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**Report Highlights:**

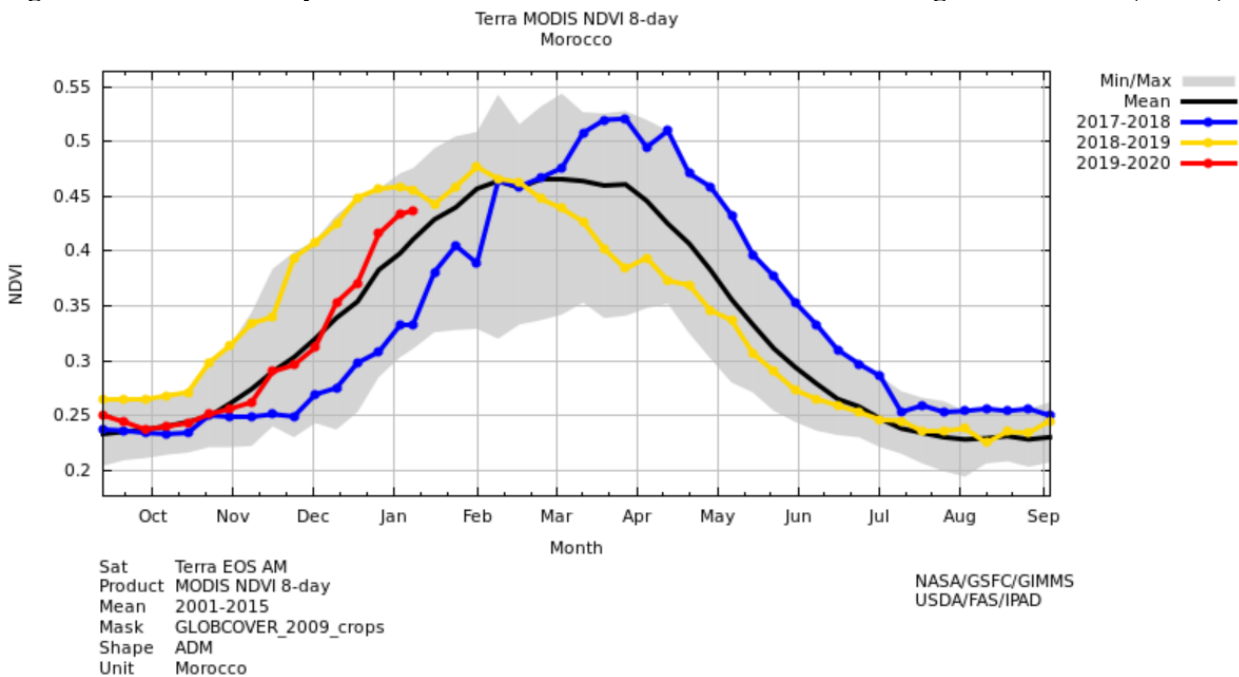
On December 25, 2019, Morocco's state cereals office (ONICL) issued a tender for 354,545 MT of U.S. durum wheat under the Tariff Rate Quota. However, the tender went unfilled with no bidders. Production, supply, and demand estimates were updated to reflect year-end trade data for MY 2018/19.

## General Information:

### Production Update

2020 wheat and barley planting started in late October – early November. Contacts report favorable planting conditions with timely rains to facilitate sowing and crop establishment. As of January 10, 2020, total area planted to cereals for common wheat, durum and barley is estimated by the industry at 4.5 million hectares (HA). Post’s PSD for MY 2020/21 will be published in its Grain & Feed Annual Report on April 1, 2020.

**Figure 1: Morocco Crop Conditions-MODIS Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)**



Source: USDA/FAS/IPA Division -cropland data drilling from modis ndvi imagery

### Policy Update

On December 25, 2019, Morocco’s state cereals office (ONICL) [issued](#) a tender for 354,545 MT of U.S. durum wheat under the TRQ. However, the tender went unfilled with no bidders ([results](#)).

On December 30, 2019, the Government of Morocco approved a [decree](#) for suspension of import duties on common wheat from 35 to 0 percent, which goes through April 30, 2020. According to the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Administrative Reform, this measure is intended to ensure normal supplies and stable prices to the Moroccan market.

## Trade Update

### Wheat:

#### *Imports (MT Wheat Equivalent) by Marketing Year*

HS	Description	Marketing Year				
		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	% Change
1001	Wheat And Meslin	4,383,586	5,462,855	3,660,438	3,705,893	1%
1101*	Wheat Or Meslin Flour	331	484	560	512	-9%
190219*	Pasta, Uncooked, Not Stuffed Etc., Nesoi	13,374	12,859	13,727	13,859	1%
190230*	Pasta, Prepared Nesoi	3,034	2,632	1,721	3,607	110%
190240*	Couscous	4	3	8	5	-38%
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,400,329</b>	<b>5,478,833</b>	<b>3,676,454</b>	<b>3,723,876</b>	<b>1%</b>

Source: Morocco office de change, \*applied converting factor: 1.368, MY used for wheat June-May

#### *Imports (MT Wheat Equivalent) by Trade Year*

HS	Description	Trade Year				
		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	% Change
1001	Wheat And Meslin	4,479,057	5,328,568	3,655,188	3,705,893	1%
1101*	Wheat Or Meslin Flour	337	475	549	564	3%
190219*	Pasta, Uncooked, Not Stuffed Etc., Nesoi	13,038	12,259	14,506	13,718	-5%
190230*	Pasta, Prepared Nesoi	3,401	2,405	1,684	3,596	114%
190240*	Couscous	4	3	9	5	-50%
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,495,837</b>	<b>5,343,709</b>	<b>3,671,936</b>	<b>3,723,776</b>	<b>1%</b>

Source: Morocco office de change, \*applied converting factor: 1.368, TY used for wheat July-June

#### *Exports (MT Wheat Equivalent) by Marketing Year*

HS	Description	Marketing Year				
		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	% Change
1001	Wheat And Meslin	40	415	20	50	150%
1101*	Wheat Or Meslin Flour	76,757	16,441	15,750	26,186	66%
190219*	Pasta, Uncooked, Not Stuffed Etc., Nesoi	4,577	6,260	8,854	14,350	62%
190230*	Pasta, Prepared Nesoi	5,222	3,350	3,836	3,840	0%
190240*	Couscous	31,651	32,004	32,386	31,279	-3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>118,248</b>	<b>58,470</b>	<b>60,845</b>	<b>75,706</b>	<b>24%</b>

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		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	% Change
1001	Wheat And Meslin	40	415	20	50	150%
1101*	Wheat Or Meslin Flour	67,917	15,881	17,045	24,891	46%
190219*	Pasta, Uncooked, Not Stuffed Etc., Nesoi	5,625	5,725	8,908	14,823	66%
190230*	Pasta, Prepared Nesoi	5,260	3,501	3,595	3,972	10%
190240*	Couscous	31,854	31,271	32,280	31,418	-3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>110,656</b>	<b>56,378</b>	<b>61,848</b>	<b>75,154</b>	<b>21%</b>

Source: Morocco office de change, \*applied converting factor: 1.368, TY used for wheat July-June

## Barley:

### *Imports (MT) by Marketing Year*

	Marketing Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	% Change
EU28	744,836	239,236	356,592	142,688	-60%
Ukraine	25,288	147,874	43,458	8,249	-81%
United States	13,820	0	0	0	0%
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0%
Russia	16,390	36,748	19,658	0	-100%
Argentina	21,449	55,357	9,900	0	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>821,784</b>	<b>479,216</b>	<b>429,609</b>	<b>150,937</b>	<b>-65%</b>

Source: Morocco office de change, MY used for barley July-June

### *Imports (MT) by Trade Year*

	Trade Year				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	10/17-06/18	% Change
EU	805,688	204,917	347,565	255,647	-26%
Ukraine	72,409	111,723	15,450	29,344	29%
Russia	0	0	0	0	0%
United Kingdom	0	0	0	15,034	0%
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0%
United States	47,650	25,147	0	0	0%
Uruguay	13,750	65,257	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>939,497</b>	<b>407,045</b>	<b>363,015</b>	<b>284,991</b>	<b>-21%</b>

Source: Morocco office de change, TY used for barley October-September

## Production, Supply, and Distribution

**Wheat:** Total imports and exports in MY 2018/19 are adjusted to reflect Morocco's official trade data.

Wheat	2017/2018		2018/2019		2019/2020	
Market Begin Year	Jun 2017		Jun 2018		Jun 2019	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	3321	3321	2850	2850	2750	2750
Beginning Stocks	4926	4926	5133	5133	5404	5420
Production	7091	7091	7340	7340	4400	4000
MY Imports	3676	3676	3706	3723	4800	4800
TY Imports	3672	3672	3724	3723	4800	4800
TY Imp. from U.S.	388	391	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	15693	15693	16179	16196	14604	14220
MY Exports	60	60	75	76	50	50
TY Exports	61	61	75	75	50	50
Feed and Residual	800	800	800	800	800	800
FSI Consumption	9700	9700	9900	9900	10000	10000
Total Consumption	10500	10500	10700	10700	10800	10800
Ending Stocks	5133	5133	5404	5420	3754	3370
Total Distribution	15693	15693	16179	16196	14604	14220
Yield	2.1352	2.1352	2.5754	2.5754	1.6	1.4545
(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT) ,(MT/HA)						

**Barley:** Imports in MY 2018/19 are adjusted to reflect Morocco's official trade data.

Barley	2017/2018		2018/2019		2019/2020	
Market Begin Year	Jul 2017		Jul 2018		Jul 2019	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested	1893	1893	1597	1597	1450	1450
Beginning Stocks	89	89	184	184	374	445
Production	2466	2466	2910	2910	1000	1200
MY Imports	429	429	180	151	1200	1200
TY Imports	363	363	150	285	1200	1200
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	2984	2984	3274	3245	2574	2845
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed and Residual	1800	1800	1900	1800	1600	1600
FSI Consumption	1000	1000	1000	1000	800	800
Total Consumption	2800	2800	2900	2800	2400	2400
Ending Stocks	184	184	374	445	174	445
Total Distribution	2984	2984	3274	3245	2574	2845
Yield	1.3027	1.3027	1.8222	1.8222	0.6897	0.8276
(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT) ,(MT/HA)						

### Attachments:

No Attachments