

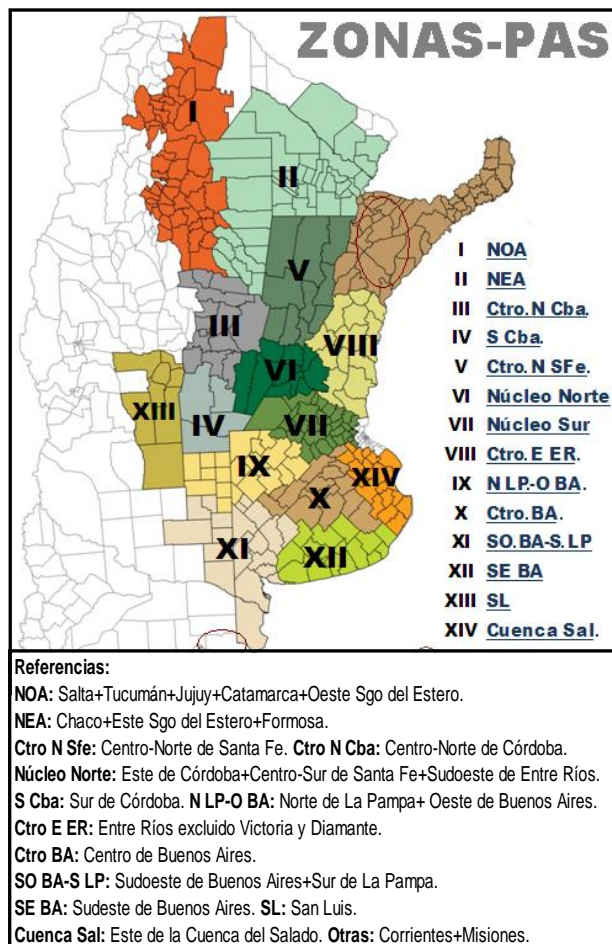


Weekly Ag Report

BUENOS AIRES GRAIN EXCHANGE

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WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

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PRECIPITATIONS OVER MOST PART OF THE AG. REGION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SOUTHWEST, FOLLOWED BY A SHARP TEMPERATURE DROP AND A LATER RISE IN TEMPERATURES.

At the beginning of the perspective, the passage of the front, which has been present since our last report, will be complete. It will bring abundant precipitations and storms over the north and the center of the agricultural area. The southeast will observe moderate values and the southwest will report scarce rainfalls. Besides, the entry of winds coming from the southwest will stress the temperature drop. This decrease will be of short duration. Northerly winds will soon return, leading to a new hot spell. Towards the end of the perspective, there will be a moderation in temperatures due to the entry of a storm front which will bring new precipitations.

SOYBEAN

Abundant rainfalls delay the end of planting in the center of the agricultural area. However, there are two more weeks to complete the planting and re-planting of plots affected by water excess, storms and hail.

However, the end of the ideal planting window in the southeast of Buenos Aires and the long drought which affects the region have hindered the planting of second soybeans.

Under this scenario, our final area projection is adjusted to 19.3 M hectares, down 300,000 from our last report and -4% YoY (Soybean area 2015/16: 20.1 MH).

To date, planting is 92.9 % complete. Weekly progress stands at 8.9 percentual points and a similar progress YoY.

Most of the unplanted area is found in the north of the agricultural area, the NOA and NEA regions, which are at their ideal planting window under a moisture condition which rates adequate/regular, but with rainfalls forecasts for the coming days.

Climate will be a decisive factor to complete the pending planting in the center of the agricultural area in the coming two weeks.

SOYBEAN PLANTING				As of: Jan. 05, 2017	
2016/17 Season		Hectareage (Ha)		Percentage planted (%)	Hectares planted
Zone		2015/16	2016/17		
I	NOA	800.000	920.000	72,1	663.225
II	NEA	1.410.000	1.400.000	63,9	894.725
III	Ctro N Cba	2.300.000	2.200.000	95,5	2.100.340
IV	S Cba	1.750.000	1.640.000	98,0	1.606.850
V	Ctro N SFe	1.400.000	1.350.000	94,0	1.268.475
VI	Núcleo Norte	3.000.000	2.860.000	98,3	2.812.600
VII	Núcleo Sur	2.600.000	2.470.000	97,6	2.410.870
VIII	Ctro E ER	1.300.000	1.290.000	99,1	1.278.905
IX	N LP-OBA	2.200.000	2.150.000	96,2	2.068.325
X	Ctro BA	760.000	800.000	95,5	764.315
XI	SO BA-S LP	600.000	500.000	90,3	451.535
XII	SE BA	1.580.000	1.350.000	93,2	1.257.750
XIII	SL	180.000	200.000	99,9	199.860
XIV	Cuenca Sal	170.000	130.000	89,3	116.050
XV	Otras	50.000	40.000	100,0	40.000
TOTAL		20.100.000	19.300.000	92,9	17.933.825

CORN

Over the last weeks, storms of varying intensity have affected the crop across most part of the Ag. region.

On the one hand, the planting of late and second corn was resumed in the center of the country where lack of moisture had hindered fieldwork.

On the other hand, areas of the north of Buenos Aires, east of Córdoba, center of Santa Fe and Entre Rios observe water excess after the recent storms. This condition stresses the lack of seedbed and leads to temporary waterlogging in low areas. Coupled with the rainfalls, some regions were affected by hail affecting part of the early plots that are under grain-filling stage.

Conditions are different in the south of the Buenos Aires province, where light rainfalls could not revert the water deficit in the region.

Late crops, planted at the beginning of the ideal planting window, are differentiating leaves under good conditions.

To date, planting is 82.9 % complete in an area estimated at 4.9 M H., up 27% YoY (Area season 2015/16: 3,850,000 H.). Weekly progress stands at 11.5 percentual points. In absolute numbers, over 4M H. have already been planted.

CORN PLANTING					As of: Jan. 05, 2017	
2016/17 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage planted (%)	Hectares planted
Zonas		2015/16	2016/17			
I	NOA	260.000	320.000	50,0	160.000	
II	NEA	440.000	535.000	46,5	248.775	
III	Ctro N Cba	580.000	754.000	78,8	593.775	
IV	S Cba	500.000	652.000	86,0	560.720	
V	Ctro N SFe	160.000	198.000	72,0	142.560	
VI	Núcleo Norte	380.000	487.000	97,0	472.390	
VII	Núcleo Sur	290.000	376.000	98,5	370.360	
VIII	Ctro E ER	126.000	158.000	94,8	149.705	
IX	N LP-OBA	410.000	500.000	96,0	480.000	
X	Ctro BA	210.000	250.000	97,5	243.750	
XI	SO BA-S LP	115.000	160.000	96,5	154.400	
XII	SE BA	120.000	190.000	98,2	186.580	
XIII	SL	160.000	200.000	92,0	184.000	
XIV	Cuenca Sal	75.000	90.000	95,6	86.040	
XV	Otras	24.000	30.000	91,0	27.300	
TOTAL		3.850.000	4.900.000	82,9	4.060.355	

SUNFLOWER

Last week's precipitations over the north of the country partially hindered harvest progress into plots under physiological maturity.

To date, sunflower is 8.5 % harvested and fieldwork concentrated in the NEA region and north-central Santa Fe.

Weekly progress stands at 3.6 percentual points. The harvested area is estimated at 140,000 hectares with an average yield of 2 T/H and a partial production volume of 275,000 tons.

Last week's productivities maintain our final production estimate at 3.5 M tons. This projection was anticipated at the Congress on Agricultural Perspectives held at the Buenos Aires Grain Exchange in October 2016. If this projection is achieved, there would be a production rise of 40% YoY (Production 2015/16: 2.5 MTn).

This figure is subjected to the evolution of the plots in southern Buenos Aires, which reports a regular moisture condition affecting the growth and development of the oil crop.

SUNFLOWER HARVEST					As of: Jan. 05, 2017			
2016/17 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage Harvested (%)	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)
Zone		Sown	Lost	Harvestable				
I	NOA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II	NEA	325.000	12.000	313.000	42,0	131.460	19,2	252.925
III	Ctro N Cba	4.000	-	4.000	-	-	-	-
IV	S Cba	21.000	-	21.000	-	-	-	-
V	Ctro N SFe	230.000	2.000	228.000	5,0	11.400	20,0	22.800
VI	Núcleo Norte	10.000	-	10.000	-	-	-	-
VII	Núcleo Sur	8.000	-	8.000	-	-	-	-
VIII	Ctro E ER	6.000	-	6.000	-	-	-	-
IX	N LP-OBA	130.000	-	130.000	-	-	-	-
X	Ctro BA	65.000	-	65.000	-	-	-	-
XI	SO BA-S LP	410.000	-	410.000	-	-	-	-
XII	SE BA	360.000	-	360.000	-	-	-	-
XIII	SL	24.000	-	24.000	-	-	-	-
XIV	Cuenca Sal	100.000	-	100.000	-	-	-	-
XV	Otras	7.000	-	7.000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		1.700.000	14.000	1.686.000	8,5	142.860	19,3	275.725

WHEAT

Wheat harvest is close to be complete. There are unharvested late plots in the center, southwest and southeast of Buenos Aires and South of La Pampa. These regions account for 27% of the planted area this season.

Weekly progress stands at 9.7 percentual points. To date, wheat is 94.9 % harvested with an average yield of 3.4 T/H

In absolute numbers, 4.2 M hectares have been harvested with a partial production of 14.2 M tons.

Harvest is complete in the north of La Pampa, west of Buenos Aires and Cuenca del Salado. Productivities in these areas are higher than those obtained in the last season.

In the major wheat-producing areas of southern Buenos Aires, productivities are heterogeneous, reporting a higher yield potential loss in late plots.

Nonetheless, the regional average stays within our projections and maintains our final production estimate at 15 M tons, up 39% from last season (10.8 MTn season 2015/16).

WHEAT HARVEST								As of: Jan. 05, 2017	
2016/17 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage Harvested (%)	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)	
Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable						
I	NOA	250.000	36.000	214.000	100,0	214.000	11,4	243.960	
II	NEA	270.000	24.000	246.000	100,0	246.000	16,3	400.980	
III	Ctro N Cba	520.000	27.000	493.000	100,0	493.000	29,0	1.429.700	
IV	S Cba	265.000	28.000	237.000	100,0	237.000	31,7	751.556	
V	Ctro N SFe	220.000	27.000	193.000	100,0	193.000	30,0	579.000	
VI	Núcleo Norte	730.000	32.000	698.000	100,0	698.000	41,1	2.867.033	
VII	Núcleo Sur	440.000	28.000	412.000	100,0	412.000	42,4	1.747.027	
VIII	Ctro E ER	200.000	15.000	185.000	100,0	185.000	32,6	603.006	
IX	N LP-OBA	460.000	16.000	444.000	100,0	444.000	41,9	1.862.340	
X	Ctro BA	315.000	10.000	305.000	95,0	289.750	38,8	1.123.154	
XI	SO BA-S LP	435.000	12.000	423.000	90,0	380.700	30,2	1.150.639	
XII	SE BA	500.000	14.000	486.000	65,0	315.900	36,7	1.157.895	
XIII	SL	7.000	500	6.500	100,0	6.500	23,5	15.275	
XIV	Cuenca Sal	73.000	2.000	71.000	100,0	71.000	38,1	270.530	
XV	Otras	15.000	500	14.500	100,0	14.500	21,0	30.450	
TOTAL		4.700.000	272.000	4.428.000	94,9	4.200.350	33,9	14.232.544	

BARLEY

Our preliminary analysis conducted through satellite images showed a YoY decrease in the planted area of the cereal in the southeast of Buenos Aires. As a consequence, the total planted area for the season 2016/17 drops to **850,000 hectares**, – 10.5 % from our last report and – 29.2 % YoY (Area 2015/16: 1.2 MH).

This adjustment also reduces our final production estimate to **3,000,000 tons**, down 29.4 % YoY (Production 2015/16: 4.25 MTn).

To date, barley is 88.2% harvested with an average yield of 3.9 T/H and a partial production volume of 2.6 M tons. Besides, fieldwork is complete in the south belt, north of La Pampa, west and center of Buenos Aires and Cuenca del Salado.

BARLEY HARVEST					As of: Jan. 05, 2017			
2016/17 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage Harvested (%)	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)
Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable					
I	NOA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II	NEA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III	Ctro N Cba	1.000	300	700	100,0	700	20,5	1.432
IV	S Cba	5.000	1.250	3.750	100,0	3.750	28,6	10.721
V	Ctro N SFe	2.000	520	1.480	100,0	1.480	23,2	3.438
VI	Núcleo Norte	24.000	4.320	19.680	100,0	19.680	34,2	67.330
VII	Núcleo Sur	45.000	4.050	40.950	100,0	34.808	38,7	134.661
VIII	Ctro E ER	1.000	160	840	100,0	840	27,0	2.271
IX	N LP-OBA	90.000	8.000	82.000	100,0	61.500	38,6	237.100
X	Ctro BA	60.000	5.400	54.600	100,0	31.668	41,0	129.839
XI	SO BA-S LP	164.000	9.400	154.600	95,0	55.656	31,8	177.110
XII	SE BA	550.000	1.000	549.000	80,0	82.350	38,7	318.420
XIII	SL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV	Cuenca Sal	8.000	1.600	6.400	100,0	3.200	39,8	12.730
XV	Otras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		950.000	36.000	914.000	88,2	295.632	37,0	1.095.053

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