



WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT



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AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK MARCH 8 TO 14, 2018

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

At the beginning of the perspective, northerly winds will sharply rise temperatures over most part of the agricultural area. At the same time, the passage of a Pampero front will bring significant rainfalls to the north and southwest of the area. The rest of the region, however, will observe scarce precipitations. Coupled with the front, winds will rotate towards the South, leading to a sharp temperature drop across most part of the area with local frosts in hilly regions.

SOYBEAN

The drought is prolonged and, in addition to a significant decrease in potential yields at harvest, the increase in area loss is added. The drop of the harvestable area has a higher impact on second crops, which started their growth cycle in soils with less water supply and endured the lack of rainfalls throughout the season. Under this scenario, our production projection is reduced to 42,000,000 tons (1,543.2 M bushels), down 2 million tons compared to our previous report, accumulating a reduction of 12 million tons since the beginning of the campaign and reflecting a year-on-year decrease of 15.5 million tons (Soybean Production 16/17: 57.5 MTn).

CORN

Over the last week, corn harvest has expanded into the center and south of the national agricultural area. To date, 6.5% of the area has been collected, with an average national yield of 6.58 T / H. In absolute numbers, some 350,000 hectares have been collected, which were located in the provinces of Buenos Aires, Córdoba, Santa Fe and Entre Ríos. The lack of rainfall registered over the last weeks, has decreased the yield potential of these plots affecting the production projection for the cereal nationwide. Under this scenario, we reduce our final production estimate to 34,000,000 tons (1,338.5 M bushels), down 5 MT YoY and down 3M tons from our last

SUNFLOWER

Over the last week, the first harvest work has been surveyed on specific plots in the south of Buenos Aires and La Pampa. National progress reached 43.1% of the area with an average national yield of 2.13 Tn / Ha, maintaining the production projection at 3,600,000 tons (264.6 M bushels). The first yields collected in the south belt remain within the regional average, although the expectations for the rest of the plots at physiological maturity are very heterogeneous. Consequently, as harvest becomes more fluid over these regions, we could further adjust our current production estimate.

SORGHUM

Since our last report, the lack of abundant precipitations in the center and south of the national agricultural area has reduced the water reserves of most of the plots. Besides, the NOA and NEA regions have begun to show concern regarding the humidity level of the soils, due to high evapotranspiration. To date, most of the plots are defining yields, if no rain is registered during the next few days, potential yields could be affected. Under this scenario, we maintain our final production estimate at 2.900.000 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. 7, 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 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. 7, 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. 7, 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	90,0	17.550	21,9	38.475
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	95,0	10.640	23,1	24.603
VII	Núcleo Sur	9.000	500	8.500	88,0	7.480	24,0	17.984
VIII	Ctro E ER	7.000	400	6.600	75,0	4.950	18,5	9.149
IX	N LP-OBA	110.000	2.000	108.000	18,0	19.440	25,5	49.567
X	Ctro BA	55.000	1.000	54.000	12,0	6.480	19,4	12.585
XI	SO BA-S LP	370.000	2.000	368.000	6,0	22.080	19,8	43.718
XII	SEBA	390.000	1.000	389.000	3,0	11.670	21,5	25.091
XIII	SL	24.000	1.000	23.000	20,0	4.600	18,8	8.657
XIV	Cuenca Sal	100.000	1.000	99.000	8,0	7.920	25,0	19.800
XV	Otras	7.000	500	6.500	90,0	5.850	17,2	10.056
TOTAL		1.750.000	36.000	1.714.000	43,1	739.360	21,3	1.575.196

SORGHUM

2017/18 Season

As of: Mar. 7, 2017

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