



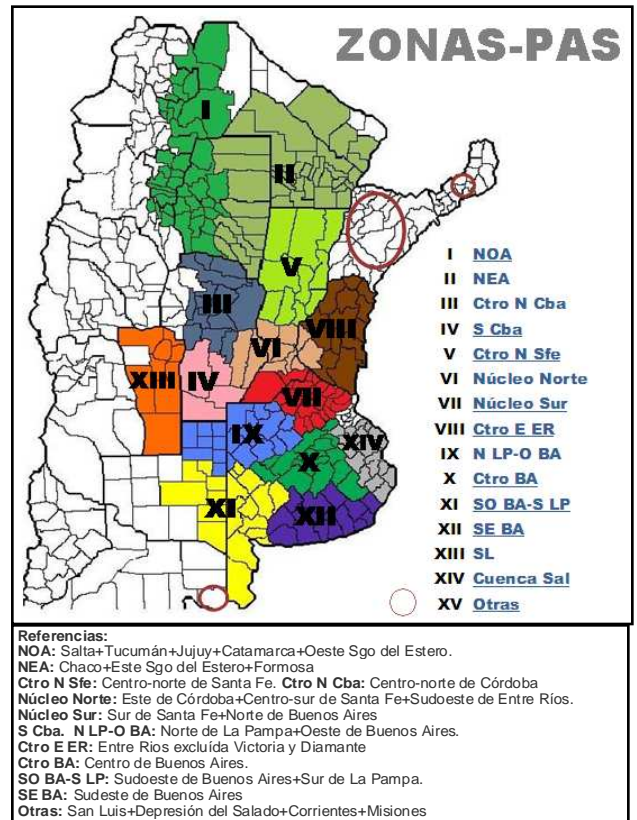
Weekly Ag Report

BUENOS AIRES GRAINE XCHANGE

WEEK ENDED ON August 26, 2010

CROP REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS

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CORN

Initial planting activities in the northeast of Santa Fe mark the beginning of the 2010/2011 corn campaign. Farmers are expected to dedicate 2,865,000 hectares to the crop – up 9, 1% from last season.

There are several positive factors behind this increase: profit improvement, high yields achieved in the previous campaign and increased soil moisture in the Corn Belt compared to the 2007/08 season which was hit by “La Niña” phenomenon. These factors have had a positive impact on the planting intention, although it still depends on future weather conditions

In contrast, the negative factors that would affect the crop include: severe water shortage mostly recorded in the western margin of the corn belt coupled with prospects of a long dry period, the export tax uncertainty and finally, the delay in closing leasing agreements on a large percentage of the plots

WHEAT

Dry and warm weather hinders crop development in Cordoba, La Pampa, west and south of Buenos Aires. Conditions are better in south-central Santa Fe, north-central Buenos Aires and in Entre Ríos, yet about 1 inch would be needed to replenish the surface soil moisture.

After excessive precipitation over the last weeks, current dry weather fostered the latest plantings in the southeast of Buenos Aires. Crops in this area are expected to develop favorably during the spring due to their adequate water supply.

Fieldwork is expected to conclude by early September.

Wheat Planting

2010/11 SEASON

As Of: Aug. 26, 2010

Zone		Hectareage (ha)		Percentage Planted(%)	Hectares Planted
		2009/10	2010/11		
I	NOA	270.000	350.000	100	350.000
II	NEA	10.000	260.000	100	260.000
III	Ctro N Cba	120.000	340.000	100	340.000
IV	S Cba	72.000	100.000	100	100.000
V	Ctro N SFe	86.000	130.000	100	130.000
VI	Núcleo Norte	175.000	370.000	100	370.000
VII	Núcleo Sur	210.000	240.000	100	240.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	250.000	230.000	100	230.000
IX	N LP-OBA	150.000	170.000	100	170.000
X	Ctro BA	140.000	150.000	100	150.000
XI	SO BA-S LP	690.000	720.000	99,2	714.240
XII	SE BA	1.090.000	1.070.000	96	1.027.200
XIII	SL	9.000	4.000	100	4.000
XIV	Cuenca Sal	50.000	56.000	98	54.880
XV	Otras	8.000	10.000	100	10.000
TOTAL		3.330.000	4.200.000	98,8	4.150.320

SUNFLOWER

Seeding expanded into north- central Santa Fe, despite the lack of surface soil moisture. However, in the north-east of the country, producers await the arrival of new water pulses to resume fieldwork. This area is likely to report a downward adjustment in its original planting estimate of 1,520,000 hectares if precipitation forecasts are not met.

Weekly progress is 2.8%, expanding into 4.4% of the national territory. 67.000 hectares have already been sown. The year-on-year planting delay stands at 1.4 %.

By changing the sowing date and choice of hybrid, producers in La Pampa and southern Cordoba try to find alternatives to overcome the existing water deficit and therefore reach the projected planted area.