

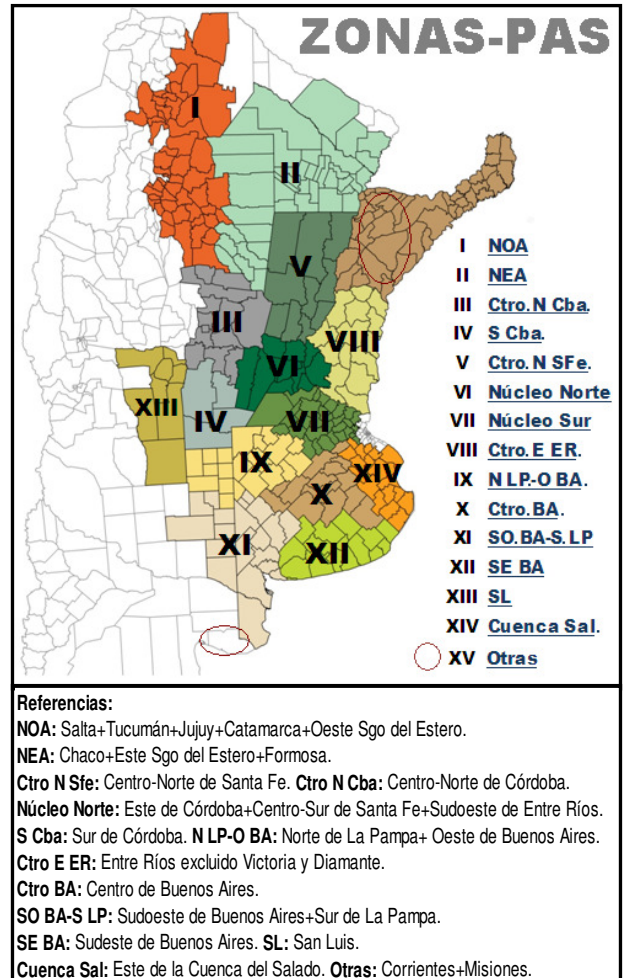


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WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

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AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: SEPTEMBER 4 TO 10, 2014: INTENSE PRECIPITATIONS OVER THE CENTER AND EAST OF THE AGRICULTURAL AREA FOLLOWED BY A DROP IN TEMPERATURES.

OUTLOOK SUMMARY

At the beginning of the perspective, the north and center of the agricultural area will remain under the influence of warm winds leading to highs above normal for this time of year. The South will observe the influence of southerly winds coupled with the presence of a storm front that will mainly affect the center and east of the agricultural area. There will be likelihood of severe storms. The West will report little meteorological activity. Towards the end of the perspective, the entrance of southerly winds will lead to a sharp temperature drop in the south of the agricultural area, while the north will remain under the influence of tropical winds.

WHEAT

Center and SE Buenos Aires contributed a significant area (18.3%) nationwide, for an estimated overall of **4,100,000** hectares, whereby any little climatic anomaly might have a negative impact on the area to harvest.

Although preliminary results report losses in both regions, most of the affected areas had not been able to meet their sowing intentions. This was due to water excess and the lack of ground, which were permanent conditions throughout the optimal sowing window.

Plots that were not affected by water excess are showing good-to-very good conditions, all through the stages of leaves differentiation and tillering on the most advanced plots. Refertilization is being carried out in Cenral Buenos Aires (Roque Pérez, Saladillo, Bolivar, Daireaoux).

In the North of the region, some plots sown in the NW and NE Areas are starting to form ears and elongate stems, and some are even flowering, though under limited moisture conditions. Such water deficit might reduce potential yields on advanced plots.

Finally, plots in the Mid-North and South of Cordoba, Mid-North of Santa Fe, and North and South belts, might have recovered field moisture.

WHEAT PLANTING				As of:	Sep 04, 2014
2014/15 Season		Hectareage (Ha)		Percentage planted (%)	Hectares planted
Zone	2013/14	2014/15			
I	NOA	50.000	175.000	100,0	175.000
II	NEA	140.000	250.000	100,0	250.000
III	Ctro N Cba	320.000	390.000	100,0	390.000
IV	S Cba	156.000	177.000	100,0	177.000
V	Ctro N SFe	192.000	215.000	100,0	215.000
VI	Núcleo Norte	315.000	355.000	100,0	355.000
VII	Núcleo Sur	280.000	294.000	100,0	294.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	180.000	200.000	100,0	200.000
IX	N LP-OBA	300.000	330.000	100,0	330.000
X	Ctro BA	165.000	140.000	100,0	140.000
XI	SO BA-S LP	800.000	900.000	100,0	900.000
XII	SE BA	650.000	610.000	100,0	610.000
XIII	SL	4.000	5.000	100,0	5.000
XIV	Cuenca Sal	60.000	50.000	100,0	50.000
XV	Otras	8.000	9.000	100,0	9.000
TOTAL		3.620.000	4.100.000	100,0	4.100.000

BARLEY

There were abundant precipitations in the last few weeks over the center and SE of Buenos Aires, with the most relevant rainfalls on the coastal region, reaching up to 220 mm. In addition, underground water is close to the surface, which compounds the situation even more.

SE and Central Buenos Aires contribute 60 % of the barley area, which is estimated at 920,000 hectares. Consequently, plot loss in these regions may significantly impact on national barley production. Today the main floodings are observed on the SE coast, comprising Orense, Energía, Necochea, and Miramar, among other.

In addition to the problems stemming from water excess, there are diseases, which must be controlled before they spread.

Toward the SW of Buenos Aires and South of La Pampa, early sown plots are tillering, while late plots are unfolding the second leaf (V2). Most plots are refertilizing in good conditions. Conditions range from good to very good, thanks to good water supplies.

Finally, towards the North of Buenos Aires and La Pampa, barley plots are tillering in very good conditions, and they have been refertilized according to schedule.

BARLEY PLANTING				As of:	Sep 4, 2014
2014/15 Season		Hectareage (Ha)		Percentage planted (%)	Hectares planted
Zone	2013/14	2014/15			
I	NOA	-	-		-
II	NEA	-	-		-
III	Ctro N Cba	500	600	100	600
IV	S Cba	5.000	3.500	100	3.500
V	Ctro N SFe	1.500	900	100	900
VI	Núcleo Norte	25.000	16.000	100	16.000
VII	Núcleo Sur	90.000	54.000	100	54.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	3.000	2.000	100	2.000
IX	N LP-OBA	110.000	75.000	100	75.000
X	Ctro BA	63.000	35.000	100	35.000
XI	SO BA-S LP	245.000	195.000	100	195.000
XII	SE BA	710.000	530.000	100	530.000
XIII	SL	-	-	0	-
XIV	Cuenca Sal	17.000	8.000	100	8.000
XV	Otras	-	-	0	-
TOTAL		1.270.000	920.000	100,0	920.000

SUNFLOWER

Sunflower sowing is still delayed despite rainfalls over the North of the Ag region. To date, progress has reported 16.3 % of an area estimated as 1,400,000 hectares. Week-on-week advance posted 1.1 %, and YOY progress hit 3.9 %.

In the NE Area, sowing may be resumed in the next few days. However, the closing of the optimal window is a few days away, so there is a risk of failing to meet initial intentions, and consequently projections might be reduced.

On the other hand, sowing is also delayed in the Mid-North of Santa Fe on account of lack of moisture. On the sown area, there were plots in full sowing-emergence to more advanced plots unfolding 3-4 pairs of leaves (V3, V4). General condition of the plots is subject to ground moisture supplies.

Finally, sunflower sowing intention is leveraged in several regions of the South. Sunflower regions of Buenos Aires and La Pampa, as well as Central Buenos Aires and Cuenca del Salado, report an increase of projected area. This is partly due to the good quality of High Oil materials, as well as to a better price competitiveness in comparison to other crops such as Soy or Corn, and a good moisture supply.

CORN

Although harvest progress in the last seven days does not allow to finish the Corn year 13/14, the end of season is around the corner. Up to date, harvest accounts for 99 % of the area, which is an overall of 3.33M Ha, accruing a volume as estimated in 25,000,000 Tn. Consequently, nationwide production finishes slightly above projections, reaching a final volume of 25,200,000 tons.

The region with the largest pending extension is in the NW Area, with 10 thousand hectares to harvest. Next in line is the North of La Pampa-West of Buenos Aires, where fieldwork is expected to finish in the next few days if weather is good.

The province of Buenos Aires is the most affected by the rains of last week, which slowed down work in the center and SE area.

Finally, corn sowing 2014/15 is in progress in the North of Santa Fe, Entre Ríos and Corrientes. Early corn sowing moves on as moisture is replenished in the first centimeters of the fields.

CORN HARVEST					As of: Sep. 04, 2014			
2013/14 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage	Hectares	Yield	Production
	Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable	Harvested (%)	Harvested	(qq/Ha)	(Tn)
I	NOA	282.000	17.000	265.000	96,3	255.088	63,2	1.612.603
II	NEA	302.000	13.000	289.000	98,4	284.238	69,9	1.987.550
III	Ctro N Cba	580.000	14.000	566.000	99,1	560.850	84,1	4.716.225
IV	S Cba	410.000	25.000	385.000	99,1	381.555	76,8	2.930.940
V	Ctro N SFe	136.000	30.000	106.000	98,8	104.760	68,3	715.928
VI	Núcleo Norte	360.000	7.000	353.000	100,0	353.000	88,3	3.116.100
VII	Núcleo Sur	320.000	11.000	309.000	99,7	308.210	91,0	2.805.174
VIII	Ctro E ER	151.000	12.000	139.000	100,0	139.000	55,2	767.625
IX	N LP-OBA	424.000	30.000	394.000	98,9	389.860	74,2	2.891.308
X	Ctro BA	218.000	11.000	207.000	99,2	205.365	63,6	1.306.201
XI	SO BA-S LP	100.000	11.000	89.000	99,5	88.520	45,9	406.508
XII	SE BA	90.000	5.000	85.000	96,8	82.260	73,3	602.793
XIII	SL	130.000	4.000	126.000	100,0	126.000	64,0	806.550
XIV	Cuenca Sal	48.000	4.000	44.000	99,7	43.866	68,7	301.572
XV	Otras	19.000	3.000	16.000	100,0	16.000	52,1	83.400
TOTAL		3.570.000	197.000	3.373.000	99,0	3.338.572	75,0	25.050.477