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## Executive Summary

The 1998 grain crop was average in quantity but good in quality. The quality of wheat was excellent, probably the best ever achieved, and that of barley was very good. The major share of milling wheat had a gluten content of more than 15% and there is sufficient barley for the malting industry which desires a gluten content of 10 - 11.5%. However, in late-harvest areas heavy rains affected the quality of rye. Rye from these areas can only be used for feed. Also corn had to be harvested under steady rain which caused high drying costs.

Given the low grain prices in 1998, wheat and barley area, particularly winter barley area, is expected to decline in 1999. The corn area should rise somewhat.

Due to the extraordinarily high quality of the wheat crop, domestic wheat prices are high. Since late fall 1998 they rose from AS 1,800 (US dollar 145.40) /MT to AS 2,170 (US dollar 174.50)/MT in March 1999. Austrian wheat prices are now the highest in the whole EU.

Actual 1997/98 grain exports were smaller than indicated in PSD tables since quantities going to other EU countries for intervention are included in these tables.

Given the excellent quality, demand for Austrian wheat, particularly by Italy, is high. Thus, wheat exports should be again on a high level in 1998/99. At the same time, relatively large quantities of cheaper wheat should come from other EU countries into the Austria.

While Austrian wheat is selling well, some quantities of rye and large quantities of barley should go into intervention.

**Wheat**

PSD Table						
Country	Austria					
Commodity	Wheat				(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	260	260	266	263	0	257
Beginning Stocks	175	150	175	152	175	150
Production	1352	1,352	1290	1341	0	1200
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	223	261	50	220	0	230
Jul-Jun Imports	223	261	50	220	0	230
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1750	1763	1515	1713	175	1580
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	523	571	250	510	0	400
Jul-Jun Exports	523	571	250	510	0	400
Feed Dom. Consumption	450	409	475	380	0	400
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1052	1040	1090	1053	0	1040
Ending Stocks	175	152	175	150	0	140
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1750	1763	1515	1713	0	1580

**Barley**

PSD Table						
Country	Austria					
Commodity	Barley				(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	261	265	265	266	0	265
Beginning Stocks	76	118	188	66	138	68
Production	1258	1258	1190	1212	0	1232
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	73	76	60	90	0	80
Oct-Sep Imports	65	0	60	90	0	80
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1407	1452	1438	1368	138	1380
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	69	98	125	90	0	120
Oct-Sep Exports	60	98	125	90	0	120
Feed Dom. Consumption	850	995	890	900	0	820
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1150	1288	1175	1210	0	1180
Ending Stocks	188	66	138	68	0	80
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1407	1452	1438	1368	0	1380

**Rye**

PSD Table						
Country	Austria					
Commodity	Rye				(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	57	58	55	59	0	58
Beginning Stocks	33	62	58	50	63	50
Production	207	207	200	236	0	220
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	13	28	10	20	0	25
Oct-Sep Imports	9	28	10	20	0	25
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	253	297	268	306	63	295
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	5	7	5	26	0	30
Oct-Sep Exports	4	7	5	26	0	30
Feed Dom. Consumption	60	106	65	107	0	85
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	190	240	200	230	0	220
Ending Stocks	58	50	63	50	0	45
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	253	297	268	306	0	295

**Mixed Grain Including Triticale**

PSD Table						
Country	Austria					
Commodity	Mixed Grain				(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	32	33	36	36	0	37
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	153	153	150	170	0	174
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct-Sep Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	153	153	150	170	0	174
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct-Sep Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Dom. Consumption	153	153	150	170	0	174
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	153	153	150	170	0	174
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	153	153	150	170	0	174

**Corn**

PSD Table						
Country	Austria					
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	188	188	160	171	0	181
Beginning Stocks	103	115	59	92	24	70
Production	1842	1842	1500	1646	0	1719
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	39	330	40	250	0	200
Oct-Sep Imports	30	330	40	250	0	200
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1984	2287	1599	1988	24	1989
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	225	220	25	218	0	210
Oct-Sep Exports	270	220	25	218	0	210
Feed Dom. Consumption	1450	1419	1300	1180	0	1210
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1700	1975	1550	1700	0	1739
Ending Stocks	59	92	24	70	0	40
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1984	2287	1599	1988	0	1989