



# Weekly Ag Report

BUENOS AIRES GRAIN EXCHANGE

**WEEK ENDED ON MAY 07, 2010**

## CROP REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS

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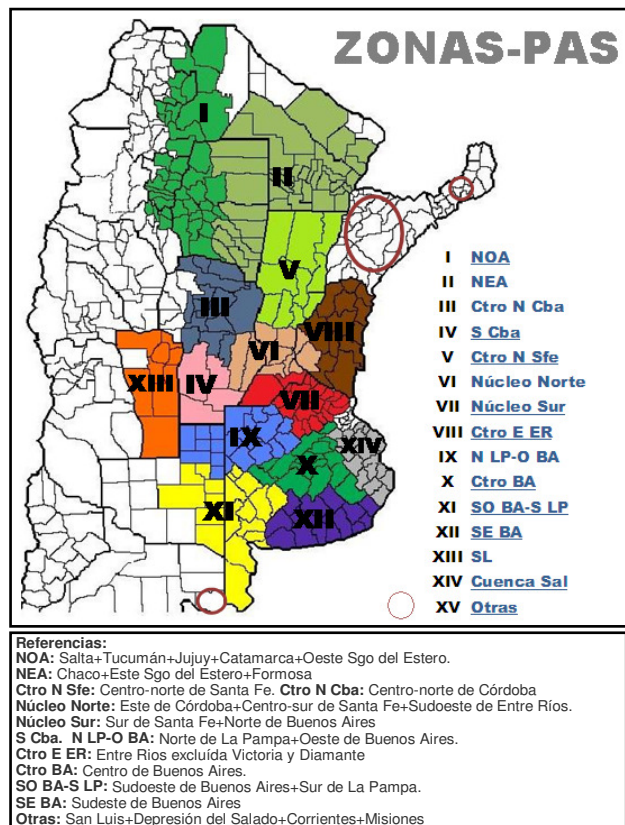
## COARSE GRAINS AND OILSEEDS – 2009/10

### WHEAT

- It is expected that the planted area of the current campaign tentatively reach 4.2 million hectares only if there are improvements in the soil moisture.
- However, the scanty rains reported for over a month, keep the soil surface dry in much of Cordoba, La Pampa, southwest and southernmost Buenos Aires. The lack of water hampers planting activities. It is imperative that the rains arrive on time.
- Unfavorable weather conditions are forecasted for the next few days, including little rainfall and low temperatures.

### SOYBEAN

- Harvest has advanced by 11% in the last seven days. Over 14 million hectares have been collected (74,5% of the area). The national average yield stands at 3,13 tons / he.
- Northwest Argentina reports a high variability in its results, due to rainfall heterogeneity and insect pests (*Sternechus pinguis*). Although both factors could negatively impact on the projected regional average, prospects for a good harvest in the region remain unchanged from previous reports.
- The average yields reported in the northeast of Argentina forecast a record harvest in the region. The southwest of Buenos Aires presented water stress in much of the planted area. However, these losses could be offset by the good results reported in the southeast area of the province, where the yields achieved by most plots far exceed the historical regional average.
- Under this scenario, we maintain our national projection of 54.8 M tons.



## SOYBEAN HARVEST

2009/10 SEASON

As of: May 06, 2010

Zone	Hectareage (ha)			Percentage harvested	Hectares harvested	Yeld (1) (qq/ha)	Production (Tm)
	Sown	Lost	Harvestable				
I NOA	1.244.000	12.000	1.232.000	23	283.360	27	765.072
II NEA	1.820.000	18.000	1.802.000	25	450.500	29	1.306.450
III Ctro N Cba	2.480.000	23.000	2.457.000	85	2.088.450	28	5.743.238
IV S Cba	1.400.000	21.000	1.379.000	90	1.241.100	25	3.040.695
V Ctro N SFe	1.110.000	18.000	1.092.000	78	851.760	32	2.683.044
VI Núcleo Norte	3.622.000	18.000	3.604.000	99	3.567.960	36	12.844.656
VII Núcleo Sur	2.683.250	20.000	2.663.250	90	2.396.925	36	8.628.930
VIII Ctro E ER	1.209.000	15.000	1.194.000	75	895.500	30	2.641.725
IX N LP-OBA	1.450.000	17.000	1.433.000	89	1.275.370	29	3.634.805
X Ctro BA	543.500	6.000	537.500	50	268.750	28	739.063
XI SO BA-S LP	352.000	12.000	340.000	45	153.000	15	229.500
XII SE BA	705.750	10.000	695.750	41	285.258	31	884.298
XIII SL	150.500	4.000	146.500	85	124.525	20	249.050
XIV Cuenca Sal	193.000	5.000	188.000	55	103.400	34	346.390
XV Others	37.000	1.000	36.000	45	16.200	24	38.880
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.000.000</b>	<b>200.000</b>	<b>18.800.000</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>14.002.058</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>43.775.795</b>

## CORN

- Almost 70% of the area has already been collected (15,5 M tons). The current average yield stands at 8,8 T / he. This week fieldwork progress is at 5%. The fact that soybean has taken priority over corn causes a harvest delay of 12.1% compared to the same period last year.
- Yields decrease slightly as harvest extends into less productive areas. Final productivity is estimated at 8,3-8,4T/he.
- With 2.55 M hectares destined for commercial grains, the final production estimate is held at 21.4 M tons.

## CORN HARVEST

2009/10 SEASON

As of: May 06,2010

Zone	Hectareage (ha)			Percentage harvested	Hectares harvested	Yeld (1) (qq/ha)	Production (Tm)	
	Sown	Lost	Harvestable					
I	NOA	90.000	1.000	89.000	0	0	0,0	-
II	NEA	124.000	5.000	119.000	9	10.710	31,5	33.737
III	Ctro N Cba	390.000	2.000	388.000	56	217.280	77,0	1.673.056
IV	S Cba	370.000	3.500	366.500	80	293.200	74,0	2.169.680
V	Ctro N SFe	100.000	1.500	98.500	72	70.920	84,0	595.728
VI	Núcleo Norte	350.000	700	349.300	99	345.807	113,0	3.907.619
VII	Núcleo Sur	300.000	500	299.500	92	275.540	103,0	2.838.062
VIII	Ctro E ER	100.000	5.000	95.000	98	93.100	85,0	791.350
IX	N LP-OBA	390.000	1.200	388.800	69	268.272	85,0	2.280.312
X	Ctro BA	70.000	0	70.000	75	52.500	86,0	451.500
XI	SO BA-S LP	71.000	2.600	68.400	35	23.940	50,0	119.700
XII	SE BA	50.000	0	50.000	20	10.000	85,0	85.000
XIII	SL	80.000	2.000	78.000	44	34.320	50,0	171.600
XIV	Cuenca Sal	40.000	0	40.000	75	30.000	95,0	285.000
XV	Others	25.000	0	25.000	80	20.000	48,0	96.000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2.550.000</b>	<b>25.000</b>	<b>2.525.000</b>	<b>69,1</b>	<b>1.745.589</b>	<b>88,8</b>	<b>15.498.344</b>