



# Weekly Ag Report

BUENOS AIRES GRAINE XCHANGE

**WEEK ENDED ON August 6, 2010**

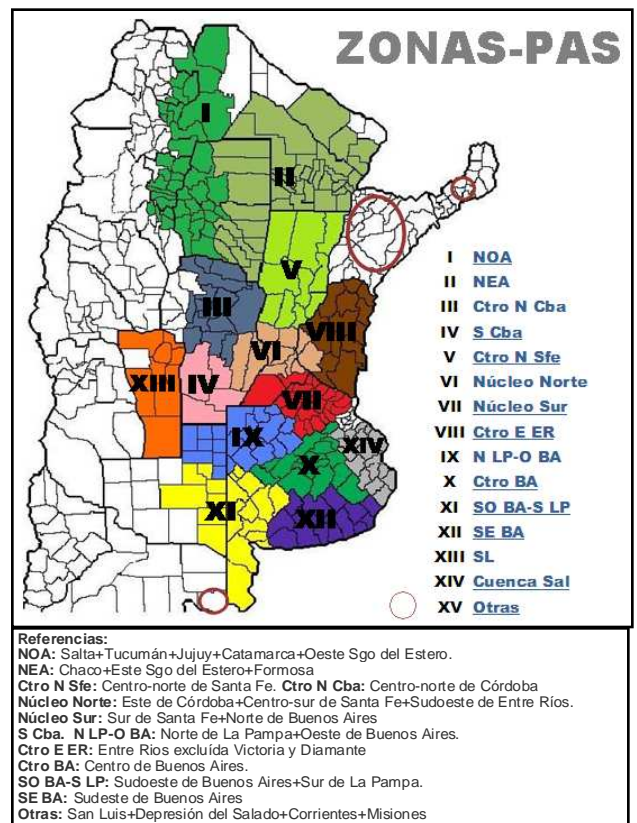
## CROP REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS

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### CORN

Harvest progress this week stands at 1.2 % due to the contributions of the northern provinces. Fieldwork expanded into 99.2% of the area, reaching an average yield of 8,64 tons / he. To date, production stands near 22.3 M tons.

No rains are forecasted for the next seven day, thus enabling the collection of pending crops. Final production estimate is 22.5 M tons.



## CORN HARVEST

2009/10 SEASON

As of: Aug. 05, 2010

Zone	Hectareage (ha)			Percentage harvested	Hectares harvested	Yeld (1) (qq/ha)	Production (Tm)	
	Sown	Lost	Harvestable					
I	NOA	100.000	1.000	99.000	90	89.100	67,0	596.970
II	NEA	130.000	5.000	125.000	92	115.000	67,0	770.500
III	Ctro N Cba	400.000	2.000	398.000	100	398.000	75,0	2.985.000
IV	S Cba	390.000	3.500	386.500	100	386.500	73,0	2.821.450
V	Ctro N SFe	100.000	1.500	98.500	100	98.500	81,0	797.850
VI	Núcleo Norte	355.000	700	354.300	100	354.300	115,0	4.074.450
VII	Núcleo Sur	310.000	500	309.500	100	309.500	108,0	3.342.600
VIII	Ctro E ER	100.000	5.000	95.000	100	95.000	85,0	807.500
IX	N LP-OBA	410.000	1.200	408.800	100	408.800	96,0	3.924.480
X	Ctro BA	70.000	0	70.000	100	70.000	90,0	630.000
XI	SO BA-S LP	70.000	2.600	67.400	100	67.400	48,0	323.520
XII	SE BA	50.000	0	50.000	97	48.500	71,0	344.350
XIII	SL	80.000	2.000	78.000	100	78.000	53,0	413.400
XIV	Cuenca Sal	40.000	0	40.000	100	40.000	90,0	360.000
XV	Others	20.000	0	20.000	100	20.000	48,4	96.800
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2.625.000</b>	<b>25.000</b>	<b>2.600.000</b>	<b>99,2</b>	<b>2.578.600</b>	<b>86,4</b>	<b>22.288.870</b>

### WHEAT

Rainfall hampers planting in southwestern Buenos Aires. To date, fieldwork has expanded into 88.6% of the projected 4.2 million hectares. Weekly progress stands at 1,6%.

Rising wheat prices coupled with a rain-free period might boost delayed plantings in the coming days. Dry weather prevailing across the west of the agricultural area, together with frosts reported over the past days currently affect crop growth in Cordoba, Chaco, Santiago del Estero and Salta. However, crops remain in good conditions in Santa Fe, north-central Buenos Aires and in the east of Córdoba.

# Wheat Planting

2010/11 SEASON

As Of: Aug. 05, 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	99	237.600
VIII	Ctro E ER	250.000	230.000	95	218.500
IX	N LP-OBA	150.000	170.000	96	163.200
X	Ctro BA	140.000	150.000	85	127.500
XI	SO BA-S LP	690.000	720.000	90	648.000
XII	SE BA	1.090.000	1.070.000	67,5	722.250
XIII	SL	9.000	4.000	20	800
XIV	Cuenca Sal	50.000	56.000	75	42.000
XV	Otras	8.000	10.000	100	10.000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3.330.000</b>	<b>4.200.000</b>	<b>88,6</b>	<b>3.719.850</b>

## MALTING BARLEY

Planting has expanded into 80% of the 635.000 hectares projected for this cycle. Continuous precipitations hamper fieldwork in the Southeast. Thus, planting will extend until mid-August.

Providing water excess continues hindering fieldwork, producers may choose to use these plots for the growth of wheat or soybean. This fact, therefore, reduces the total area projected for the growth of malting barley.

## MALTING BARLEY

2010/11 SEASON

As Of: Aug. 05, 2010

Zone		Hectareage (ha)	Percentage Planted(%)	Hectares Planted
		2010/11		
III	Ctro N Cba	400	100	400
IV	S Cba	4.000	100	4000
VI	Núcleo Norte	6.000	100	6000
VII	Núcleo Sur	24.000	99	23760
IX	N LP-OBA	14.000	100	14000
X	Ctro BA	30.000	98	29400
XI	SO BA-S LP	53.000	97	51410
XII	SE BA	495.500	75	371625
XIV	Cuenca Sal	6.000	100	6000
XV	Otras	2.100	100	2100
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>635.000</b>	<b>80,1</b>	<b>508.695</b>

## **SUNFLOWER**

Our preliminary planting estimate of the cereal stands at 1.52 million hectares, 16.9% higher than the previous cycle, but 43,3% lower than the average of the last 10 years.

Current prices, export duties and birds, which caused severe damage in the last harvest, currently limit further growth.

Surface increases are expected in Chaco, Santa Fe North and Southwest of Buenos Aires, but drier-than-normal weather in La Pampa, southern Cordoba and western Buenos Aires may hinder fieldwork. Pigeons' damage to crops in Santiago del Estero is likely to reduce the planting area.