



**WEEK ENDED ON MARCH 31, 2010**

**CROP REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS**

Estimations and Agricultural Projections Department  
Buenos Aires Grain Exchange

**COARSE GRAINS AND OILSEEDS – 2009/10**

**CORN**

- ✚ Harvest was fostered by warm and dry weather. 42% of the area was harvested. Production stands at 9.8 tons with an average yield of 9,44tn/he.
- ✚ As harvest expands into northern La Pampa, western and central Buenos Aires, southern and central north Cordoba, productivity shows similarities with the results of the corn belt. Thus, yields remain unchanged from previous reports.
- ✚ Unlike central and southwest Córdoba, the rest of the productive areas present good crop evolution projecting good yields. Production is likely to reach 21.000.000 tons, up 800.000 from previous estimates.

**Referencias:**  
NOA: Salta+Tucumán+Jujuy+Catamarca+Oeste Sgo del Estero.  
NEA: Chaco+Este Sgo del Estero+Formosa  
Ctro N Sfe: Centro-norte de Santa Fe. Ctro N Cba: Centro-norte de Córdoba  
Núcleo Norte: Este de Córdoba+Centro-sur de Santa Fe+Sudoeste de Entre Ríos.  
Núcleo Sur: Sur de Santa Fe+Norte de Buenos Aires  
S Cba. N LP-O BA: Norte de La Pampa+Oeste de Buenos Aires.  
Ctro E ER: Entre Ríos excluida Victoria y Diamante  
Ctro BA: Centro de Buenos Aires.  
SO BA-S LP: Sudoeste de Buenos Aires+Sur de La Pampa.  
SE BA: Sudeste de Buenos Aires  
Otras: San Luis+Depresión del Salado+Corrientes+Misiones

**CORN HARVEST**

2009/10 SEASON

As of: March 31,2010

Zone	Hectareage (ha)			Percentage harvested	Hectares harvested	Yield (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	7	8.330	32,0	26.656
III Ctro N Cba	390.000	2.000	388.000	25	97.000	89,0	863.300
IV S Cba	370.000	3.500	366.500	40	146.600	75,0	1.099.500
V Ctro N SFe	100.000	1.500	98.500	56	55.160	90,0	496.440
VI Núcleo Norte	350.000	700	349.300	82	286.426	105,0	3.007.473
VII Núcleo Sur	300.000	500	299.500	67	200.665	102,0	2.046.783
VIII Ctro E ER	100.000	5.000	95.000	95	90.250	88,0	794.200
IX N LP-OBA	340.000	1.200	338.800	35	118.580	100,0	1.185.800
X Ctro BA	70.000	0	70.000	20	14.000	85,0	119.000
XI SO BA-S LP	71.000	2.600	68.400	0	0	0,0	-
XII SE BA	50.000	0	50.000	0	0	0,0	-
XIII SL	80.000	2.000	78.000	12	9.360	80,0	74.880
XIV Cuenca Sal	40.000	0	40.000	15	6.000	105,0	63.000
XV Others	25.000	0	25.000	30	7.500	50,0	37.500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.500.000</b>	<b>25.000</b>	<b>2.475.000</b>	<b>42,0</b>	<b>1.039.871</b>	<b>94,4</b>	<b>9.814.532</b>

**SOYBEAN**

- ✚ Good weather reported in the last 6 days has fostered harvest progress in the North and South of the soy belt, southern Cordoba and western Buenos Aires. Collection has also started in central and southwest Buenos Aires and in the northwest of Argentina.
- ✚ So far, only 13,5% of the area was harvested. Down 12, 7% from last season. Delays have been reported in central north and south Cordoba by -30% and -18% respectively and in the North of the soy belt -19%.
- ✚ 2,5 M hectares have been collected . To date, the national average yield stands at 3.41 tons/he and production at 8.7M tons. Good yields reported so far maintain or may probably increase our current national production estimate of 53.500.000 tons.

- Rains forecasted for early April will hamper harvest progress in most part of the agricultural area. However, subsequent weather conditions will permit fieldwork to be resumed providing significant progress in the harvest.

## SOYBEAN HARVEST

2009/10 SEASON

As of: *March 31,2010*

Zone		Hectareage (ha)			Percentage harvested	Hectares harvested	Yeld (1) (qq/ha)	Production (Tm)
		Sown	Lost	Harvestable				
I	NOA	1.244.000	6.500	1.237.500	1	12.375	0	0
II	NEA	1.820.000	13.000	1.807.000	3	54.210	17	92.157
III	Ctro N Cba	2.480.000	3.000	2.477.000	5	123.850	21	265.039
IV	S Cba	1.400.000	4.000	1.396.000	7	97.720	21	208.144
V	Ctro N SFe	1.110.000	20.000	1.090.000	13	141.700	35	495.950
VI	Núcleo Norte	3.622.000	15.000	3.607.000	31	1.118.170	36	4.025.412
VII	Núcleo Sur	2.683.250	10.000	2.673.250	24	641.580	38	2.438.004
VIII	Ctro E ER	1.209.000	8.000	1.201.000	15	180.150	34	612.510
IX	N LP-OBA	1.450.000	8.000	1.442.000	10	144.200	34	490.280
X	Ctro BA	543.500	3.000	540.500	2	10.810	0	0
XI	SO BA-S LP	352.000	10.000	342.000	1	3.420	0	0
XII	SE BA	705.750	0	705.750	0	0	0	0
XIII	SL	150.500	2.000	148.500	8	11.880	35	41.580
XIV	Cuenca Sal	193.000	2.000	191.000	5	9.550	38	36.290
XV	Others	37.000	500	36.500	1	365	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>19.000.000</b>	<b>105.000</b>	<b>18.895.000</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2.549.980</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8.705.366</b>

## SUNFLOWER

- 84, 1% of the area was harvested despite rainy weather in the south of the region. Yields stand at 1,72tn/he. To date production amounts to 1,76 M tons.
- 340,000 hectares are still to be collected, most of them located in southern Buenos Aires. Rains forecasted for next weekend will hamper fieldwork.
- Final production now stands at 2,125,000 tons. Up 25,000 tons from previous estimates.

## SUNFLOWER HARVEST

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		Sown	Lost	Harvestable				
I	NOA	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
II	NEA	62.000	6.820	55.180	100	55.180	7	38.626
III	Ctro N Cba	2.000	240	1.760	100	1.760	20	3.520
IV	S Cba	15.000	750	14.250	95	13.538	12	16.245
V	Ctro N SFe	140.000	28.000	112.000	100	112.000	11	123.200
VI	Núcleo Norte	4.000	400	3.600	100	3.600	21	7.560
VII	Núcleo Sur	4.000	600	3.400	100	3.400	22	7.480
VIII	Ctro E ER	20.000	2.200	17.800	100	17.800	11	19.580
IX	N LP-OBA	160.000	3.200	156.800	100	156.800	20	313.600
X	Ctro BA	36.000	540	35.460	100	35.460	25	88.650
XI	SO BA-S LP	300.000	14.000	286.000	65	185.900	10	185.900
XII	SE BA	460.000	4.600	455.400	80	364.320	22	783.288
XIII	SL	10.000	2.000	8.000	70	5.600	14	7.840
XIV	Cuenca Sal	68.000	1.360	66.640	100	66.640	25	166.600
XV	Others	4.000	800	3.200	100	3.200	6	1.920
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1.285.000</b>	<b>65.510</b>	<b>1.219.490</b>	<b>84,1</b>	<b>1.025.198</b>	<b>17,2</b>	<b>1.764.009</b>