

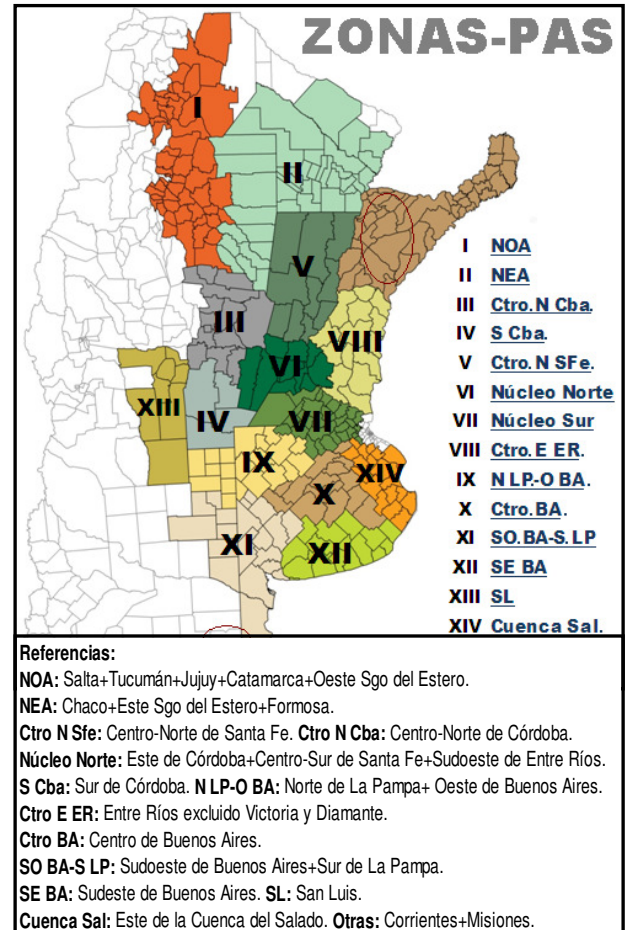


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WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

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AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: AUGUST 7 TO 13, 2014:PRECIPITATIONS OVER THE NORTH OF THE AG. AREA, FOLLOWED BY A SHARP TEMPERATURE DROP WITH LIKELIHOOD OF SNOWFALLS AND FROSTS, AND A LATER TEMPERATURE RISE.

OUTLOOK SUMMARY

The current weather forecast begins with the passage of a storm front. Its activity will mainly concentrate on the south of the Andes range and the north of the Ag area. The rest of the area will report little activity. Snowfall may occur on the Andean region, leading to a sharp temperature drop, with likelihood of frosts. Later, the return of northerly winds will lead to a significant temperature rise in the north and center of the agricultural area, while the South will remain under the influence of cold winds

SUNFLOWER

Sowing of the first sunflower plots has begun in the NE Area and in the Mid-North of Santa Fe. Sowing progress is posting to-day 4.5 % out of an area estimated at 1,400,000 hectares, making YOY delay - 0.3 %.

Aided by good moisture supplies there was sowing progress in the towns of Charata, Las Breñas, Santa Sylvina, and Villa Ángela, among other. Bearing in mind this level of moisture, farmers are implementing direct sowing.

Conversely, sunflower sowing is moving slowly in Santiago del Estero, likely to gain speed in the next few weeks.

Sunflower season has also started in the Mid-North of Santa Fe, more precisely in Avellaneda, San Guillermo and Margarita, where water supplies range from adequate to optimal.

On the opposite extreme, south of Buenos Aires, the area to be covered is still uncertain. Consequently, there were no changes in the pre-season conditions described last month.

WHEAT

To date, sowing progress accounts for 94.2 % of an area estimated in 4,200,000 hectares for the current season, posting week-on-week advance for only 2.9 %, while YOY delay was -3.7 %. Overall, a little less than 4 million hectares were covered, and the remaining area is mainly located in the Buenos Aires region. It is relevant to point out that the closing of the sowing window is a few weeks away, and many plots from the Center, East and South of Buenos Aires are still unable to drain the excess of moisture.

In the planted area, most plots are tillering in the Center and North of the Ag region, with very good conditions in general. However, some plots in the South Belt and Mid-East of Entre Ríos were observed to have moisture excess and regular health conditions.

Toward the South, North of La Pampa and West of Buenos Aires most planted plots are also tillering in adequate-to-optimal moisture conditions. Likewise, in the Center, East and South of Buenos Aires there is an increasing number of plots with moisture excess.

| WHEAT PLANTING | | | | As of: Aug 07, 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 | 98,5 | 289.590 |
| 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 | 92,5 | 129.500 |
| XI | SO BA-S LP | 800.000 | 920.000 | 94,0 | 864.800 |
| XII | SE BA | 650.000 | 680.000 | 77,0 | 523.600 |
| XIII | SL | 4.000 | 5.000 | 100,0 | 5.000 |
| XIV | Cuenca Sal | 60.000 | 60.000 | 72,0 | 43.200 |
| XV | Otras | 8.000 | 9.000 | 100,0 | 9.000 |
| TOTAL | | 3.620.000 | 4.200.000 | 94,2 | 3.956.690 |

CORN

Good weather conditions in the last seven days fostered advance for up to 4.3%, adjusting YOY delay figures to -13.8% to-day. Overall, 2.8M Ha were harvested, accounting for 84 % of the area. Farm volume accrued is 21.4M Tn, yielding an average of 7.56 Tn/Ha countrywide.

Despite harvest progress this week, moisture conditions persist. Flooding is hampering fieldwork on early sowings of Buenos Aires. The NW Area and Mid-South of Buenos Aires still possess standing early plots. The remaining areas are focused on late or second plots.

The provinces of Salta and Tucumán in the NW are reporting productivities above expected while plots sown in January continue to harvest.

In Cordoba, air moisture prevents standing corn from reaching the necessary moisture levels required by the market. Therefore, many farmers are choosing to leave the corn to dry on the field, risking plants knock-downs, in order to avoid additional costs.

Corn Belt area is near to finishing harvest, with some flooded plots remaining, which hamper fieldwork.

Based on the above, final projection remains at **25,000,000** tons. Such volume would fall by -7.4 % from last season (2012/13: 27M Tn).

| CORN HARVEST | | | | | As of: Aug. 07, 2014 | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| 2013/14 Season | | Hectareage (Ha) | | | Percentage Harvested (%) | Hectares Harvested | Yield (qq/Ha) | Production (Tn) | |
| Zone | Sown | Lost | Harvestable | | | | | | |
| I | NOA | 282.000 | 17.000 | 265.000 | 67,5 | 178.960 | 66,9 | 1.196.832 | |
| II | NEA | 302.000 | 13.000 | 289.000 | 62,1 | 179.474 | 71,4 | 1.282.033 | |
| III | Ctro N Cba | 580.000 | 14.000 | 566.000 | 75,4 | 426.950 | 85,6 | 3.653.265 | |
| IV | S Cba | 410.000 | 25.000 | 385.000 | 82,1 | 316.100 | 76,2 | 2.407.300 | |
| V | Ctro N SFe | 136.000 | 30.000 | 106.000 | 77,8 | 82.440 | 65,3 | 537.988 | |
| VI | Núcleo Norte | 360.000 | 7.000 | 353.000 | 97,5 | 344.000 | 88,2 | 3.033.300 | |
| VII | Núcleo Sur | 320.000 | 11.000 | 309.000 | 96,9 | 299.520 | 90,9 | 2.723.488 | |
| VIII | Ctro E ER | 151.000 | 12.000 | 139.000 | 92,8 | 128.958 | 54,6 | 704.357 | |
| IX | N LP-OBA | 424.000 | 30.000 | 394.000 | 91,6 | 360.880 | 73,9 | 2.665.264 | |
| X | Ctro BA | 218.000 | 11.000 | 207.000 | 90,5 | 187.385 | 64,5 | 1.208.548 | |
| XI | SO BA-S LP | 100.000 | 11.000 | 89.000 | 91,8 | 81.700 | 45,0 | 367.510 | |
| XII | SE BA | 90.000 | 5.000 | 85.000 | 76,8 | 65.300 | 73,2 | 478.310 | |
| XIII | SL | 130.000 | 4.000 | 126.000 | 94,6 | 119.240 | 64,0 | 762.610 | |
| XIV | Cuenca Sal | 48.000 | 4.000 | 44.000 | 97,0 | 42.660 | 68,9 | 293.840 | |
| 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 | 83,9 | 2.829.567 | 75,6 | 21.398.045 | |

BARLEY

Sowing of Barley has finished in the South of Córdoba, South Belt and Mid-East of Entre Ríos, and only a few plots remain in the areas of Cuenca del Salado, Center, SE and SW of Buenos Aires and South of La Pampa. Overall, 87.9 % of the area estimated at 920,000 hectares was sown. Such area is -28 % smaller than last season, and it is even smaller than the average of the last five crop years. Sowing advance in the last 15 days was 19 %, and YOY delay posted near to 10 %.

Early sown plots in the South of Cordoba and Santa Fe are in very good conditions, going though tillering stage, while farmers are re-fertilizing with nitrogen.

Finally, the Center, SE and SW of Buenos Aires – South of La Pampa are posting sowing advance for over 85 % in each region. Early plots in these regions now have 3 to 4 fully developed leaves. These regions combined contribute 83 % of the area countrywide, thus national production of Barley depends strongly on their evolution.

| BARLEY PLANTING | | | | | As of: Aug 07, 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 | 97 | 72.525 | |
| X | Ctro BA | 63.000 | 35.000 | 85 | 29.750 | |
| XI | SO BA-S LP | 245.000 | 195.000 | 87 | 169.650 | |
| XII | SE BA | 710.000 | 530.000 | 86 | 453.150 | |
| XIII | SL | - | - | 0 | - | |
| XIV | Cuenca Sal | 17.000 | 8.000 | 80 | 6.400 | |
| XV | Otras | - | - | 0 | - | |
| TOTAL | | 1.270.000 | 920.000 | 87,9 | 808.475 | |