

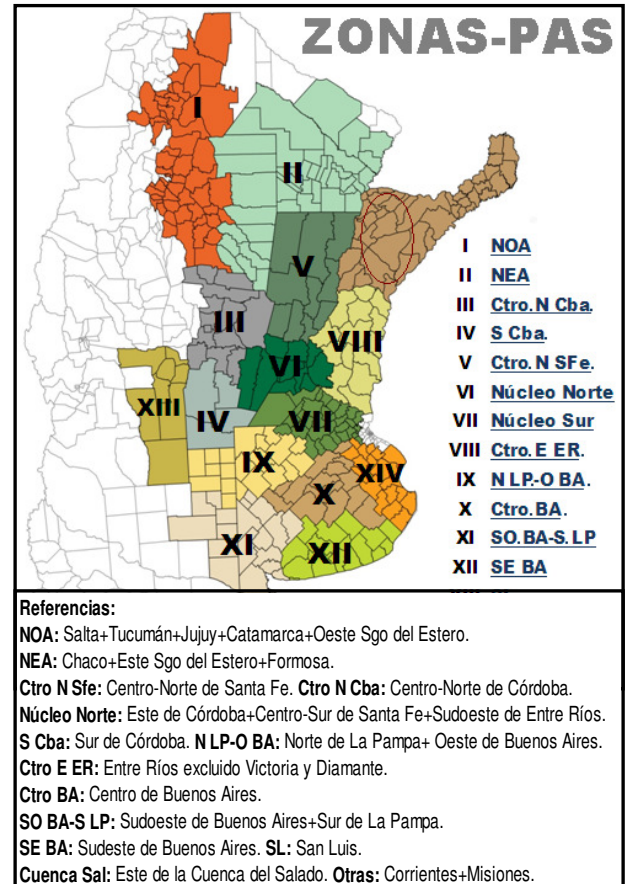


## Weekly Ag Report

BUENOS AIRES GRAIN EXCHANGE

**WEEK ENDED ON Jun 05, 2014**

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### WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

BUENOS AIRES GRAINS EXCHANGE

June 5, 2014

**AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: JUNE 5 TO 11, 2014: PRECIPITATIONS OVER THE NORTHEAST OF THE AGRICULTURAL AREA AND A SHARP TEMPERATURE DROP.**

#### OUTLOOK SUMMARY

Early in the perspective, the storm front which entered last Wednesday will complete its passage bringing abundant rainfalls to the north of the agricultural area. The rest of the region, however, will report scarce precipitations. At the same time, the south of the agricultural area will report the entrance of cold winds that will lead to a sharp temperature drop with likelihood of frosts in the west and south of the area. Later, northerly winds will return, raising temperatures above normal in the north of the agricultural area, while the Center and South will report values ranging from low to normal.

## WHEAT

After a week of scarce rains over the Mid-North of the Ag region, there was some sowing progress, although the area is still significantly delayed as compared to last season. Maximum progress was observed in the Mid-North of Cordoba within the last few days, aided by good moisture.

So far, sowing has progressed by 11.9 % out of 4,300,000 hectares estimated this year. If this area is covered as forecast, it will be up 18.8 % from last season (2013/14: 3.62M Ha). Overall, a little more than 500 thousand hectares were sown, way under 750 thousand Hectares sown last season. Week-on-week progress posted 5.5 percentage points, and YOY delay was -7.5 points.

In the NW Area sowing progress was fluent, with good moisture supplies. The Mid-North of Cordoba reported the fastest progress in the last few days, also with good moisture on the fields. Conversely, although sowing is in progress in the NE Area, there are plots with moisture excess. The Mid-North of Santa Fe is undergoing a similar situation, whereby sowing schemes are being delayed.

In the wheat Belt of the SE of Buenos Aires, sowing started in isolated areas, without significant progress. Fallow farmlands could not be prepared in time, which would delay sowing in the next few weeks. This is due to abundant moisture supplies in the region.

Finally, in the SW of Buenos Aires, plots sown a month ago in Carmen de Patagones and Villarino are in full emergence or unfolding the first leaves, in good health conditions.

## SOYBEAN

After two weeks of good weather, harvest was resumed in several regions, posting weekly progress by 6.8 %. Countrywide, harvest has covered so far an estimated 80.6 % of the area, reporting a YOY delay of -17.4 %. Total area harvested was 15.7M Ha, accounting for a partial volume accrued of over 47.1M Tn, average yield dropped 0.04 tons/Ha from the last publication. This average is expected to continue falling as harvest moves on, down to less than 2.9 tons/Ha at the end of the season.

So far, important areas such as the Mid-North and South of Cordoba, North and South Belts, Mid-East of Entre Ríos and San Luis are posting harvest progress rates above 90 % of their areas. All these regions combined comprise a little less than 60 % of the national sown area. Since yields at the end of harvest remained steady, the forecast production will stay the same, at **55,500,000 tons**. Two other important regions such as the Mid-North of Santa Fe and North of La Pampa and West of Buenos Aires harvested more than 85 % of their areas. Both regions combined contribute 13 % of the area countrywide, with stable yields that support current projections.

SOYBEAN HARVEST					As of: Jun. 05, 2014				
2013/14 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage Harvested (%)	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)	
Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable						
I	NOA	1.130.000	90.000	1.040.000	45,2	470.301	22,3	1.049.144	
II	NEA	1.860.000	60.000	1.800.000	41,6	749.516	28,1	2.106.233	
III	Ctro N Cba	2.480.000	45.000	2.435.000	95,9	2.334.767	32,3	7.544.717	
IV	S Cba	1.481.000	85.000	1.396.000	97,4	1.359.485	30,5	4.144.498	
V	Ctro N SFe	1.155.000	60.000	1.095.000	85,5	936.435	30,7	2.872.673	
VI	Núcleo Norte	3.635.000	105.000	3.530.000	99,8	3.524.008	33,2	11.684.197	
VII	Núcleo Sur	2.820.000	90.000	2.730.000	95,0	2.594.860	32,4	8.413.161	
VIII	Ctro E ER	1.231.000	50.000	1.181.000	97,4	1.150.827	25,4	2.928.060	
IX	N LP-OBA	1.590.000	60.000	1.530.000	85,8	1.313.086	26,9	3.535.597	
X	Ctro BA	570.000	50.000	520.000	54,1	281.119	26,6	747.589	
XI	SO BA-S LP	410.000	40.000	370.000	55,3	204.493	15,9	325.844	
XII	SE BA	1.581.000	70.000	1.511.000	35,6	537.916	19,2	1.137.736	
XIII	SL	160.000	20.000	140.000	91,5	128.153	20,3	261.832	
XIV	Cuenca Sal	200.000	10.000	190.000	56,0	106.443	28,9	333.552	
XV	Otras	47.000	5.000	42.000	72,6	30.488	17,7	53.834	
TOTAL		20.350.000	840.000	19.510.000	80,6	15.721.899	30,0	47.138.667	

## CORN

Corn harvest posted slight week-on-week progress by 2.7 percentage points, raising nationwide progress to 38.5 % of the commercial corn area; YOY delay was reported as -22.6 points. This gap is due to an increase of late sowings this season, which delayed harvest. Up to date, farm volume accrued is 9.5 million tons, with an average yield of 7.32 tons/Ha nationwide.

Harvest progressed in the West of Buenos Aires-North of La Pampa, NE Area, Cordoba and San Luis, due to a rainless period which helped dry the grain.

There were cases of Fusarium on late corn ears in the Mid-North of Cordoba. Weather conditions favor the spread of fungal diseases at this time of the year.

Finally, good yield expectations on late and second corn support volume projections of **24,000,000 tons**. This result may be adjusted as the bulk of the area is harvested.

CORN HARVEST						As of: Jun. 06, 2014			
2013/14 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage	Hectares	Yield	Production	
Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable	Harvested (%)	Harvested	(qq/Ha)	(Tn)		
I	NOA	282.000	17.000	265.000	9,4	24.950	70	174.650	
II	NEA	302.000	13.000	289.000	15,4	44.520	47	207.018	
III	Ctro N Cba	580.000	14.000	566.000	16,3	92.200	82	753.300	
IV	S Cba	410.000	25.000	385.000	19,5	74.950	66	495.325	
V	Ctro N SFe	136.000	30.000	106.000	47,4	50.200	59	296.560	
VI	Núcleo Norte	360.000	7.000	353.000	76,3	269.370	87	2.348.019	
VII	Núcleo Sur	320.000	11.000	309.000	77,2	238.470	90	2.146.230	
VIII	Ctro E ER	151.000	12.000	139.000	64,8	90.127	52	472.376	
IX	N LP-OBA	424.000	30.000	394.000	47,0	185.140	71	1.314.560	
X	Ctro BA	218.000	11.000	207.000	42,7	88.450	58	513.010	
XI	SO BA-S LP	100.000	11.000	89.000	59,8	53.200	42	225.000	
XII	SE BA	90.000	5.000	85.000	25,2	21.450	75	160.875	
XIII	SL	130.000	4.000	126.000	28,1	35.350	57	200.763	
XIV	Cuenca Sal	48.000	4.000	44.000	60,1	26.445	68	180.061	
XV	Otras	19.000	3.000	16.000	28,8	4.600	45	20.700	
TOTAL		3.570.000	197.000	3.373.000	38,5	1.299.422	73,2	9.508.446	

## GRAIN SORGHUM

Up to date, grain sorghum harvest has progressed to 47.2 % of the area countrywide. Overall, some 500 thousand hectares were harvested, yielding an average of 4.58 tons/Ha, and accruing a total volume of 2.25M Tn. Although weather conditions were good in the last two weeks, there was no significant harvest progress, due to lack of soil, and the fact that farmers tend to harvest soybean first.

In the NE Area, late plots yielded more than early sowings. Plots from Charata and Las Breñas have been incorporated, where most of the plots were sown in December, going through their cycle in optimal conditions. However, final yields will depend on how fast harvest is begun, since the area suffers severe bird attacks.

In the Mid-North of Cordoba and Santa Fe, harvest is moving slowly, with good productivity; late plots are improving grain moisture and farmers are looking to minimize quality loss.

Based on this framework, final output forecast remains at **4,300,000 tons**. If such estimation is obtained, it will drop -4.5 % from last season, which posted 4.5M Tn.

GRAIN SORGHUM HARVEST						As of: Jun. 05, 2014			
2013/14 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage	Hectares	Yield	Production	
Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable	Harvested	Harvested	(qq/Ha)	(Tn)		
I	NOA	24.000	130	23.870	5,0	1.194	40	4.714	
II	NEA	245.000	6.100	238.900	49,0	117.061	40	468.244	
III	Ctro N Cba	134.000	4.600	129.400	55,7	72.076	52	374.794	
IV	S Cba	44.000	2.000	42.000	33,5	14.070	48	67.536	
V	Ctro N SFe	205.000	7.200	197.800	63,0	124.614	44	548.302	
VI	Núcleo Norte	40.000	1.800	38.200	79,0	30.178	61	182.879	
VII	Núcleo Sur	20.000	600	19.400	43,5	8.439	58	49.199	
VIII	Ctro E ER	85.000	7.500	77.500	76,0	58.900	48	281.542	
IX	N LP-OBA	45.000	800	44.200	19,0	8.398	45	37.791	
X	Ctro BA	8.000	-	8.000	0,0	-	-	-	
XI	SO BA-S LP	120.000	-	120.000	0,0	-	-	-	
XII	SE BA	7.000	-	7.000	0,0	-	-	-	
XIII	SL	52.000	3.100	48.900	57,0	27.873	39	109.541	
XIV	Cuenca Sal	29.000	600	28.400	50,5	14.342	48	68.842	
XV	Otras	22.000	900	21.100	78,0	16.458	42	68.301	
TOTAL		1.080.000	35.330	1.044.670	47,2	493.602	45,8	2.261.684	