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Morocco

LOCK-UP REPORT

GRAIN AND FEED

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Report Highlights:

Wheat area harvested in 2009/10 is estimated at 2.8 million hectares, with total production reaching a historic level of 6.37 millions MT. The huge harvest was mostly due to heavy rainfalls and excellent weather conditions during the growing season. Moroccan wheat imports for MY 2009/10 are forecast to decline to 2.1 million MT.

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Executive summary

Wheat area harvested in 2009/10 is estimated at about 2.8 million HA, down 130,000 HA from post previous estimate. The average yield of wheat in Morocco in 2009/10 is estimated to be around 2.275 MT/HA. Total wheat production is estimated at 6.370 million MT, up 1.170 million MT from the previous post estimate. This production level is one of the highest in record that Morocco ever witnessed. The sharp increase in production this year was mostly due to heavy rainfalls and excellent weather conditions during the growing season. PS&D tab were revised to reflect these updates.

Morocco's wheat imports for MY 2009/10 are forecasted at 2.1 million MT, revised down 500,000 MT from previous post estimate. To protect the local production from foreign competition, Morocco has imposed 135 percent tariff on common wheat imports for the June 1-December 31, 2009 period, and 170 percent tariff on durum wheat import for the June-July period. Import tariffs for durum is now at 55 percent and expected to be raised to 80 percent in January 2010, while tariffs on common wheat imports be reduced to 90 percent in January.

Production, supply and demand table:

Wheat Morocco		2007			2008			2009			
		2007/2008			2008/2009			2009/2010			
		Market Year Begin: Jul 2007			Market Year Begin: Jul 2008			Market Year Begin: Jul 2009			
		USDA Official Data		Old Post	USDA Official Data		Old Post	USDA Official Data		Jan	
				Data			Data			Data	
Area Harvested		2,572	2,572	2,572	2,858	2,858	2,858	3,000	2,930	2,800	1000 HA
Beginning Stocks		2,736	2,737	2,737	1,095	1,157	1,157	1,084	787	787	1000 MT
Production		1,583	1,583	1,583	3,730	3,730	3,730	6,500	5,200	6,370	1000 MT
MY Imports		4,191	4,263	4,263	3,759	3,200	3,200	1,800	2,600	2,100	1000 MT
TY Imports		4,191	4,263	4,263	3,759	3,200	3,200	1,800	2,600	2,100	1000 MT
TY Imp. From U.S.		847	895	895	20	60	60	0	60	120	1000 MT
Total Supply		8,510	8,583	8,583	8,584	8,087	8,087	9,384	8,587	9,257	1000 MT
MY Exports		115	126	126	100	100	100	100	100	100	1000 MT
TY Exports		115	126	126	100	100	100	100	100	100	1000 MT
Feed Consumption		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000 MT
FSI Consumption		7,300	7,300	7,300	7,400	7,200	7,200	7,500	7,300	7,500	1000 MT
Total Consumption		7,300	7,300	7,300	7,400	7,200	7,200	7,500	7,300	7,500	1000 MT
Ending Stocks		1,095	1,157	1,157	1,084	787	787	1,784	1,187	1,657	1000 MT
Total Distribution		8,510	8,583	8,583	8,584	8,087	8,087	9,384	8,587	9,257	1000 MT
Yield		1.	1.	0.6155	1.	1.	1.3051	2.	2.	2.275	(MT/HA)