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**Report Highlights:**

Pakistan's MY 2019/20 wheat production and export forecast is unchanged at 24.1 MMT and 0.5 MMT respectively. The Government of Pakistan has set the wheat production target at a 27 million metric tons (MMT) for the 2019 Rabi (winter) crop that will be harvested in April and May of 2020. Wheat area is not expected to change significantly from a year ago. Pakistan exported a record 4.5 MMT of rice during the MY 18/19 as compared to around 4 MMT during the corresponding period last year. The continuing devaluation of the Pakistani rupee against the dollar is helping to maintain the export momentum.

**Wheat:**

The Government of Pakistan has set the wheat production target at a 27 million metric tons (MMT) for the 2019 Rabi (winter) crop that will be harvested in April and May of 2020. According to this target, the Punjab region is expected to produce 19.66 million tons, Sindh, 3.8 million tons, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 2.57 million tons, and Baluchistan, one million tons.

Reports from the field suggest that farmers have completed the sowing of wheat across Pakistan. Wheat area is not expected to change significantly from a year ago. Good spells of rain across the wheat producing areas in November and December helped in the sowing and germination of the wheat crop.

Ninety percent of the crop is irrigated and irrigation water availability for the upcoming Rabi season is estimated at 31.44 million-acre feet (MAF) against the 10-year average of 29.80 MAF and last year's water availability of 24.76 MAF.

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**Rice:**

Based on latest available official data, Pakistan exported a record 4.5 MMT of rice during the MY 18/19 as compared to around 4 MMT during the corresponding period last year (see Table 1). The continuing devaluation of the Pakistani rupee against the dollar (down around 40 percent since December 2017) is helping to maintain the export momentum. Pakistan is also trying to increase its share in the high-valued Basmati market, and this will likely result in a shift towards more basmati exports. MY18/19 rice production is also changed from 7.4 to 7.3 MMT, in accordance with the official data that adjusted consumption and stocks figures. MY 19/20 production is estimated at 7.5 MMT, mainly due to adequate monsoon rains in the rice producing areas.

**Table 1: Pakistan Rice Exports MY 2018/19 (Nov/October)**

<b>Months</b>	<b>MY 17/18</b>	<b>MY 18/19</b>
November	435,688	385,311
December	478,062	468,599
January	489,052	495,280
February	392,090	417,572
March	462,154	476,131
April	337,540	421,115
May	376,863	422,102
June	271,602	284,670
July	212,518	340,983
August	208,963	249,070
September	155,512	249,803
October	240,161	301,488
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,060,205</b>	<b>4,512,124</b>

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

**Production, Supply and Demand Data Statistics:**

<b>Rice, Milled</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>		<b>2018/2019</b>		<b>2019/2020</b>	
<b>Market Begin Year</b>	<b>Nov 2017</b>		<b>Nov 2018</b>		<b>Nov 2019</b>	
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>	<b>USDA Official</b>	<b>New Post</b>
<b>Area Harvested</b>	2800	2800	2800	2880	2900	2900
<b>Beginning Stocks</b>	1335	1367	1424	1467	1274	867
<b>Milled Production</b>	7500	7500	7400	7300	7500	7500
<b>Rough Production</b>	11251	11251	11101	10951	11251	11251
<b>Milling Rate (.9999)</b>	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666
<b>MY Imports</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TY Imports</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TY Imp. from U.S.</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Supply</b>	8835	8867	8824	8767	8774	8367
<b>MY Exports</b>	4011	4000	4100	4500	4000	4400
<b>TY Exports</b>	3913	3800	4100	4100	4000	4100
<b>Consumption and Residual</b>	3400	3400	3450	3400	3550	3400
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	1424	1467	1274	867	1224	567
<b>Total Distribution</b>	8835	8867	8824	8767	8774	8367
<b>Yield (Rough)</b>	4.0182	4.0182	3.9646	3.8020	3.8796	3.8796
<b>(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT) ,(MT/HA)</b>						

**Attachments:**

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