



WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT



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- ◆ VIII - Centro-Este de Entre Ríos
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AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK MARCH 22 TO 28, 2018

HEAT AND PRECIPITATIONS OVER THE NORTH OF THE AGRICULTURAL AREA WITH A FINAL TEMPERATURE DROP.

At the beginning of the perspective, winds from the northeast will moderately raise temperatures. At the same time, the entry of a storm front will bring abundant rainfalls to the north and north-center of the agricultural area. The north of the Mesopotamia region, the north of NOA and the southeast of Paraguay will observe the heaviest rainfalls while the south-center and south of the area will only report scarce values. Coupled with the front, winds will rotate to the south/southwest, bringing cold and dry air to most part of the region. There will be chances of frosts in the Pampas region, the south of the Mesopotamia region and most part of Uruguay.

SOYBEAN

The scenario continues to worsen towards the end of the crop cycle. The NEA region has not registered rainfalls over the last weeks. Large sectors of the Chaco region are under critical conditions leading to a drop in the yield potential of crops. In parallel, lows have remained close to zero degrees in different sectors of San Luis, Córdoba, Buenos Aires and the west of Santa Fe. In the best scenario, these low temperatures would cause a delay in the cycle of second crops, which is not good either. The greatest impact on crops, together with pod abortion and grain reabsorption, was having cut their grain filling and accentuating the fall in their weight. Under this scenario, the production projection drops to 39,500,000 tons (1,451.4 M bushels) for the current campaign.

CORN

Over the last week, the collection of early-planted corn has expanded into the provinces of Córdoba, Buenos Aires and Santa Fe. To date, corn is 13.3% harvested out of a final area estimated at 5.4 M hectares. Yields remain heterogeneous due to uneven soil moisture. Besides, late and second crops went through their yield definition stage under regular moisture reserves, thus affecting their yield potential. Under this scenario, we reduce our final production projection to 32,000,000 tons (1,259.8 M bushels), down 7 M tons YoY (Campaign 2016/17: 39 MTn) and down 2 M tons from our last report.

SUNFLOWER

Over the last week, sunflower harvest has expanded into the provinces of Buenos Aires and La Pampa. Weekly progress stands at 12.3 percentage points. Our final production estimate of 3,6 M tons (264.6 M bushels) is supported by the good yields obtained in the west and southeast of Buenos Aires. However, this projection remains subjected to the harvest progress in the southwest of Buenos Aires and the south of La Pampa. To date, sunflower is 65,3% collected with an average yield of 2.11 T/H.

SORGHUM

During the last fifteen days, sorghum harvest has expanded into the center and north of the national agricultural area. The center-east of Entre Ríos, center-north of Santa Fe, and the north and south belts observe yields below the regional average. On the other hand, crops in the NOA and NEA regions are going through the critical period under good temperature conditions, but with irregular soil moisture. This lack of moisture coupled with low temperatures could affect crops grain filling. Under this scenario, we maintain our final production estimate at 2,9 M tons (114.2 M bushels), down 9.4% YoY (Production 2016/17: 3.2 MTn).



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ANNEX

SOYBEAN

2017/18 Season

As of: Mar. 21, 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 EER	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	SE BA	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. 21, 2017

Zone	Sown	Hectareage (Ha)		Harvestable	Percentage Harvested (%)	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)
		Lost	Harvestable					
I	NOA	375.000	-	375.000	-	-	-	-
II	NEA	600.000	-	600.000	-	-	-	-
III	Ctro N Cba	805.000	2.100	803.500	8,1	65.084	69,7	453.825
IV	S Cba	675.000	2.500	673.050	4,5	30.287	70,9	214.887
V	Ctro N SFe	220.000	2.100	218.350	28,2	61.575	56,4	347.489
VI	Núcleo Norte	530.000	3.500	528.000	49,3	260.304	81,4	2.119.926
VII	Núcleo Sur	410.000	3.100	407.900	30,6	124.817	78,1	974.703
VIII	Ctro E ER	175.000	2.600	173.150	58,5	101.293	53,3	539.725
IX	N LP-OBA	580.000	2.500	578.100	7,2	41.623	80,6	335.285
X	Ctro BA	300.000	2.150	298.300	4,0	11.932	61,2	73.076
XI	SO BA-S LP	165.000	950	164.250	-	-	-	-
XII	SE BA	195.000	1.000	194.320	-	-	-	-
XIII	SL	230.000	1.600	228.800	2,4	5.491	65,0	35.693
XIV	Cuenca Sal	110.000	700	109.400	4,8	5.251	76,2	40.026
XV	Otras	30.000	80	29.150	30,0	8.745	59,0	51.619
TOTAL		5.400.000	24.880	5.381.270	13,3	716.402	72,4	5.186.254

SUNFLOWER

2017/18 Season

As of: Mar. 21, 2018

Zone	Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage Harvested (%)	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)	
	Sown	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	63,0	67.410	25,1	169.501
X	Ctro BA	55.000	2.000	53.000	60,0	31.800	22,3	70.906
XI	SO BA-S LP	370.000	5.000	365.000	39,0	142.350	14,7	209.612
XII	SE BA	390.000	2.000	388.000	35,0	135.800	24,3	330.261
XIII	SL	24.000	1.000	23.000	65,0	14.950	18,6	27.793
XIV	Cuenca Sal	100.000	3.000	97.000	50,0	48.500	23,6	114.371
XV	Otras	7.000	500	6.500	100,0	6.500	17,2	11.161
TOTAL		1.750.000	44.000	1.706.000	65,3	1.113.810	21,1	2.353.349

SORGHUM

2017/18 Season

As of: Mar. 21, 2018

Zone	Hectareage (Ha)		Percentage Planted (%)	Hectares Planted	
	2016/17	2017/18			
I	NOA	23.000	23.000	100,0	23.000
II	NEA	200.000	220.000	100,0	220.000
III	Ctro N Cba	80.000	80.000	100,0	80.000
IV	S Cba	30.000	30.000	100,0	30.000
V	Ctro N SFe	138.000	143.000	100,0	143.000
VI	Núcleo Norte	30.000	30.000	100,0	30.000
VII	Núcleo Sur	17.000	17.000	100,0	17.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	60.000	65.000	100,0	65.000
IX	N LP-OBA	40.000	40.000	100,0	40.000
X	Ctro BA	10.000	10.000	100,0	10.000
XI	SO BA-S LP	80.000	80.000	100,0	80.000
XII	SE BA	7.000	7.000	100,0	7.000
XIII	SL	45.000	45.000	100,0	45.000
XIV	Cuenca Sal	25.000	25.000	100,0	25.000
XV	Otras	15.000	15.000	100,0	15.000
TOTAL		800.000	830.000	100,0	830.000