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Algeria

Grain and Feed Update

Grain Planting Update

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Report Highlights:

Algeria's grain planting season started on time with good rainfall and was completed under satisfactory conditions. Algerian grain production for 2010 was down from previous year high but still above 10 year average.

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Grain Plantings and production

Algeria's grain planting season completed under fairly satisfactory climatic conditions throughout the country. Government estimates indicate that more than 2.6 million ha of grain were planted by mid-December on a total planned cereals area of 3.3 million ha and a reported 1.3 million quintals of seeds were used for this campaign.

Ministry of Agriculture made easily available, this year again, certified seeds and fertilizer to farmers to encourage grain cultivation. The GOA also provided technical and economic assistance facilitating access to credit for acquisition of inputs to help improve yields and quality.

Grain production fell to 4.56 million metric tons in 2010 from 6.1 million tons in the previous year but was higher than the average of the past 10 years, according to ministry of agriculture reports. Wheat output was comparable to 2009 levels but poor climatic conditions in some barley growing regions, in addition to the decrease in barley planting area pulled down the 2010 grain crop. The price incentives renewed by the GOA for 2010 to local wheat producers encouraged the producers to grow more wheat and less barley. As a reminder, Algeria's 2009 total grains production reached 6.122 million tons. Wheat production was estimated at 3.56 million tons, 2.43 million tons durum, and 1.139 million tons of common wheat. Barley production doubled from 2008 to 2009, reaching 2.41 million tons.