.3 MT per HA in MY 1996/97.

Crop Quality - Wheat

In MY 1999/2000, about 75 percent of wheat planted in France consisted of bread-making varieties. Although declining, SOISSONS is still the most cultivated variety, with 15 percent of the area harvested. About 60 percent of bread-making wheat is sorted as medium-hard wheat. Specific weights were above the MY 1998/99 level with an average of 78.5 KG per hectoliter (60.99 lb per bushel) with 90 percent of the crop above 76 KG per hectoliter (59.05 lb per bushel). Average water content was 13.2 percent moisture with 80 percent of the crop below 14 percent moisture. Average protein content is estimated at 11.1 percent.

Current weather conditions, with an excess of moisture, could lead to some quality problems for the MY 2000/2001 wheat crop. As rainfall drains nitrogen away from plant roots, this could induce low protein content in the kernels, as it occurred in MY 1997/98. However, as more and more grain farmers use scientific tools to measure the nitrogen level in their soil, they may be able to correct the nitrogen deficit before it impacts the crop.

Crop Quality - Classification

In 1999, the French wheat board established a classification table for French wheat:

Classes	Protein content	Bread Making strength	Hagberg index	Physical criteria (*)
E	\$12 %	\$ 250	\$220	76 / 15 / 4 / 2 / 2
1	11 - 12,5 %	160 -250	\$220	76 / 15 / 4 / 2 / 2
2	10,5 - 11,5 %	depending on contract	\$180	76 / 15 / 4 / 2 / 2
3a	< 10,5 %	non specified	non specified	SW \$74 / 15 / 4 / 2 / 2
3b				SW < 74 / 15 / 4 / 2 / 2

(*) Specific Weight (SW)/ maximum moisture content / broken kernels / germinated kernels / impurities
(Source ONIC)

This classification was first used for the MY 1999/2000 wheat crop. It is now widely used by domestic grain traders and appears on Incograin forms. According to trade sources, this is the first efficient step toward rewarding producers' efforts for better quality. ONIC is also subsidizing local grain cooperatives for purchasing grain analyzers to sort the wheat according to its protein content. It will help them to give premiums to farmers who achieve higher protein levels in their crop. The ultimate goal would be to raise the average quality, especially in terms of protein content and specific weight of the French wheat crop.

GRAIN OUTLOOK, CONSUMPTION

Feed Use of Grain

Following the CAP reform of 1992 that led to a decrease in EU grain prices, feed uses of grains have increased sharply in France, especially feed uses of wheat, to the detriment of non-grain feed ingredients (NGFI) such as manioc and corn gluten feed. From 30 percent in 1991, the share of grain in manufactured feed has grown to 45 percent in 1998, according to a study by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Feed uses of grain in France (in thousand MT)

(1000 MT)	On-farm Consumption		Feed Manufacturers		Total feed consumption	
MY	MY 1999/2000	MY 1998/99	MY 1999/2000	MY 1998/99	MY 1999/2000	MY 1998/99
Soft wheat	4,051	3,668	6,616	6,766	10,667	10,434
Barley	2,400	2,429	923	1,073	3,323	3,502
Corn	1,849	1,734	3,285	3,352	5,134	5,086
Rye	105	107	28	27	133	134
Oats	340	351	193	182	533	533

Sorghum	47	50	33	47	80	97
Triticale	827	778	357	428	1,184	1,206
All Grain	9,619	9,117	11,435	11,875	21,054	20,992

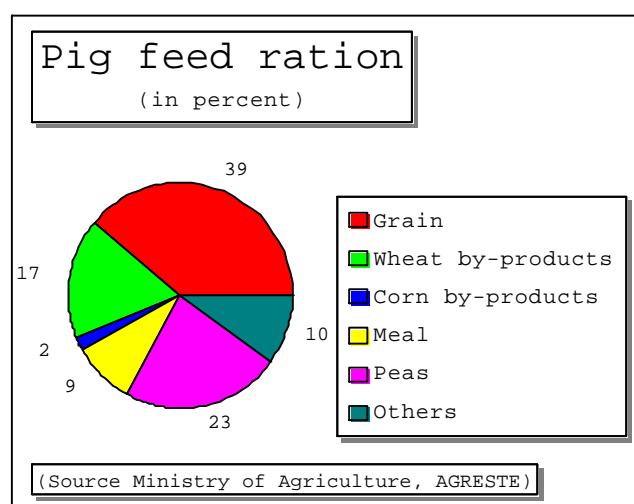
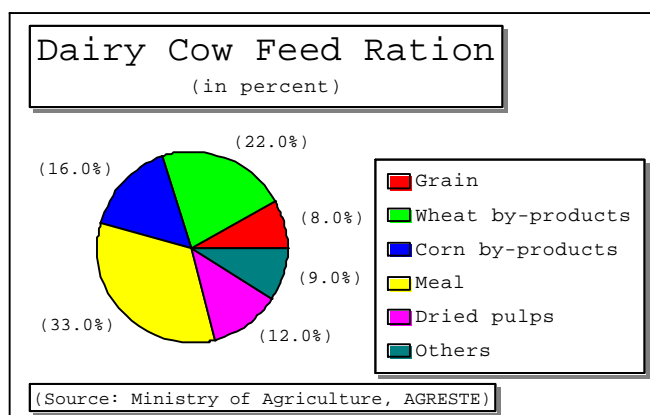
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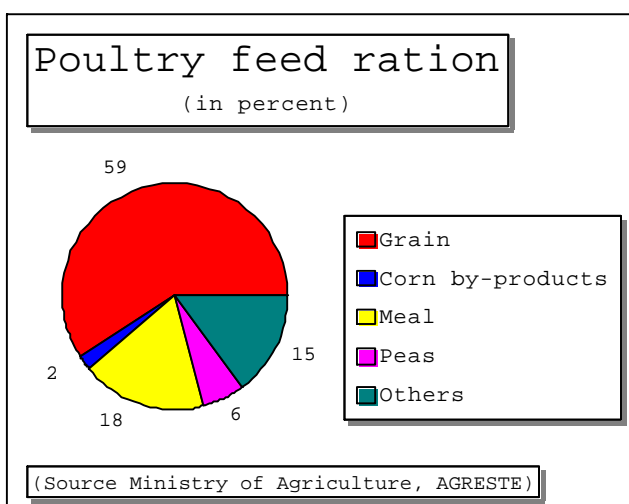
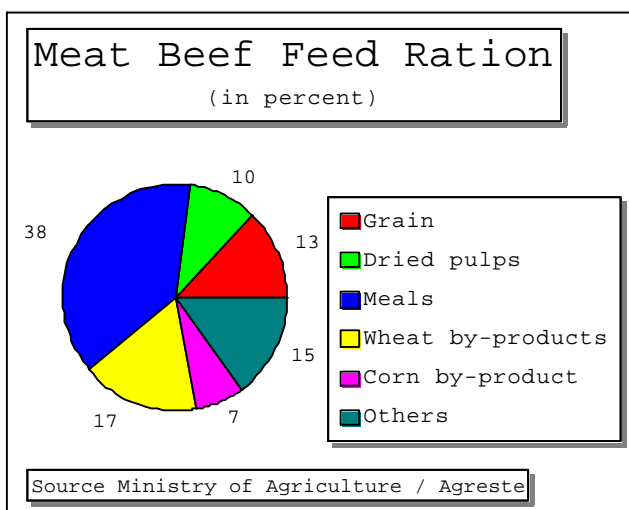
(Note: On-farm consumption data is only an estimate and probably includes some grain used as on-farm seed. Precise and reliable data do not exist for grain on-farm consumption. MY 1999/2000 figures are forecasts.)

According to some experts, on-farm consumption is not likely to increase sharply for various reasons. Some farmers prefer to buy manufactured feed because it is better for cattle growth. Moreover, some believe that on-farm consumption is approaching its limit since cattle and poultry production are concentrated in the western part of France, but the main grain producers are in the regions of the Centre, Champagne, Picardie, and the Paris basin.

Feed uses of grain is expected to remain stagnant in MY 1999/2000: both poultry and pork production are expected to decrease. Moreover, due to the current low price of protein, grain is not price competitive.

Feed rations





Industrial Uses

Industrial uses of grain, especially wheat, have increased sharply since the early 1990's. Soft wheat uses for starch production reached 1.9 million MT in 1998/99 and are expected to reach 2.15 million MT in 1999/2000. France is the largest wheat starch exporter in the world, with more than 31 percent of the total wheat starch world trade. A new plant in the Picardie region of France began operation in 1997. Built on 68 hectares, it has almost doubled the French wheat starch production. From an initial capacity of 750,000 MT of wheat, the plant capacity will increase to 1 MMT of wheat within the next few years. On the other hand, corn use for starch remained stagnant at 560,000 MT in MY1997/98 and MY 1998/99. Domestic uses of barley for malting also remained stagnant at 120,000 MT yearly, despite a new malting plant being built in Rouen by the grain group SOUFFLET, as the increase in malting capacity is targeted at exports.

Milling

Flour PS&D (MT, grain equivalent)

MY (Jul-Jun)	96/97	97/98	98/99
Beginning stocks	154,334	172,327	170,467
Flour production	7,909,999	7,943,440	7,919,895
Flour imports	511,869	514,065	471,981
Total Supply	8,576,202	8,629,832	8,562,343
Exports EU	166,894	220,013	197,502
Total Exports	2,238,208	1,771,273	1,398,719
Bakery uses	3,075,792	3,107,165	3,071,850
of which small bakers	2,135,911	2,120,959	2,046,777
of which industrial bakeries	664,728	698,397	732,091
Others food industry uses	1,088,269	1,142,583	1,141,364
Starch/Gluten industry	1,111,836	1,513,147	1,920,047
Total domestic uses	6,165,667	6,688,092	7,004,384
Ending stocks	172,327	170,467	159,240
Total Distribution	8,576,426	8,629,832	8,562,343

(Source ONIC)

The French milling industry is undergoing major restructuring. The domestic market of small corner bakeries, although still large, is shrinking as more and more people buy their bread in supermarkets or hypermarkets. Thus, several small or medium-sized millers have either closed or have been bought by larger milling groups such as SOUFFLET or Grand Moulins de Paris.

Big milling groups have also suffered both from weak domestic demand and decreased exports. Many traditional importers such as Egypt and Yemen are building milling plants and starting to import grain instead of flour. To reduce overall capacity, ONIC and the milling industry have launched a program that will almost cut in half the French export milling capacity from 1.7 MMT of flour to 0.9 MMT. Some mills will be closed down and the milling equipment will be sold outside the EU. Companies such as Champagne Céréales and SCARM are completely withdrawing from the flour export business. The reduction plan is expected to be completed by 2001.

Stocks and Storage

The expected grain storage shortage for MY 1999/2000 did not happen, thanks to the building of storage capacity which was partly subsidized by ONIC and a lower grain crop. However, the situation remains tight. Carry-over stocks are not forecast to decrease significantly at the end of MY 1999/2000. Should the MY 2000/2001 crop be larger than expected, and shortages will happen. Seeing grain being stored outside, under tarpaulins, may not be uncommon again in France, as happened in MY 1997/98

GRAIN OUTLOOK, TRADE

General

French grain exports (mostly wheat) are expected to increase substantially in MY 1999/00. French wheat exports to EU countries will benefit from lower grain crop in Denmark, Germany and United Kingdom. Exports to third countries are also expected to increase, thanks to large shipments to Algeria, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates. AgOffice's contacts confirmed that Iran was dissatisfied with the quality of early shipment of French wheat, which was coming out of intervention. They also mentioned that even though early Iranian contracts were not covered by COFACE (France's export credit insurance company), later shipments had such cover. It is also expected that to compete with U.S. GSM 103 programs, COFACE will cover French grain exports to Egypt.

A study published by the Ministry of Agriculture shows that since the CAP reform of 1992, restitutions have become only a marginal part of the extra-EU export prices. However, in 1997 and 1998, depressed grain prices increased the need for restitutions. One can forecast that 1999 and 2000 data would follow the trend. (See table below)

Restitutions and French grain exports (1991/1997)

Year	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Total Grain exports	31,691	34,963	36,603	29,110	30,794	29,679	31,237	31,352
Intra-EU exports(MT)	16,600	19,331	20,213	18,107	19,502	21,215	20,718	20,768
Intra-EU export price (FF/MT)	1,493	1,418	1,285	1,173	1,157	1,146	1,066	1,000
Extra-EU exports	15,091	15,632	16,390	11,003	11,292	8,463	10,519	10,584
Extra EU export value (Million FF)	8,899	11,320	11,952	7,782	9,401	9,948	10,474	8,540
Total Restitutions (Million FF)	12,775	9,109	8,132	4,269	3,112	353	1,377	1,720
Sales + Restitutions (Million FF)	21,674	20,429	20,084	12,051	12,513	9,301	11,851	10,260
Extra-EU export price (FF/MT)	590	724	729	707	833	1,057	996	807
Restitutions (FF/MT)	847	583	496	388	276	42	131	162
Restitutions /Export price (Percent)	144	80	68	55	33	4	16	20

(Source Ministry of Agriculture/Comptes de l'Agriculture 1998/99)

Flour Trade

French flour trade has been declining for the past few years, due to the increased competition from other EU countries such as Italy and Belgium. Moreover, France's traditional customers such as Egypt and Yemen are now building their own mills, thus importing grain instead of flour. However, France has kept a strong customer network in Africa and remains the major and sometimes sole supplier of flour to those countries. France is also exporting some flour as food aid to African countries. The French Flour Exporters' Association (SYMEX) has some hope of demand from Indonesia, due to the temporary disorganization of this country's grain sector after its privatization. Flour demand from Libya is also strong in MY 1999/2000 although Tunisian millers seem to be rather active in Libya in building up new mills. Finally, French flour exporters may benefit from lower supply in competing countries. Overall, SYMEX hopes that French flour exports in MY 1999/2000 will be only marginally down from MY 1998/99.

Wheat flour exports in MY 1997/98 and 1998/99 (July/June)(MT)

	MY 1997/98	MY 1998/99
U.S.	265	365
Others:		
Yemen	235,377	134,392
Libya	147,773	78,794
Algeria	134,725	42,544
Mauritania	79,321	79,678
Sudan	61,047	51,132
Angola	51,938	50,117
Sierra-Leone	48,794	733
Cuba	40,915	26,100
Viet Nam	36,791	23,661
Germany	35,198	32,246
Egypt	32,846	3
Guinea	30,419	46,668
FSU	30,026	119
Netherlands	24,915	7,445
Belgium/Lux	23,402	29,978
Niger	22,224	24,639
Rep Central African Republic	19,925	22,576

Total of Others	1,055,636	651,190
Others not listed	247,894	398,496
Grand Total	1,303,265	1,049,686

(Source: ONIC)

Malt Trade

Malt barley exports for MY 1997/98 (July/June)			
Unit: MT, Grain equivalent			
	MY 1996/97	MY 1997/98	MY 1998/99
Country			
U.S.	133	178	235
Others:			
Germany	248,863	214,869	235,039
Venezuela	53,253	104,663	66,915
Belgium/Lux	68,748	91,729	97,473
Russia	54,366	89,595	88,452
Japan	67,371	81,809	101,011
Italy	80,956	80,923	71,404
Brazil	74,942	71,933	68,308
Netherlands	48,838	62,399	60,165
Cameroon	39,183	42,693	48,068
Philippines	40,391	40,973	35,874
Viet-Nam	49,798	33,539	32,861
Thailand	49,035	31,101	19,038
United Kingdom	20,580	28,144	26,298
Switzerland	26,260	22,867	24,779
Cuba	21,216	20,763	20,084
Total of Others:	943,801	1,018,000	995,769
Others Not Listed	276,106	291,756	296,855
Grand total	1,220,040	1,309,934	1,292,624

French malt trade is booming. New modern malting facilities in France are helping French malt gain some price competitiveness.

TABLES

(IMPORTANT NOTE: Data discrepancies between PS&D trade figures and trade matrices are due to discrepancies in official French trade data. PS&D trade figures represent the best estimate of real trade while the trade matrices underestimate real trade.)

Wheat

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Wheat				(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	5234	5234	5220	5132	0	5400
Beginning Stocks	5100	4897	9660	8749	7750	7300
Production	39793	39793	37000	37160	0	39450
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	1275	302	1000	300	0	350
Jul-Jun Imports	1275	302	1000	300	0	350
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	5	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	46168	44992	47660	46209	7750	47100
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	18158	18168	19400	20300	0	19800
Jul-Jun Exports	18158	18168	19400	20300	0	19800
Feed Dom. Consumption	11850	10434	14000	10700	0	10500
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	18350	18075	20510	18609	0	18800
Ending Stocks	9660	8749	7750	7300	0	8500
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	46168	44992	47660	46209	0	47100

Trade matrices below are for soft wheat only

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Wheat		
Time period	Jul-Jun	Units:	MT
Imports for:	1997		1998
U.S.	23498	U.S.	36690
Others		Others	
Germany	241504	Germany	161596
United Kingdom	38757	United Kingdom	15590
Denmark	30207	Belgium/Lux	15143
Belgium/Lux	20267	Italy	9777

Italy	8901	Austria	6515
Spain	4991	Spain	4435
Netherlands	2356	Netherlands	2769
Canada	542	Canada	1435
Total for Others	347525		217260
Others not Listed	5361		4988
Grand Total	376384		258938

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Wheat		
Time period	Jul-Jun	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1997		1998
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
Italy	2340093	Italy	2359933
Netherlands	1364435	Netherlands	1579413
Belgium/Lux	1298833	Spain	1381968
Egypt	1125238	Belgium/Lux	1374068
Spain	1081641	Morocco	1215213
Morocco	882431	Egypt	1159934
Portugal	756615	Portugal	832802
Irak	659377	Cuba	713948
Cuba	618785	Germany	664541
Tunisia	487896	Algeria	550349
Total for Others	10615344		11832169
Others not Listed	2306771		3756782
Grand Total	12922115		15588951

Durum

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Wheat, Durum				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000

	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1998		01/1999		01/2000
Area Harvested	294	296	320	328	0	340
Beginning Stocks	109	109	56	80	86	203
Production	1539	1545	1300	1517	0	1490
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	30	43	80	72	0	80
Jul-Jun Imports	37	43	80	72	0	80
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	0	0	5	5	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1678	1697	1436	1669	86	1773
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	890	1055	600	730	0	800
Jul-Jun Exports	890	1055	600	730	0	800
Feed Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	732	562	750	736	0	873
Ending Stocks	56	80	86	203	0	100
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1678	1697	1436	1669	0	1773

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Wheat, Durum		
Time period	Jul-Jun	Units:	MT
Imports for:	1997		1998
U.S.	130	U.S.	284
Others		Others	
Spain	77495	Spain	24530
Canada	45044	Germany	12681
Greece	35913	Belgium/Lux	4397
Italy	30217		
Germany	8656		
Belgium/Lux	6373		
Total for Others	203698		41608
Others not Listed	1559		1461
Grand Total	205387		43353

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Wheat, Durum		
Time period	Jul-Jun	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1997		1998
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
Belgium/Lux	169705	Italy	382143
Italy	103837	Belgium	263433
Germany	49425	Germany	154073
Spain	35402	Spain	95868
Netherlands	19200	Netherlands	53037
Algeria	5500	United Kingdom	27971
United Kingdom	5013	Greece	20596
Greece	3069	Portugal	17562
Morocco	2945	Tunisia	5700
Portugal	1817	Turkey	5541
Total for Others	395913		1025924
Others not Listed	3319		24650
Grand Total	399232		1050574

Barley

PSD Table						
Country	France					
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	1631	1631	1530	1538	0	1570
Beginning Stocks	2674	2847	2210	1956	1610	1000
Production	10591	10591	9700	9670	0	9750
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	88	20	50	25	0	25
Oct-Sep Imports	100	24	50	30	0	25
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	13353	13458	11960	11651	1610	10775
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	6393	6455	5600	5800	0	5500
Oct-Sep Exports	6500	6750	5900	5800	0	5500

Feed Dom. Consumption	3000	3450	3000	3323	0	3000
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	4750	5047	4750	4851	0	4475
Ending Stocks	2210	1956	1610	1000	0	800
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	13353	13458	11960	11651	0	10775

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Barley		
Time period	Jul-Jun	Units:	
Imports for:			1
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
Germany	18632	Belgium/Lux	9504
Belgium/Lux	14681	Germany	9110
Netherlands	3007	Spain	586
United Kingdom	2309	Netherlands	361
Denmark	2249		
Spain	1187		
Total for Others	42065		19561
Others not Listed	1356		457
Grand Total	43421		20018

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Barley		
Time period	Jul-Jun	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1997		1998
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
Belgium/Lux	1121796	Saudi Arabia	1610901
Netherlands	374511	Belgium/Lux	1125078
Saudi Arabia	325416	Netherlands	553666
Italy	316489	Morocco	530978

Germany	262601	Germany	423052
China	103610	Italy	406301
Portugal	87056	Algeria	364271
Spain	66695	Lybia	290185
Algeria	59470	China	171755
Morocco	43078	Turkey	95104
Total for Others	2760722		5571291
Others not Listed	432204		846868
Grand Total	3192926		6418159

import Barley oct/sept	
Period: Oct98/Sept99	Unit: MT
Countries	total Oct/Sept
US	0
Others:	
Belgium	11399
Germany	9084
Total of others	20483
Others not listed	3305
Grand Total	23788

export Barley oct/sept	
Period: Oct98/Sept99	Unit:MT
Countries	total Oct/Sept
US	0
Others:	
Saudi Arabia	1834902
Belgium	1052926
Morocco	552635
Netherlands	549796
Italy	478843
Germany	454793
Algeria	371421
Syria	219311
Lybia	166513
Greece	93198
Turkey	72448
Portugal	59254

Spain	43218
Total of others	4114356
Others not listed	2631845
Grand Total	6746201

Corn

PSD Table						
Country	France					
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	1799	1759	1750	1738	0	1750
Beginning Stocks	2414	3054	2121	2482	2511	2700
Production	15204	14766	15500	15356	0	14525
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	214	235	190	201	0	200
Oct-Sep Imports	200	245	200	200	0	200
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	1	11	0	5	0	5
TOTAL SUPPLY	17832	18055	17811	18039	2511	17425
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	8111	8271	7300	7900	0	7500
Oct-Sep Exports	7700	8107	7300	7500	0	7500
Feed Dom. Consumption	6200	5086	6650	5150	0	5000
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	7600	7302	8000	7439	0	7425
Ending Stocks	2121	2482	2511	2700	0	2500
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	17832	18055	17811	18039	0	17425

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Corn		
Time period	Jul-Jun	Units:	MT
Imports for:	1997		1998
U.S.	16409	U.S.	11615
Others		Others	
Germany	116519	Germany	113364
Argentina	39631	Argentina	51582
Italy	10111	Italy	13196
Chile	8041	Hungary	17888

Netherlands	5209	Canada	6061
Canada	4648	Chile	4403
Hungary	4575	Netherlands	2867
Spain	2437	Belgium/Lux	2752
Belgium/Lux	1567	Spain	2393
		Austria	706
Total for Others	192738		215212
Others not Listed	18927		7617
Grand Total	228074		234444

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Corn		
Time period	Jul-Jun	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1997		1998
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
Spain	1740078	Netherlands	1709459
Netherlands	1711286	Spain	1456327
United Kingdom	1169845	Italy	1125635
Belgium/Lux	824853	United Kingdom	1175245
Germany	807229	Germany	850357
Portugal	557114	Belgium/Lux	536448
Italy	268744	Portugal	527788
Greece	288382	Greece	476913
Denmark	15185	Ireland	146122
Switzerland	10395	Denmark	32847
Total for Others	7393111		8037141
Others not Listed	300845		210120
Grand Total	7693956		8247261

import Corn oct/sept	
Period: Oct 98/Sept99	Unit: MT
Countries	total Oct/Sept
US	11703
Others:	
Germany	125574

Argentina	52692
Hungary	14047
Italy	12178
Canada	6061
Netherlands	5193
Chile	4382
Spain	3047
Belgium/Lux	1704
Total of others	224878
Others not listed	8246
Grand Total	244827

export Corn oct/sept	
Period: Oct98/Sept99	Unit: MT
Countries	total Oct/Sept
US	0
Others:	
Netherland	1632345
Italy	1315269
Spain	1297459
UK	1173188
Germany	822627
Belgium/Lux	540177
Portugal	520097
Total of others	7301162
Others not listed	806455
Grand Total	8107617