



WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT



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AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK MARCH 15 TO 21, 2018

PRECIPITATIONS OVER MOST PART OF THE AGRICULTURAL REGION, FOLLOWED BY A SHARP TEMPERATURE DROP AND A FINAL RETURN OF TROPICAL WINDS.

At the beginning of the perspective, the passage of a storm front will bring abundant precipitations to most part of the Mesopotamia region, the NOA region, most part of Uruguay and the southeast of the Paraguayan agricultural area. The West and the south-end of the agricultural region will observe scarce values. Coupled with the front, winds will rotate to the south/southeast, leading to a sharp temperature drop over most part of the region, with local frosts in hilly areas. Northerly winds will then return raising highs above the seasonal average.

SOYBEAN

Over the last week, rainfalls have brought relief to areas in the south, east and north of Buenos Aires, northeast of Santa Fe, north of Entre Rios and a few areas of the north of Argentina. These rainfalls, however, have not reverted the water stress of plots. For this reason, we maintain our final production estimate at 42 MTn (1,543.2 M bushels).

CORN

Since our last report, corn harvest has expanded into the center of the agricultural area. To date, 8 % of the 5.4 M planted hectares has been collected with an average yield of 6.6 Tn/Ha. Most of the plots report yields below the average of the last five seasons. Besides, late-planted and second crops observe lower yields due to lack of precipitations over the last weeks. Unless rainfalls occur, the potential harvestable volume could be affected. Under this scenario, we maintain our final production estimate at 34 M tons (1.338,5 M bushels) for the current season.

SUNFLOWER

Sunflower harvest is complete in the south of Córdoba, the north and south belts. Production in these areas amount to 115.000 tons. Besides, fieldwork continues progressing into the main sunflower- producing areas of Buenos Aires and La Pampa with heterogeneous yields. To date, sunflower is 53 % complete with an average yield of 2.12 Tn/Ha. Yields in the west and southeast of Buenos Aires support our final production estimate at 3.6 M tons (264.6 M bushels), up 9 % YoY.



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ANNEX

SOYBEAN

2017/18 Season

As of: Mar. 14, 2018

Zone	Hectareage (Ha)		Percentage Planted (%)	Hectares Planted	
	2016/17	2017/18			
I	NOA	950.000	1.010.000	100,0	1.010.000
II	NEA	1.400.000	1.330.000	100,0	1.330.000
III	Ctro N Cba	2.200.000	2.230.000	100,0	2.230.000
IV	S Cba	1.640.000	1.630.000	100,0	1.630.000
V	Ctro N SFe	1.340.000	1.350.000	100,0	1.350.000
VI	Núcleo Norte	2.840.000	2.580.000	100,0	2.580.000
VII	Núcleo Sur	2.470.000	2.380.000	100,0	2.380.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	1.290.000	1.300.000	100,0	1.300.000
IX	N LP-OBA	2.130.000	1.910.000	100,0	1.910.000
X	Ctro BA	800.000	530.000	100,0	530.000
XI	SO BA-S LP	470.000	310.000	100,0	310.000
XII	SEBA	1.300.000	1.140.000	100,0	1.140.000
XIII	SL	200.000	190.000	100,0	190.000
XIV	Cuenca Sal	130.000	70.000	100,0	70.000
XV	Otras	40.000	40.000	100,0	40.000
TOTAL		19.200.000	18.000.000	100,0	18.000.000

CORN

2017/18 Season

As of: Mar. 14, 2018

Zone	Hectareage (Ha)		Percentage Planted (%)	Hectares Planted	
	2016/17	2017/18			
I	NOA	340.000	375.000	100,0	375.000
II	NEA	580.000	600.000	100,0	600.000
III	Ctro N Cba	754.000	805.000	100,0	805.000
IV	S Cba	652.000	675.000	100,0	675.000
V	Ctro N SFe	208.000	220.000	100,0	220.000
VI	Núcleo Norte	501.000	530.000	100,0	530.000
VII	Núcleo Sur	383.000	410.000	100,0	410.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	162.000	175.000	100,0	175.000
IX	N LP-OBA	535.000	580.000	100,0	580.000
X	Ctro BA	280.000	300.000	100,0	300.000
XI	SO BA-S LP	160.000	165.000	100,0	165.000
XII	SE BA	190.000	195.000	100,0	195.000
XIII	SL	220.000	230.000	100,0	230.000
XIV	Cuenca Sal	105.000	110.000	100,0	110.000
XV	Otras	30.000	30.000	100,0	30.000
TOTAL		5.100.000	5.400.000	100,0	5.400.000

SUNFLOWER

2017/18 Season

As of: Mar. 14, 2018

Zone	Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage Harvested (%)	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)	
	Sow n	Lost	Harvestable					
I	NOA	-	-	-	-	-	-	
II	NEA	380.000	15.000	365.000	100,0	365.000	19,8	724.373
III	Ctro N Cba	5.000	500	4.500	100,0	4.500	18,0	8.080
IV	S Cba	21.000	1.500	19.500	100,0	19.500	22,7	44.325
V	Ctro N SFe	260.000	8.800	251.200	100,0	251.200	23,2	583.059
VI	Núcleo Norte	12.000	800	11.200	100,0	11.200	23,4	26.171
VII	Núcleo Sur	9.000	500	8.500	100,0	8.500	24,1	20.463
VIII	Ctro E ER	7.000	400	6.600	100,0	6.600	20,1	13.274
IX	N LP-OBA	110.000	3.000	107.000	38,0	40.660	25,0	101.556
X	Ctro BA	55.000	2.000	53.000	25,0	13.250	21,5	28.426
XI	SO BA-S LP	370.000	4.000	366.000	20,0	73.200	15,1	110.174
XII	SE BA	390.000	1.000	389.000	18,0	70.020	24,5	171.666
XIII	SL	24.000	1.000	23.000	42,0	9.660	18,9	18.271
XIV	Cuenca Sal	100.000	1.000	99.000	27,0	26.730	23,2	62.123
XV	Otras	7.000	500	6.500	100,0	6.500	17,2	11.161
TOTAL		1.750.000	40.000	1.710.000	53,0	906.520	21,2	1.923.121