

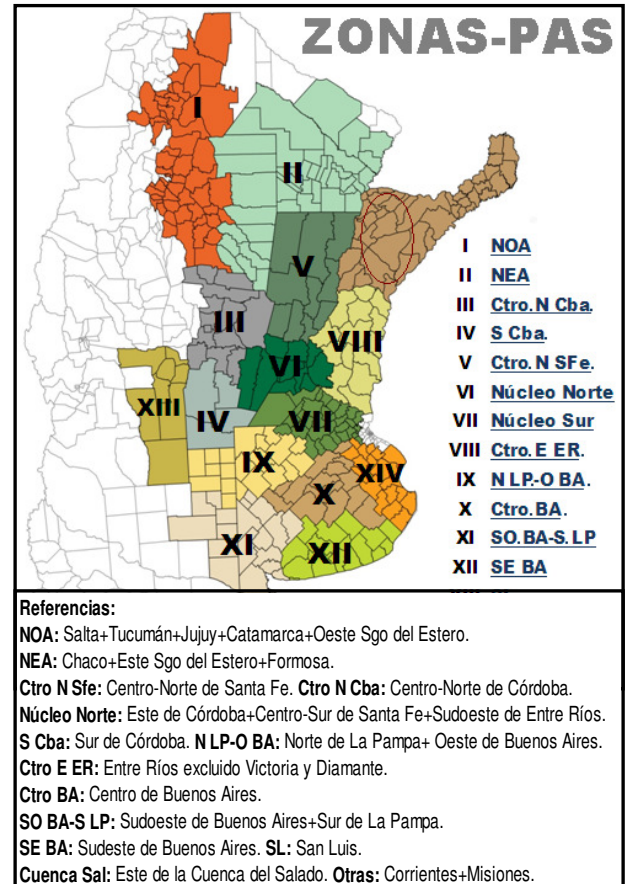


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WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

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AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: DECEMBER 12 TO 18, 2013: SHARP TEMPERATURE OSCILLATION AND PRECIPITATIONS OVER THE NORTHWEST AND CENTER-WEST OF THE AGRICULTURAL AREA.

OUTLOOK SUMMARY

At the beginning of the perspective, winds will rotate to the South, leading to a Sharp temperature drop. The south of the region will observe the likelihood of frosts, while the rest of the area will report moderate values. Later, winds will rotate to the North, bringing a rise in temperature, high atmospheric humidity and cloudiness. Towards the end of the first stage of the perspective, the passage of a Pampero front will reactivate precipitations over NOA, the north of Cuyo and northern Paraguay while the rest of the agricultural area will observe scarce values.

SOYBEAN

Up to date, the national sowing progress has covered 65.5 % out of a record surface projected in **20,450,000 hectares**, reporting a weekly advance of 7.7 %, and a YOY increase of 2.2 percentile points.

Overall, more than 13.4 million hectares were planted in the agricultural region. With the exception of the NE and NW areas, where the incorporation of first plots has just begun, the remaining areas under analysis are near to finishing the sowing of their first plots.

On the whole, the sowing is developing normally, although rainfalls will be necessary to recover the surface moisture in areas of San Luis, La Pampa, SW of Buenos Aires, and some locations of Córdoba, which did not receive precipitations during the last weeks. First sowing plots sown on early dates are already developing from four to five nodules (V4-V5).

SOYBEAN PLANTING				As of: Dec. 12, 2013	
2013/14 Season		Hectareage (Ha)		Percentage planted (%)	Hectares planted
Zone	2012/13	2013/14			
I	NOA	1.360.000	1.130.000	1,0	10.800
II	NEA	2.010.000	1.860.000	5,0	92.850
III	Ctro N Cba	2.500.000	2.480.000	56,8	1.409.495
IV	S Cba	1.440.000	1.481.000	86,4	1.280.296
V	Ctro N SFe	1.150.000	1.155.000	50,8	587.124
VI	Núcleo Norte	3.400.000	3.635.000	94,6	3.440.240
VII	Núcleo Sur	2.680.000	2.820.000	88,7	2.501.075
VIII	Ctro E ER	1.200.000	1.231.000	72,9	897.150
IX	N LP-OBA	1.360.000	1.590.000	81,5	1.295.070
X	Ctro BA	418.000	584.000	76,6	447.288
XI	SO BA-S LP	415.000	420.000	62,4	261.900
XII	SE BA	1.337.000	1.657.000	53,2	880.900
XIII	SL	155.000	160.000	76,1	121.760
XIV	Cuenca Sal	215.000	200.000	71,9	143.830
XV	Otras	60.000	47.000	73,2	34.400
TOTAL		19.700.000	20.450.000	65,5	13.404.178

CORN

The sowing of second or late corn plots is in progress over the center of the agricultural region, leveraged by the availability of moisture in the first centimeters of the soil.

So far, 55.2 % of the area projected for this season has been incorporated, out of an estimation of **3,300,000 hectares**, which represents an overall surface of over 1.8 MHA. The weekly advance posted 7.8 percentile points, and the YOY decrease resulted in -4.8 points.

In the mid-north of Santa Fe and mid-east of Entre Ríos there are plots in full blooming in optimal conditions. In the Belt areas the early plots are going through the last vegetative phases in optimal conditions.

Commercial corn in the west of Buenos Aires and north of La Pampa presents a similar trend to that of the province of Córdoba, since there is a large percentage of late sowings of the crop. There is also a reduction of surface compared to last season, since producers have transferred part of the area to the sowing of soybean. On the other hand, the early sown plots are evolving through phases ranging from six to eight unfolded leaves (V6-V8) after being re-fertilized in very good conditions.

CORN PLANTING				As of: Dec. 12, 2013	
2013/14 Season		Hectareage (Ha)		Percentage planted (%)	Hectares planted
Zonas	2012/13	2013/14			
I	NOA	265.000	252.000	2,0	5.040
II	NEA	285.000	302.000	4,0	12.080
III	Ctro N Cba	450.000	430.000	28,9	124.270
IV	S Cba	456.000	410.000	47,5	194.750
V	Ctro N SFe	147.000	136.000	59,5	80.920
VI	Núcleo Norte	459.000	320.000	83,8	268.000
VII	Núcleo Sur	410.000	320.000	82,5	264.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	151.000	151.000	61,8	93.243
IX	N LP-OBA	416.000	374.000	79,8	298.265
X	Ctro BA	225.000	218.000	87,5	190.750
XI	SO BA-S LP	107.000	100.000	86,3	86.250
XII	SE BA	94.000	90.000	87,3	78.525
XIII	SL	137.000	130.000	54,5	70.850
XIV	Cuenca Sal	57.000	48.000	94,0	45.120
XV	Otras	19.000	19.000	52,0	9.880
TOTAL		3.678.000	3.300.000	55,2	1.821.943

SUNFLOWER

Up to date, the crop of sunflower has presented heterogeneous conditions throughout the agricultural region, showing more advanced stages toward the north of the country as opposed to the PAS areas in the south, i.e Buenos Aires and La Pampa, where the sowing finished a few days ago. Consequently, the area covered with the oilseed remains at **1,480,000 hectares**.

In parts of the NE area, the crop is evolving in very good conditions, which is partly due to the abundant precipitations observed in the region. Likewise, in another important sunflower region such as the mid-north of Santa Fe, the plots sown are in very good conditions and nearing the end of the grain filling phase.

Although the sunflower surface has dwindled by 20% against last year in the SE of Buenos Aires, we may point out that the sowing took place in good conditions due to the rainfalls accumulated during the last months.

In the north of La Pampa, plots are generally in good conditions, expecting new water contributions to maintain and improve their state. However, in the west of Buenos Aires, the sunflower plots have unfolded between eight and ten pairs of leaves (V8-V10), and are about to begin the flower bud in the next few weeks.

SUNFLOWER PLANTING					As of: Dec. 12, 2013	
2013/14 Season		Hectareage (Ha)		Percentage planted (%)	Hectares planted	
Zone		2012/13	2013/14			
I	NOA	-	-	-	-	
II	NEA	370.000	230.000	100,0	230.000	
III	Ctro N Cba	3.000	3.000	100,0	3.000	
IV	S Cba	22.000	22.000	100,0	22.000	
V	Ctro N SFe	195.000	150.000	100,0	150.000	
VI	Núcleo Norte	7.500	7.000	100,0	7.000	
VII	Núcleo Sur	7.000	9.000	100,0	9.000	
VIII	Ctro E ER	9.500	5.000	100,0	5.000	
IX	N LP-OBA	115.000	100.000	100,0	100.000	
X	Ctro BA	27.000	45.000	100,0	45.000	
XI	SO BA-S LP	460.000	420.000	100,0	420.000	
XII	SE BA	475.000	380.000	100,0	380.000	
XIII	SL	32.000	30.000	100,0	30.000	
XIV	Cuenca Sal	73.000	75.000	100,0	75.000	
XV	Otras	4.000	4.000	100,0	4.000	
TOTAL		1.800.000	1.480.000	100,0	1.480.000	

WHEAT

Up to date, 39.9 % of the suitable area was harvested, with an average yield of 2.11 Tons/HA, accruing a partial volume near to 3 MTN. Consequently we observe a slight YOY decrease of -2.5 percentile points, and a weekly advance of 10.4 points, this being the biggest weekly advance since the start of the harvest.

The collection finished in the last few days in the mid-north of Cordoba and mid-north of Santa Fe, yielding 1.2 and 1.7 tons/HA respectively. Both regions were severely affected by the drought during winter and part of the spring, so much that the yields obtained are the lowest of the last five years.

The west of Buenos Aires and north of La Pampa started the harvest in the last week. The yields observed so far are ranging from 1.8 to 4.5 tons/HA.

The wheat Belt of the SW of Buenos Aires and South of La Pampa also have started the harvest. Up to date, the yields obtained range from 1.2 to 3 tons/HA, which is falling a little short of the original expectations even if the numbers are not bad for the region. Such decrease is due to the fact that there were no rainfalls during November, and the crop did not achieve an optimal grain filling.

In the SE of Buenos Aires, which is another wheat Belt area, the plots went through the whole cycle with good-to-very good conditions of moisture and a month of November without elevated temperatures.

These conditions allowed the crop to develop normally and without shortening the phenological stages, thus achieving a high expectation upon the harvest. Therefore, the coast areas of Mar del Plata, Miramar, and Necochea, have not seen a season like this one in more than 4 years, and the yields expected are already reaching 6-6.5 tons/Ha, with peaks of 7.5 tons/Ha.

It is relevant to point out that these regions will have to wait for the harvest to gain speed before analyzing whether the productivities achieved coincide with the yields projected. Otherwise, it will be necessary to adjust the estimations nationwide.

Bearing in mind the afore described scenario, we maintain the wheat estimation for the end of the season at **10,350,000 tons**.

WHEAT HARVEST								As of: Dec. 12, 2013
2013/14 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage	Hectares	Yield	Production
Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable	Harvested (%)	Harvested	(qq/Ha)	(Tn)	
I	NOA	50.000	20.000	30.000	100,0	30.000	12,0	36.000
II	NEA	140.000	50.000	90.000	100,0	90.000	6,0	54.000
III	Ctro N Cba	320.000	30.000	290.000	100,0	290.000	12,0	348.000
IV	S Cba	156.000	10.000	146.000	72,0	105.120	14,0	147.168
V	Ctro N SFe	192.000	10.000	182.000	100,0	182.000	17,0	309.400
VI	Núcleo Norte	315.000	12.000	303.000	92,0	278.760	25,5	710.838
VII	Núcleo Sur	280.000	5.000	275.000	59,0	162.250	40,0	649.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	180.000	5.000	175.000	93,0	162.750	26,0	423.150
IX	N LP-OBA	300.000	7.000	293.000	15,0	43.950	30,0	131.850
X	Ctro BA	165.000	2.000	163.000	8,0	13.040	44,0	57.376
XI	SO BA-S LP	800.000	10.000	790.000	1,5	11.850	19,0	22.515
XII	SE BA	650.000	-	650.000	0,0	-	-	-
XIII	SL	4.000	500	3.500	42,0	1.470	13,0	1.911
XIV	Cuenca Sal	60.000	-	60.000	0,0	-	-	-
XV	Otras	8.000	500	7.500	100,0	7.500	25,0	18.750
TOTAL		3.620.000	162.000	3.458.000	39,9	1.378.690	21,1	2.909.958

BARLEY

The harvest of barley is spreading over the agricultural region, reaching the SE of Buenos Aires, the main barley producing area. So far, 26.2 % of the suitable area has been harvested, reporting a YOY decrease of 7.5 percentile points.

In the center and north of the agricultural region (Córdoba, mid-east of Entre Ríos, mid-north of Santa Fe and North Belt) the harvest advanced rapidly, leaving only a few plots to collect in the south of Córdoba and the North Belt. In this latter region the harvest is at its final stage, still short of covering 90 % of the suitable surface. Although the region has received important winds, these did not produce substantial losses of yield, only slight de-grainings on specific plots.

The north of La Pampa and west of Buenos Aires observed important progress based on good weather conditions, with random yields ranging from 4 to 2 tons/HA.

In the SE of Buenos Aires, which concentrates 56 % of the barley surface nationwide, the harvest is in fast progress, with yields averaging 4.6 tons/Ha.

In the neighboring regions of the SW of Buenos Aires and south of La Pampa, which reported lack of rains during the grain filling stage, the harvest has covered 26 % of the suitable surface with yields next to 2.6 tons/Ha.

Upon this scenario, we maintain our estimation of **4,700,000 Tons**.

BARLEY HARVEST					As of: Dec. 12, 2013			
2012/13 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage Harvested (%)	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)
Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable					
I	NOA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II	NEA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III	Ctro N Cba	500	300	200	100,0	200	12,0	240
IV	S Cba	5.000	2.000	3.000	93,0	2.790	14,0	3.906
V	Ctro N SFe	1.500	800	700	100,0	700	20,0	1.400
VI	Núcleo Norte	25.000	10.000	15.000	96,0	14.400	21,0	30.240
VII	Núcleo Sur	90.000	8.000	82.000	84,0	68.880	34,0	234.192
VIII	Ctro E ER	3.000	900	2.100	100,0	2.100	27,0	5.670
IX	N LP-OBA	110.000	10.000	100.000	62,0	62.000	32,0	198.400
X	Ctro BA	63.000	2.500	60.500	25,0	15.125	38,0	57.475
XI	SO BA-S LP	245.000	5.000	240.000	36,0	86.400	26,0	224.640
XII	SE BA	710.000	10.000	700.000	9,0	63.000	46,0	289.800
XIII	SL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV	Cuenca Sal	17.000	2.000	15.000	22,0	3.300	35,0	11.550
XV	Otras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		1.270.000	51.500	1.218.500	26,2	318.895	33,2	1.057.513

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