

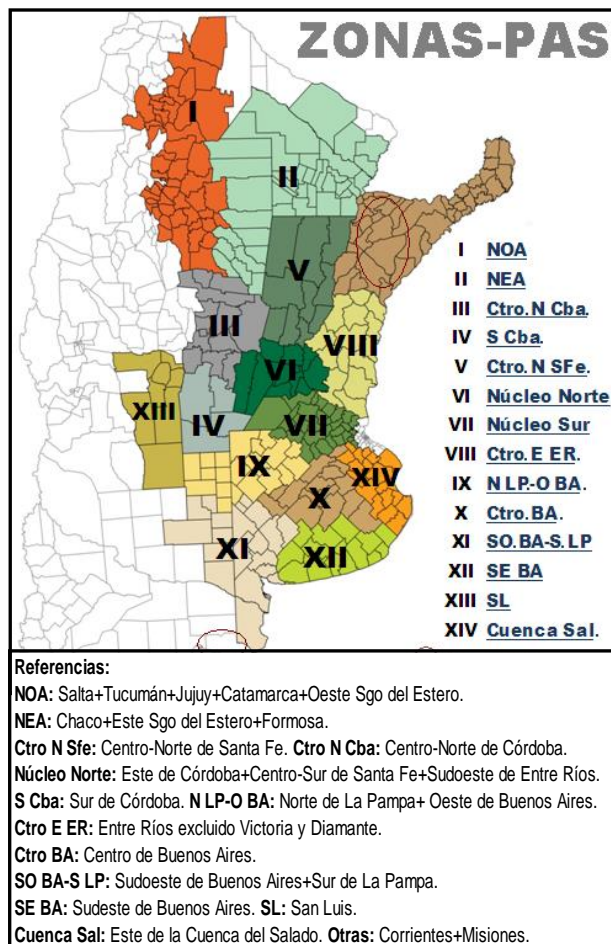


# Weekly Ag Report

BUENOS AIRES GRAIN EXCHANGE

**WEEK ENDED ON MAR. 10, 2016**

**CROP REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS**  
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 Buenos Aires Grain Exchange



## OUTLOOK SUMMARY WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

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**AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: MARCH 10 TO 16, 2016: CLOUDY AND COOL WEATHER WITH LIGHT PRECIPITATIONS, FOLLOWED BY A MODERATE TEMPERATURE DROP AND A LATER REACTIVATION OF THE HEAT WAVE.**

At the beginning of the perspective, the passage of the front will be complete. This process will have little activity. The entrance of winds coming from the southeast will bring abundant cloudiness and light rainfalls. Only the center of NOA and northern Cuyo will report precipitations ranging from moderate to abundant (10 to 50mm), while most of the rest of the Ag. region will observe scarce values ( less than 10mm). Coupled with the front, the entrance of winds from the southeast will bring a sharp temperature drop over most part of the Ag. region with cloudiness, cool temperatures and unstable conditions. Northerly winds will soon return, affecting most part of the agricultural area and bringing abundant atmospheric humidity, cloudiness and a rise in temperatures. Maximum temperatures will be high but not extreme.

## SOYBEAN

Last week's rainfalls brought humidity to the plots located over the northern-end and west of the Ag. region. As a consequence, the regions of NOA, NEA and some areas of Córdoba could replenish the moisture level and maintain the good condition of first plots in their grain-filling stage (R5-6). On the whole, precipitations accumulated during February and March fostered the growth and development of the crops over most part of the Ag. region and thus, we foresee the possibility of a rise in our final production estimate which, at present, stands at **58 M tons**.

## CORN

Rainfalls and cool temperatures delay the drying of several plots in physiological maturity over the center of the national agricultural area. To date, harvest expanded into 2.6 % of the area. Weekly and YoY progress stand at 0.7 % and -0.8 % respectively. Under this scenario, we maintain our final production estimate at **25 M tons**.

## SUNFLOWER

Last week's good climate conditions fostered fieldwork in most part of the agricultural area. To date harvest expanded into 48.1 % of the area (570,000 ha). Weekly progress stands at 14.9 % with an average yield of 2.09T/ha. YoY progress is estimated at 12.9 %. To date, production stands at 1.2M tons. Southwest and southeast of Buenos Aires and south of La Pampa, which together account for more than 51% of the planted area, report the highest harvest progress and yields above initial estimates. As a consequence, we raise our final production estimate to **2.45 M tons**, up 6.5% from our previous estimate. If achieved, YoY production would be down 2% (Production 2014/15: 2.5 MTn).

SUNFLOWER HARVEST								As of:	Mar. 10, 2016
2015/16 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage	Hectares	Yield	Production	
Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable	Harvested (%)	Harvested	(qq/Ha)	(Tn)		
I	NOA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
II	NEA	180.000	7.000	173.000	100,0	173.000	19,5	336.555	
III	Ctro N Cba	3.000	100	2.900	100,0	2.900	16,0	4.647	
IV	S Cba	18.000	1.300	16.700	65,0	10.855	19,4	21.111	
V	Ctro N SFe	140.000	8.400	131.600	100,0	131.600	19,6	258.441	
VI	Núcleo Norte	7.000	350	6.650	80,0	5.320	21,4	11.388	
VII	Núcleo Sur	5.000	250	4.750	70,0	3.325	23,4	7.780	
VIII	Ctro E ER	4.000	200	3.800	65,0	2.470	16,1	3.967	
IX	N LP-OBA	90.000	3.000	87.000	40,0	34.800	23,5	81.811	
X	Ctro BA	46.000	1.100	44.900	40,0	17.960	22,9	41.081	
XI	SO BA-S LP	330.000	4.000	326.000	30,0	97.800	21,6	210.981	
XII	SE BA	300.000	2.000	298.000	20,0	59.600	24,4	145.563	
XIII	SL	20.000	600	19.400	40,0	7.760	15,5	12.065	
XIV	Cuenca Sal	72.000	1.500	70.500	30,0	21.150	25,4	53.634	
XV	Otras	5.000	200	4.800	80,0	3.840	16,6	6.360	
TOTAL		1.220.000	30.000	1.190.000	48,1	572.380	20,9	1.195.383	

## GRAIN SORGHUM

Slow harvest progress of crops planted at the beginning of Spring in the north-center of Santa Fe, NEA and east-center of Entre Rios. To date, harvest expanded into 2.3 % of the arable area (18,800 ha). All sorghum planted area for this season is estimated at 850,000 ha with an average yield of 4.5 T/ha. To date, main sorghum- producing areas are going through their reproductive stage in good conditions. Considering these initial results and the productivities projected for the area which is yet to be collected, we project our final production estimate at **3.6 M tons**, up 100.00 tons from the previous campaign.