

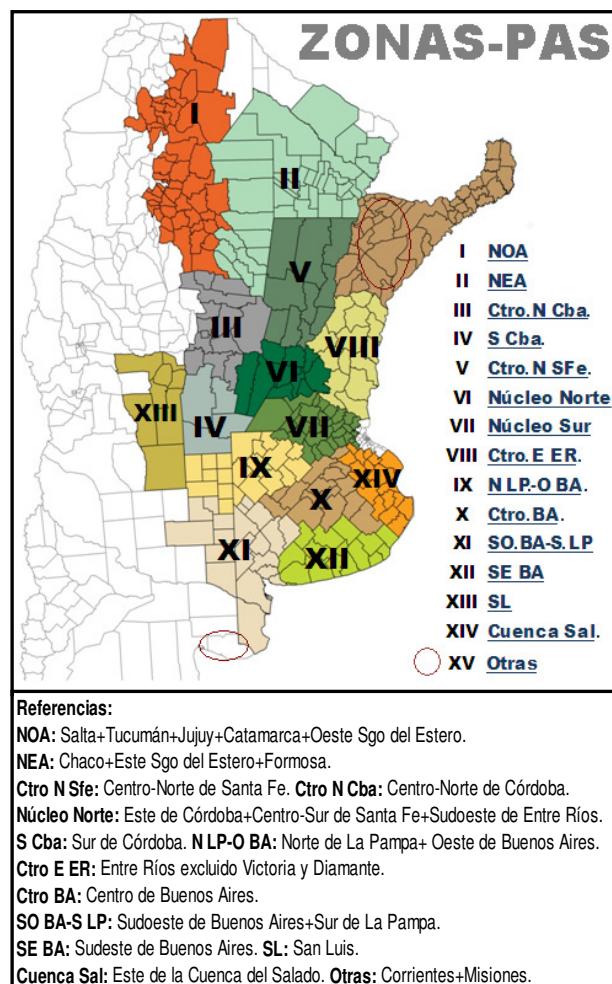


# Weekly Ag Report

BUENOS AIRES GRAIN EXCHANGE

**WEEK ENDED ON Aug. 22, 2013**

**CROP REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS**  
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**Buenos Aires Grain Exchange**



## WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

BUENOS AIRES GRAINS EXCHANGE

August 22, 2013

**AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: AUGUST 22 TO 28, 2013: POLAR WAVE AND SCARCE PRECIPITATIONS.**

### OUTLOOK SUMMARY

At the beginning of the perspective, southerly winds will bring a dry and wet continental polar air mass, leading to a sharp temperature drop and chances of frosts across most of the agricultural area. Rainfalls will be scarce with the exception of the northeast-end of the agricultural area which will report moderate/abundant values with severe local storms. Northerly winds will return towards the end of the first stage of the perspective, raising maximum temperatures above normal in the north of the area. The south, however, will continue under the influence of cold winds.

### CORN

The harvest of the remaining plots is still in progress; these plots are mostly in the north provinces of the agricultural region (NW, NE areas, and the mid-north of Córdoba). The harvest progress accounted for 99.3 % of the suitable area, yielding an average of 7.27 Tn/Ha nationwide, and accruing a partial volume that nears our final estimation of 24,800,000 TN, which is 15.4 % above the volume gathered last season.

Likewise, the planting process has started a week ago in three of the fifteen PAS regions. The NW area is incorporating irrigated plots, more precisely in the mid-north of Santa Fe, in Gobernador Crespo, Curuzú Cuatiá and Mercedes (Corrientes). Therefore, the season of 2013/14 is officially started.

The bulk of the planting work will begin within the next few weeks, since the average temperature is still low and the moisture in the first inches of the plots is scarce.

# CORN HARVEST

2012/13 SEASON

As Of: Aug. 22,2013

Zone		Hectareage (Ha)			Percentage Harvested	Hectares Harvested	Yield (qq/Ha)	Production (Tn)
		Sown	Lost	Harvestable				
I	NOA	265.000	70.000	195.000	98,7	192.488	28,0	538.967
II	NEA	285.000	15.400	269.600	99,8	269.073	49,0	1.318.457
III	Ctro N Cba	450.000	13.000	437.000	98,0	428.193	74,5	3.190.041
IV	S Cba	456.000	50.000	406.000	99,1	402.313	73,0	2.936.887
V	Ctro N SFe	147.000	11.200	135.800	99,4	134.999	69,1	932.846
VI	Núcleo Norte	459.000	15.000	444.000	100,0	444.000	94,0	4.173.600
VII	Núcleo Sur	410.000	17.000	393.000	99,6	391.560	90,1	3.527.958
VIII	Ctro E ER	151.000	7.500	143.500	99,7	143.018	61,3	876.701
IX	N LP-OBA	416.000	22.000	394.000	98,7	388.721	78,2	3.039.800
X	Ctro BA	225.000	11.000	214.000	99,8	213.609	80,0	1.708.870
XI	SO BA-S LP	107.000	6.000	101.000	100,0	101.000	52,3	528.638
XII	SE BA	94.000	4.500	89.500	99,9	89.382	84,0	750.807
XIII	SL	137.000	6.000	131.000	100,0	131.000	51,3	671.409
XIV	Cuenca Sal	57.000	5.500	51.500	100,0	51.500	79,6	409.811
XV	Otras	19.000	2.500	16.500	100,0	16.500	52,4	86.437
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3.678.000</b>	<b>256.600</b>	<b>3.421.400</b>	<b>99,3</b>	<b>3.397.357</b>	<b>72,7</b>	<b>24.691.230</b>

## SUNFLOWER

In spite of the lack of rainfalls in the first sowing regions, the incorporation of plots has progressed by 3.2 % during the last seven days. Up to the present report it is estimated that 40 % of the projected area has been planted in the NE region, and most of the remaining surface will only be covered if it rains in the next few weeks. The limited availability of moisture on the surface is delaying the seeding in areas of Chaco and most of the east of Santiago del Estero. The mid-north of Santa Fe is in a similar situation, where the seeding has covered so far only 22 % of the projected area this season.

Finally, the seeding has covered an estimated 11.7 % out of **1,900,000** hectares projected for the current season.

## WHEAT

Although there are still random fields to be planted with short cycle varieties of wheat, mostly in the SE of Buenos Aires, and given that the area is not significant, we declare the planting of this winter crop finished. In total numbers, **3,900,000** hectares were covered in the national agricultural area.

Several prospects may be differentiated in the planted area, since it has not rained since May in some locations, while other regions accumulated rainfalls in the same period. It is important to highlight that in the southeast of Entre Rios, southeast and center of Buenos Aires and south of La Pampa, the wheat crop presents good-to-very good conditions due to an appropriate supply of water on the soils.

In total numbers, some 2,000,000 hectares are evolving favorably, that is to say more than 50 % of the national area.

In the north and south belts the prospect is quite heterogeneous, which is mainly due to the lack of rains, although some of the plots are not reporting water deficits for the time being.

On the other hand, the conditions are worse in the mid-north of Santa Fe and Cordoba, where the wheat fields are going through the stages of tillering to full stem elongation with a scarce supply of water and delayed development.

# WHEAT PLANTING

2013/14 SEASON

*As Of: Aug 22, 2013*

Zone		Hectareage (ha)		Percentage planted (%)	Hectares planted
		2012/13	2013/14		
I	NOA	340.000	50.000	100	50.000
II	NEA	190.000	170.000	100	170.000
III	Ctro N Cba	265.000	320.000	100	320.000
IV	S Cba	130.000	156.000	100	156.000
V	Ctro N SFe	160.000	192.000	100	192.000
VI	Núcleo Norte	265.000	315.000	100	315.000
VII	Núcleo Sur	240.000	280.000	100	280.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	150.000	180.000	100	180.000
IX	N LP-OBA	210.000	245.000	100	245.000
X	Ctro BA	140.000	165.000	100	165.000
XI	SO BA-S LP	680.000	840.000	100	840.000
XII	SE BA	770.000	915.000	100	915.000
XIII	SL	3.000	4.000	100	4.000
XIV	Cuenca Sal	50.000	60.000	100	60.000
XV	Otras	7.000	8.000	100	8.000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3.600.000</b>	<b>3.900.000</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3.900.000</b>

## BARLEY

The last barley plots have been planted in the center and south of Buenos Aires in the last fifteen days, thus closing the planting of this cereal crop. Consequently, **1,270,000** hectares were covered nationwide, posting a YOY fall of -19.1 %, which means that the area planted accounted for 300 thousand hectares less than last season (2012/13: 1.57 MHA). Such decrease is mainly due to the meagre results both of yield and quality obtained in the previous cycle, as a consequence of the excessive moisture left by the spring of 2012.

Currently, the absence of rainfalls is starting to affect part of the barley area. However, more than 75 % of the surface is concentrated in the south of Buenos Aires and La Pampa, where the availability of water is still good. In these regions we may observe plots going from full emergence to the beginning of the tillering phase. Although the low temperatures have slowed down the development, which is to be expected at this time of the year, the plots are evolving in good conditions.

Towards the west of Buenos Aires and north of La Pampa, the fields are evolving in good conditions, from V3-V4 (three to four expanded leaves) to full tillering, although the moisture supply is starting to be poor.

# BARLEY PLANTING

2013/14 Season

As Of: Aug 22, 2013

Zone		Hectareage (he)		Percentage planted (%)	Hectares planted
		2012/13	2013/14		
I	NOA	-	-	-	-
II	NEA	700	-	-	-
III	Ctro N Cba	600	500	100	500
IV	S Cba	6.600	5.000	100	5.000
V	Ctro N Sfe	2.800	1.500	100	1.500
VI	Núcleo Norte	35.000	25.000	100	25.000
VII	Núcleo Sur	143.000	90.000	100	90.000
VIII	Ctro E ER	5.800	3.000	100	3.000
IX	N LP-OBA	122.000	110.000	100	110.000
X	Ctro BA	79.000	63.000	100	63.000
XI	SO BA-S LP	285.000	245.000	100	245.000
XII	SE BA	870.000	710.000	100	710.000
XIII	SL	500	-	-	-
XIV	Cuenca. Sal.	19.000	17.000	100	17.000
XV	Otras	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1.570.000</b>	<b>1.270.000</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>1.270.000</b>

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