

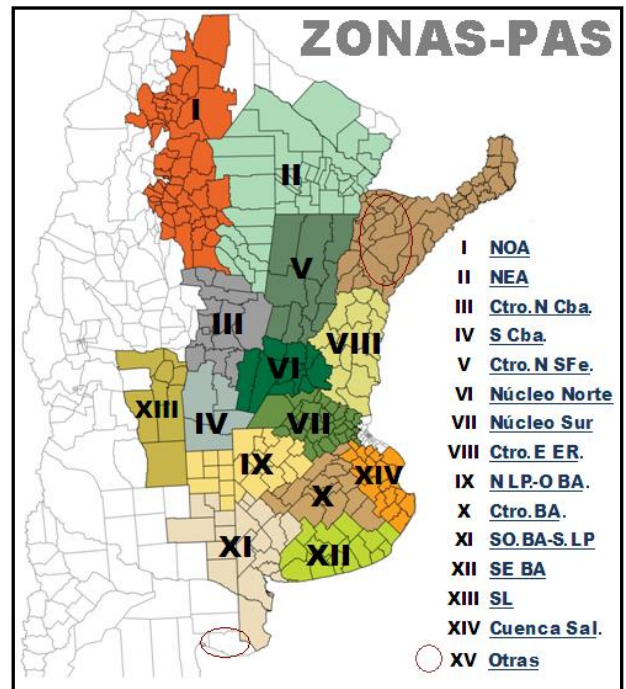


# Weekly Ag Report

BUENOS AIRES GRAIN EXCHANGE

**WEEK ENDED ON Aug. 13, 2015**

**CROP REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS**  
**Estimations and Agricultural Projections Department**  
**Buenos Aires Grain Exchange**



**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.  
**S Cba:** Sur de Córdoba. **NLP-O BA:** Norte de La Pampa+ Oeste de Buenos Aires.  
**Ctro E ER:** Entre Ríos excluido 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. **SL:** San Luis.  
**Cuenca Sal:** Este de la Cuenca del Salado. **Otras:** Corrientes+Misiones.

## WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

BUENOS AIRES GRAIN EXCHANGE

Aug 13, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: AUGUST 13 TO 19, 2015: ABUNDANT PRECIPITATIONS AND STORMS OVER THE NORTHEAST OF THE AGRICULTURAL AREA COUPLED WITH A SHARP TEMPERATURE OSCILLATION.**

### OUTLOOK SUMMARY

At the beginning of the perspective, the passage of a storm front will bring abundant precipitations and storms to the northeast of the agricultural area. The rest of the region will report moderate meteorological activity. The front will be accompanied by a sharp temperature drop, with chances of frosts over the center and south of the agricultural area. The north will not be affected by this process. Later, northerly winds will soon return, raising temperatures, humidity and cloudiness over most part of the Ag. region.

# WHEAT

Large volume precipitations accumulated since early this month have flooded wide areas in the east and northeast of Buenos Aires, the center and south of Santa Fe, and areas of Entre Ríos. Many of these regions accumulated more than 300 mm of rainfalls in only 10 days, affecting low fields and plots which are near to overflowed water streams. Although it is still impossible to ascertain an accurate amount of loss, since the fields are inaccessible right now, we can report that the most affected areas are the south belt region and Cuenca del Salado. Both regions combined contribute a little less than 300,000 planted hectares, accounting for 8 % of **3,700,000 hectares** planted nationwide during the ongoing season.

WHEAT PLANTING				As of: Aug 13, 2015	
2015/16 Season		Hectareage (Ha)		Percentage planted (%)	Hectares planted
Zone	2014/15	2015/16			
I	NOA	175.000	203.000	100,0	203.000
II	NEA	250.000	210.000	100,0	210.000
III	Ctro N Cba	610.000	490.000	100,0	490.000
IV	S Cba	250.000	205.000	100,0	205.000
V	Ctro N SFe	220.000	185.000	100,0	185.000
VI	Núcleo Norte	380.000	320.000	100,0	320.000
VII	Núcleo Sur	300.000	250.000	100,0	250.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	200.000	115.000	100,0	115.000
IX	N LP-OBA	390.000	330.000	100,0	330.000
X	Ctro BA	140.000	120.000	100,0	120.000
XI	SO BA-S LP	810.000	685.000	100,0	685.000
XII	SE BA	610.000	530.000	100,0	530.000
XIII	SL	5.000	5.000	100,0	5.000
XIV	Cuenca Sal	50.000	42.000	100,0	42.000
XV	Otras	10.000	10.000	100,0	10.000
TOTAL		4.400.000	3.700.000	100,0	3.700.000

# SUNFLOWER

First sunflower plots continue to be incorporated in the NE Area, and in some locations of the mid-north of Santa Fe. To date, planting progress reports 6.4 % nationwide, out of an area projected as **1,450,000 hectares**, marking a YOY increase of almost 11.5 % (planting 14/15: 1.3 Mha). Compared to last season, planting is delayed by -0.9 %.

Some days before this report there were rainfalls over the sunflower region of Chaco, but they did not prevent moisture recovery on the plots. Nevertheless, planting has advanced by a 10 %, especially in the districts of Charata, Roque Sáenz Peña and Avía Terai. Consequently, sunflower planting intention is likely to be accomplished, and so is the area projected for the region.

On the other hand, sunflower planting has progressed slightly along the east of the mid-north of Santa Fe, in optimal moisture conditions, and it is expected to take more traction in the next few weeks.

# CORN

Commercial corn harvest has covered 91.1 % of suitable area, yielding an average of 8.1 Tn/Ha, and accruing a partial farm volume of 24.1 Mtn. Week-on-week advance posted 6.7 %, with the main progress level observed in the north of the national agricultural region. Compared to last season, this year's harvest reflects an advance of 2.7 %. Harvest fieldwork continues to yield above initial expectations, especially in the NE Area. Consequently, projected output remains at **26,000,000 tons** this season.

Rainfalls received in the last few days throughout the national territory have interrupted harvest fieldwork. This climatic phenomenon brings about an increase of moisture on standing plots, and it also hampers harvest on account of the lack of ground on flooded plots and areas of high ground waters. Our agroclimatic report forecasts a continuation of unstable weather conditions for the end of winter. If such

predictions are accomplished, harvest may extend until early Septemeber, while new season 2015/16 will be starting.

CORN HARVEST					As of: Aug. 13, 2015			
2014/15 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage Harvested (%)	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)
Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable					
I	NOA	230.000	8.000	222.000	63,0	139.860	70	974.620
II	NEA	360.000	12.000	348.000	69,4	241.512	65	1.574.869
III	Ctro N Cba	540.000	20.000	520.000	92,0	478.400	82	3.922.448
IV	S Cba	390.000	15.000	375.000	92,8	348.000	75	2.613.704
V	Ctro N SFe	140.000	10.000	130.000	96,2	124.995	77	956.808
VI	Núcleo Norte	365.000	6.500	358.500	99,3	355.811	100	3.568.482
VII	Núcleo Sur	300.000	3.500	296.500	99,3	294.276	99	2.917.706
VIII	Ctro E ER	137.000	6.000	131.000	100,0	131.000	66	861.633
IX	N LP-OBA	370.000	13.000	357.000	96,5	344.505	85	2.914.952
X	Ctro BA	179.000	5.000	174.000	97,9	170.346	80	1.355.090
XI	SO BA-S LP	98.000	3.000	95.000	95,5	90.725	61	550.521
XII	SE BA	92.000	5.000	87.000	98,8	85.956	74	637.157
XIII	SL	123.000	7.000	116.000	98,1	113.738	71	802.450
XIV	Cuenca Sal	52.000	3.000	49.000	100,0	49.000	80	392.936
XV	Otras	24.000	1.000	23.000	100,0	23.000	47	107.133
TOTAL		3.400.000	118.000	3.282.000	91,1	2.991.125	80,7	24.150.510

## GRAIN SORGHUM

Despite heavy rainfalls observed in the last few days in the center of the ag region, grain sorghum harvest is making good progress in the north and west of the country. Therefore, harvest progress has accounted for 97.6 % of suitable area, representing an overall 749,000 ha. Average yield is around 4.6 Tn/Ha, and accrued farm volume is next to 3,430,000 tons. Based on such conditions, projected output for season 2014/15 remains at **3,500,000 tons**, describing a YOY decrease of -18.6 % (year 2013/14: 4.3 Mtn).

Grain sorghum harvest is reported finished in the NW Area, the south belt, the north of La Pampa-west of Buenos Aires and SW of Buenos Aires-south of La Pampa. Only a few plots remain to harvest in the south of Córdoba and parts of the NE Area. Recent precipitations are blocking access to plots in both regions. Nevertheless, if weather is favorable, grain sorghum harvest is expected to be finished before the next report is released.

GRAIN SORGHUM HARVEST					As of: Aug 13, 2015			
2014/15 Season		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage Harvested	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)
Zone	Sown	Lost	Harvestable					
I	NOA	24.000	1.200	22.800	100,0	22.800	39	89.832
II	NEA	190.000	13.000	177.000	90,0	159.300	37	595.782
III	Ctro N Cba	100.000	15.000	85.000	100,0	85.000	55	464.950
IV	S Cba	34.000	4.000	30.000	98,0	29.400	56	165.228
V	Ctro N SFe	150.000	21.000	129.000	100,0	129.000	46	593.400
VI	Núcleo Norte	32.000	3.000	29.000	100,0	29.000	61	178.205
VII	Núcleo Sur	17.000	1.000	16.000	100,0	16.000	62	98.880
VIII	Ctro E ER	65.000	7.000	58.000	100,0	58.000	47	273.006
IX	N LP-OBA	40.000	5.000	35.000	100,0	35.000	52	180.600
X	Ctro BA	8.000	250	7.750	100,0	7.750	53	40.688
XI	SO BA-S LP	80.000	7.000	73.000	100,0	73.000	38	276.672
XII	SE BA	7.000	250	6.750	100,0	6.750	33	22.275
XIII	SL	52.000	3.000	49.000	100,0	49.000	50	245.490
XIV	Cuenca Sal	29.000	1.500	27.500	100,0	27.500	48	130.625
XV	Otras	22.000	1.000	21.000	100,0	21.000	35	73.500
TOTAL		850.000	83.200	766.800	97,6	748.500	45,8	3.429.132