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2004/05 U.S. Corn Production Remains at 10,425 Million Bushels

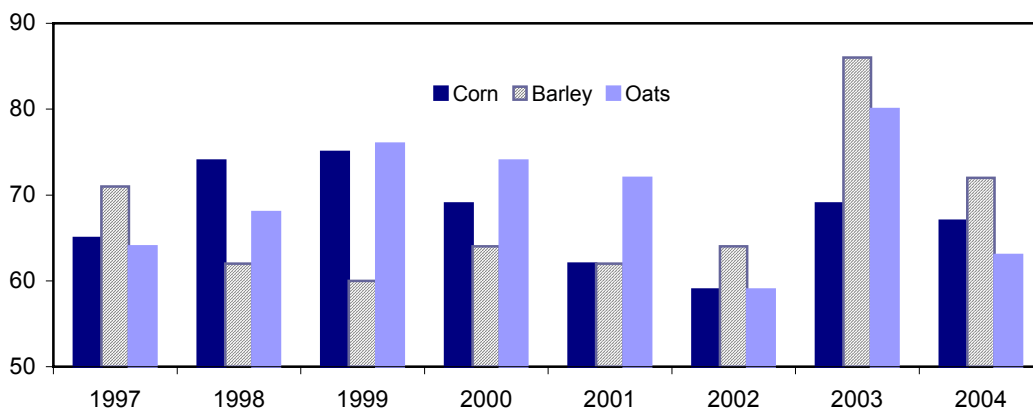
No changes were made to the 2004/05 domestic feed grain production or use. The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will release the first survey-based estimates of 2004/05 crop acreage next month.

Global coarse grains production projected for 2004/05 is up 1 million tons this month to 932 million, because of increased corn production prospects in Ukraine. Beginning stocks are up almost 2 million tons because of an increase in China's 2003/04 corn production and ending stocks. Projected 2004/05 world coarse grain use is up only 1.3 million tons, leaving ending stocks up 1.4 million to 105.4 million. World coarse grains trade is up 0.7 million tons this month to 102 million tons, mostly because of increased corn exports from Ukraine.

Figure 1

Feed grain crop conditions down from 2003/04

Percent of crop good and excellent
as of week ending June 6



Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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2004/05 Feed Grain Production Remains at 283.8 Million Tons

The only change made to the 2004/05 balance sheet was a 5-million-bushel increase in barley supply, a result of greater carryin. Feed grain supplies are 311 million tons.

Minor Changes for 2003/04

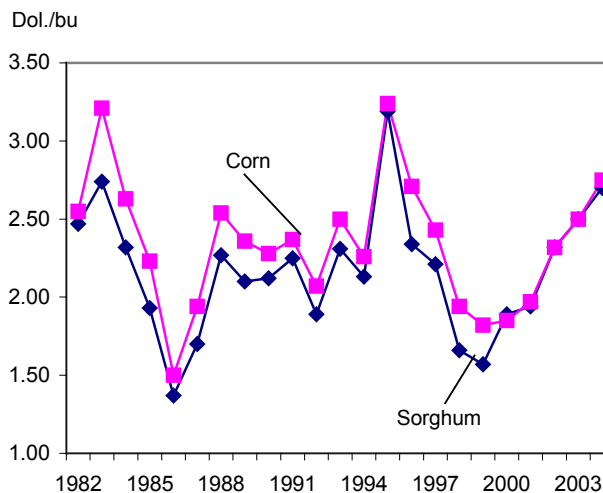
The following changes were made for the 2003/04 marketing year.

- Sorghum feed and residual use raised from 175 million bushels to 185 million. This was offset by a 10 million bushel reduction in sorghum exports.
- Sorghum price was lowered 5-cents on both ends to \$2.40-\$2.50 per bushel.
- Barley imports were raised 5 million bushels to 20 million resulting in a 5-million-bushel increase in ending stocks.
- Oats exports were raised 500,000 bushels to 2.5 million bushels.

Feed and Residual Use Unchanged

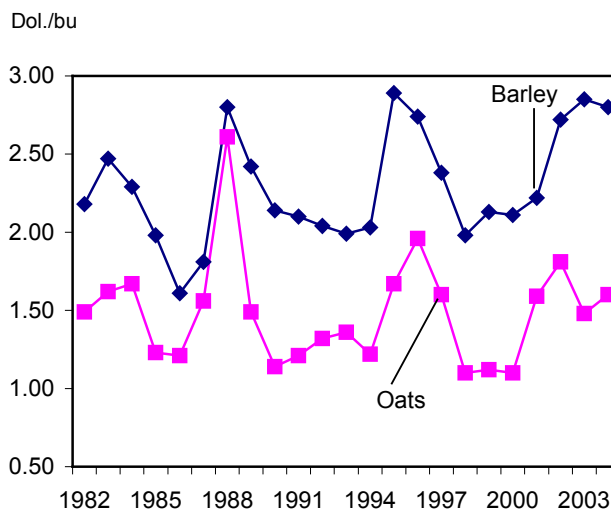
On a September-August basis, 2004/05 feed and residual of the four feed grains plus feed wheat is unchanged at 160.5 million tons, up slightly from the previous year. The index of grain consuming animal units (GCAU) was lowered fractionally to 87.7 million units. Feed consumed per GCAU is 1.83 tons, up from 1.78 in 2003/04.

Figure 2
Average farm prices for corn and sorghum



Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Figure 3
Average farm prices for barley and oats



Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

2004/05 World Coarse Grains Production Up Slightly This Month

Global coarse grains production projected for 2004/05 is up 1 million tons this month to 932 million because of increased corn production prospects in Ukraine. Because of good profits to corn last year, producers reportedly planted more corn and less barley in Ukraine. Corn area in Ukraine is projected to reach a 15-year high, boosting production prospects 1.6 million tons to 6.6 million. However, barley area is lower than expected, reducing production prospects 0.5 million tons to 9 million. There were few other changes in 2004/05 production. Australia reported intentions to plant more barley and less sorghum than anticipated. Algeria's barley crop increased slightly.

World coarse grain supplies for 2004/05 also increased because of an increase in forecast beginning stocks of corn in China. China's 2003/04 corn production and ending stocks increased almost 2 million tons.

2004/05 Global Coarse Grains Use Up Marginally

World coarse grains consumption is projected to reach 950 million tons, up 1.3 million this month. Ukraine, with increased corn production, is expected to use 0.7 million tons more coarse grains. Algeria, with slightly higher barley production, is expected to use it. Also, Turkey is expected to consume slightly more corn because of increased imports and higher stocks for 2003/04.

With global coarse grains production and use up about the same amount this month, the 1.4-million-ton increase in projected 2004/05 ending stocks is mostly the result of increased beginning stocks for China.

World Coarse Grains Trade Up Slightly

Global 2004/05 coarse grains trade (October-September trade year) is projected to reach 102 million tons, up less than 1 million this month. Ukraine is expected to increase corn exports 0.7 million tons to 1.5 million, but cut barley exports 0.3 million to 2 million. With a larger crop, Australia's

barley exports are up 0.3 million, offsetting the Ukraine change. There were very small changes to projected 2004/05 imports for several countries.

U.S. corn export forecasts remained unchanged this month at 53 million tons for 2004/05 (October-September trade year) and 52 million for 2003/04. A strong shipment pace in May 2004 and large outstanding sales at the beginning of June sustained the 2003/04 forecast.

Figure 4
Global ending corn stocks

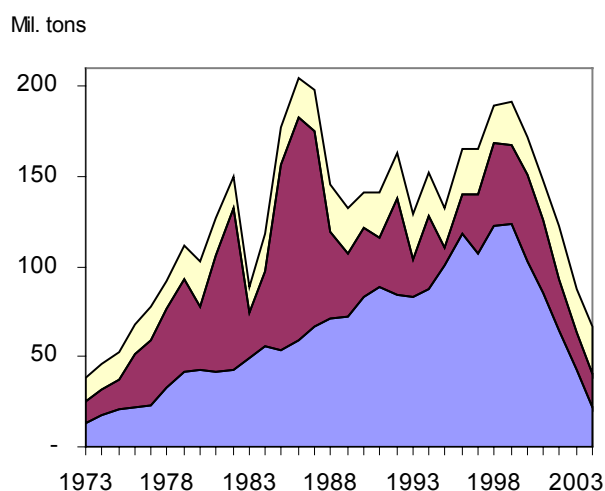
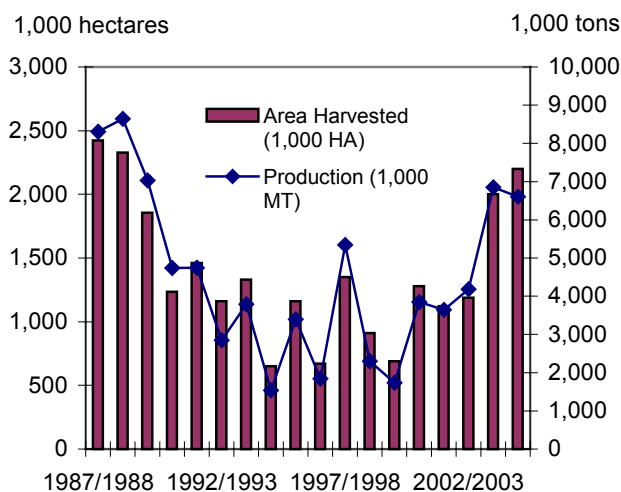


Figure 5
Ukraine recoups corn area and production



Source: Foreign Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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Table 1--Feed grains: Marketing year supply and disappearance 1/

Year/ Qtr.	Beg. stocks	Produc- tion	Im- ports	Supply	FSI	Feed & resid.	Ex- ports	Total disp.	End. stocks	Farm price
Corn:										
----Million bushels----										
2001/02										
Sep-Nov	1,899	9,503	2	11,404	492	2,199	448	3,139	8,265	1.86
Dec-Feb	8,265	---	2	8,266	482	1,540	448	2,471	5,795	1.96
Mar-May	5,795	---	4	5,799	539	1,166	497	2,203	3,597	1.93
June-Aug	3,597	---	2	3,599	532	958	512	2,002	1,596	2.16
Mkt. yr.	1,899	9,503	10	11,412	2,046	5,864	1,905	9,815	1,596	1.97
2002/03										
Sep-Nov	1,596	8,967	3	10,567	549	1,986	393	2,929	7,638	2.34
Dec-Feb	7,638	---	4	7,642	563	1,547	400	2,510	5,132	2.33
Mar-May	5,132	---	5	5,137	617	1,141	393	2,152	2,985	2.35
June-Aug	2,985	---	2	2,987	611	884	406	1,900	1,087	2.21
Mkt. yr.	1,596	8,967	14	10,578	2,340	5,558	1,592	9,491	1,087	2.32
2003/04										
Sep-Nov	1,087	10,114	2	11,203	598	2,178	473	3,249	7,954	2.17
Dec-Feb	7,954	---	4	7,957	617	1,570	500	2,687	5,271	2.42
Mkt. yr.	1,087	10,114	10	11,211	2,555	5,800	2,050	10,405	806	2.45-2.55
2004/05										
Mkt. yr.	806	10,425	15	11,246	2,680	5,725	2,100	10,505	741	2.55-2.95
Sorghum:										
2001/02										
Sep-Nov	42	514	0	556	6	173	63	242	314	1.86
Dec-Feb	314	---	0	314	6	36	78	120	194	1.84
Mar-May	194	---	0	194	6	29	53	89	105	1.78
June-Aug	105	---	0	105	5	-8	47	45	61	2.25
Mkt. yr.	42	514	0	556	23	230	242	495	61	1.94
2002/03										
Sep-Nov	61	361	0	422	5	134	51	190	232	2.43
Dec-Feb	232	---	0	232	5	17	47	69	163	2.38
Mar-May	163	---	0	163	8	33	40	81	82	2.21
June-Aug	82	---	0	82	6	-15	48	39	43	2.13
Mkt. yr.	61	361	0	422	24	169	186	379	43	2.32
2003/04										
Sep-Nov	43	411	0	454	7	151	61	218	236	2.26
Dec-Feb	236	---	0	236	6	15	56	77	159	2.44
Mkt. yr.	43	411	0	454	25	185	200	410	44	2.40-2.50
2004/05										
Mkt. yr.	44	455	0	499	35	190	225	450	49	2.50-2.90

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Table 1--Feed grains: Marketing year supply and disappearance (cont.) 1/

Year/ Qtr.	Beg. stocks	Produc- tion	Im- ports	Supply	FSI	Feed & resid.	Ex- ports	Total disp.	End. stocks	Farm price
Barley:										
-----Million bushels----										
2001/02										
June-Aug	106	248	8	362	44	62	11	117	245	2.24
Sep-Nov	245	---	5	250	39	9	7	55	195	2.27
Dec-Feb	195	---	6	201	37	17	5	59	142	2.16
Mar-May	142	---	5	147	52	0	3	55	92	2.16
Mkt. yr.	106	248	24	379	172	88	26	286	92	2.22
2002/03										
June-Aug	92	227	9	328	44	54	7	104	224	2.48
Sep-Nov	224	---	3	227	39	11	7	57	170	2.68
Dec-Feb	170	---	5	175	37	6	8	51	123	2.88
Mar-May	123	---	2	125	53	-6	9	56	69	2.85
Mkt. yr.	92	227	18	337	173	65	30	268	69	2.72
2003/04										
June-Aug	69	276	3	349	44	60	3	107	242	2.89
Sep-Nov	242	---	4	246	38	1	9	48	198	2.84
Dec-Feb	198	---	5	203	37	9	6	52	151	2.80
Mkt. yr.	69	276	15	360	172	65	20	257	103	2.85
2004/05										
Mkt. yr.	103	255	20	378	172	80	25	277	101	2.60-3.00
Oats:										
2001/02										
June-Aug	73	118	18	208	17	74	1	92	116	1.29
Sep-Nov	116	---	48	165	17	33	1	50	114	1.59
Dec-Feb	114	---	18	132	15	23	1	39	93	1.92
Mar-May	93	---	12	105	24	18	0	42	63	1.99
Mkt. yr.	73	118	96	286	72	148	2.8	223	63	1.59
2002/03										
June-Aug	63	116	14	193	17	63	0	81	112	1.70
Sep-Nov	112	---	41	152	17	31	1	48	104	1.82
Dec-Feb	104	---	23	127	15	28	1	44	83	2.05
Mar-May	83	---	18	101	23	28	0	51	50	2.01
Mkt. yr.	63	116	95	274	72	150	2.7	224	50	1.81
2003/04										
June-Aug	50	145	21	216	17	66	1	84	132	1.47
Sep-Nov	132	---	28	160	17	23	1	41	119	1.38
Dec-Feb	119	---	20	139	15	28	1	44	95	1.53
Mkt. yr.	50	145	90	284	73	145	2.0	220	64	1.48
2004/05										
Mkt. yr.	64	130	90	284	74	145	3.0	222	62	1.45-1.75

Totals may not add due to rounding.

1/ Corn and sorghum are on a September 1 to August 31 marketing year.

Barley and oats are on a June 1 to May 31 marketing year.

Source: Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Table 2--Feed and residual use of wheat and coarse grains

Year beginning Sept. 1	Corn	Sorg.	Barley	Oats	Feed grains	Wheat	Total grains	Animal units	Feed/ animal unit
----- Million metric tons -----								Mil.	Tons
2002/03									
Sep-Nov	50.5	3.4	0.2	0.6	54.7	-2.1	52.6		
Dec-Feb	39.3	0.4	0.1	0.5	40.3	0.3	40.7		
Mar-May	29.0	0.8	-0.1	0.4	30.1	-0.2	30.0		
June-Aug	22.4	-0.4	1.3	1.0	24.4	8.4	32.8		
Mkt. yr.	141.2	4.3	1.5	2.5	149.5	6.5	156.0	88.3	1.77
2003/04									
Sep-Nov	55.3	3.8	0.0	0.4	59.6	-1.3	58.2		
Dec-Feb	39.9	0.4	0.2	0.5	40.9	0.0	40.9		
Mkt. yr.	147.3	4.7	1.3	2.3	155.7	4.7	159.6	89.4	1.78
2004/05									
Mkt. yr.	145.4	4.8	1.7	2.3	154.3	6.2	160.5	87.7	1.83

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service.

Table 3--Cash feed grain prices

	Corn, No. 2, Yel, Ctrl. IL 1/	Corn, No. 2, Yel, Gulf ports 1/	Sorghum, No. 2, Yel, Texas High Plains 1/	Sorghum, No. 2, Yel, Gulf ports 1/	Barley, No. 2, feed, Duluth 2/	Barley, No. 3 or better, Malting, Minn. 2/	Oats, No. 2, Heavy white, Minn. 2/
Mkt. yr.	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/cwt	\$/cwt	\$/bu	\$/bu	\$/bu
2000/01	1.91	2.29	3.87	4.35	1.47	2.37	NQ
2001/02	1.92	2.28	3.90	4.23	1.52	2.44	NQ
2002/03 3/	2.35	2.72	NQ	NQ	1.89	3.48	NQ
Monthly:							
2003:							
Jan.	2.29	2.69	4.55	5.01	2.00	3.94	2.30
Feb.	2.33	2.69	4.54	4.95	2.00	3.77	2.37
Mar.	2.31	2.67	4.39	4.78	2.00	3.81	2.05
Apr.	2.36	2.67	4.54	4.79	2.00	3.89	NQ
2004:							
Jan.	2.52	2.95	4.90	5.55	1.80	2.65	NQ
Feb.	2.73	3.12	5.17	5.71	1.80	2.60	NQ
Mar.	2.89	3.26	5.48	5.93	1.80	2.70	NQ
Apr. 3/	3.03	3.39	5.71	5.81	NQ	2.70	NQ

1/ Marketing year beginning September 1.

2/ Marketing year beginning June 1. 3/ Preliminary. NQ = No quote.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

Table 4--Selected feed and feed byproduct prices

	Soybean meal high protein Decatur, IL 1/	Cotton- seed meal, 41% slv. Memphis 1/	Corn gluten feed, IL pts. 1/	Corn gluten meal, IL pts. 1/	Meat & bone meal, Central U.S. 1/	Dists. ¹ dried grains, Lawrence- burg, IN 1/	Wheat midlgs, Kansas City 1/	Alfalfa farm price 2/
	\$/ton							
Mkt. yr.								
2000/01	174.15	145.17	58.89	248.43	177.19	84.47	61.77	88.90
2001/02	165.53	134.06	59.71	242.86	167.55	78.48	59.31	104.00
2002/03 3/	178.87	147.23	65.27	241.65	170.81	74.94	64.02	100.00
Monthly:								
2003:								
Jan.	167.40	167.50	68.25	239.75	169.80	83.50	70.20	98.50
Feb.	176.80	143.60	66.50	234.00	169.75	82.75	70.65	96.20
Mar.	175.40	142.40	66.25	230.70	180.50	85.00	64.80	96.70
Apr.	182.10	142.40	64.80	226.20	172.70	56.00	50.00	96.50
2004:								
Jan.	252.15	188.00	101.63	360.63	118.33	125.00	90.58	83.60
Feb.	265.88	193.00	99.50	371.25	139.81	119.00	80.37	84.70
Mar.	301.14	205.10	83.20	383.00	270.00	120.00	82.34	85.90
Apr. 3/	265.88	205.10	83.20	383.00	270.00	120.00	82.34	92.70

1/ Marketing year beginning September 1. 2/ Marketing year beginning May 1. 3/ Preliminary. NQ=No quote.

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service and National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Table 5--Corn: Food and industrial uses

Year	HFCS	Glucose	Starch	---Alcohol---		Cereals & other products	Total food & industrial
		and dex.		Fuel	Bev. & Mfg.		
Million bushels							
2002/03							
Sep-Nov	126.6	54.5	63.5	225.9	32.0	46.5	549.0
Dec-Feb	121.1	49.9	63.0	249.3	33.6	46.5	563.3
Mar-May	139.7	56.0	64.1	256.5	35.1	47.0	598.4
June-Aug	144.4	59.0	65.0	263.8	30.3	47.0	609.5
Mkt. year	531.8	219.3	255.7	995.5	131.0	186.9	2,320.2
2003/04							
Sep-Nov	127.6	57.7	65.4	268.7	32.3	46.7	598.4
Dec-Feb	120.4	51.5	65.9	298.1	33.8	46.7	616.5
Mkt. year	535.0	225.0	260.0	1,195.0	132.0	188.0	2,535.0
2004/05							
Mkt. year	541.0	232.0	265.0	1,300.0	133.0	189.0	2,660.0

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service.

Table 6--Wholesale corn milling product and byproduct prices

	Corn meal, yellow, New York \$/cwt	Brewers' grits, Chicago \$/cwt	Sugar, dextrose, Midwest cents/lb	HFCS, 42% tank cars, Midwest cents/lb	Corn starch, fob Midwest 3/ \$/cwt
Mkt. yr. 1/					
2000/01	15.85	11.75	16.83	9.25	12.44
2001/02	15.74	11.75	18.61	10.58	12.46
2002/03 2/	16.45	12.86	20.36	11.65	13.21
Monthly					
2003:					
Feb.	16.61	12.50	20.88	11.50	12.82
Mar.	16.42	12.31	20.88	11.50	13.03
Apr.	16.82	12.70	20.88	11.50	13.06
May	16.94	12.83	20.88	11.50	13.24
2004:					
Feb.	17.64	13.54	21.98	12.75	12.67
Mar.	17.89	13.79	22.23	12.75	13.21
Apr.	18.13	14.03	21.98	12.75	13.75
May 2/	17.67	13.58	21.98	12.75	14.11

1/ Marketing year beginning September 1. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Bulk-industrial, unmodified.

Source: [Milling and Baking News](#).

Table 7--U.S. feed grains imports by country of origin

Country/region	-----2001/2002-----		-----2002/2003-----		2003/2004
	Mkt. yr.	June-April	Mkt. yr.	June-April	June-April
Oats:					
			Thousand tons		
Canada	1,138	1,119	843	802	1,132
Finland	264	216	360	339	172
Sweden	217	217	381	381	145
Total 1/	1,654	1,566	1,640	1,555	1,449
Barley, malting:					
Canada	488	467	317	310	275
Total 1/	489	467	360	353	354
Barley, other: 2/					
Canada	32	27.3	42	38	42
Total 1/	32	27.3	42	38	42

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding. 2/ Mainly consists of barley for feeding and also includes seed barley.

Source: Bureau of the Census, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

Table 8--U.S. feed grain exports by selected destinations 1/

Country/region	-----2001/02-----		-----2002/03-----		2003/2004
	Mkt. yr.	Sept.-April.	Mkt. yr.	Sept.-April	Sept.-April
1,000 metric tons					
Corn:					
Japan	14,893	9,468	14,508	9,717	9,943
Mexico	4,464	3,332	5,255	3,887	4,123
Taiwan	4,680	3,079	4,014	2,977	3,318
Egypt	4,468	2,625	2,702	1,302	2,329
S. Korea	1,355	944	270	206	1,499
Canada	3,909	2,290	3,923	2,712	1,372
Colombia	1,698	1,086	1,585	1,062	1,223
Venezuela	460	131	608	344	374
Algeria	1,367	965	898	657	921
Saudi Arabia	714	489	131	128	263
Dominican Republic	1,030	660	937	676	458
Israel	832	500	268	133	1,030
Syria	786	471	517	260	446
Turkey	747	442	981	184	100
Morocco	600	393	76	--	376
Costa Rica	463	306	529	335	368
Tunisia	714	505	123	74	426
Peru	261	156	42	27	65
Iran	63	63	--	--	--
Sub-Saharan Africa	695	366	339	293	110
Former USSR	86	74	--	--	26
Chile	34	24	--	--	19
EU	26	13	8	6	31
East Europe	15	15	--	--	10
China	20	20	--	--	--
Others	3,790	2,660	2,599	1,727	3,021
Total	48,172	31,076	40,315	26,706	31,852
Sorghum:					
Mexico	4,653	3,469	3,194	2,109	1,753
Japan	1,264	926	1,015	869	918
Israel	30	30	39	14	122
EU	9	9	182	--	810
Others	71	28	104	58	85
Total	6,027	4,462	4,535	3,050	3,688
-----2001/2002-----					
-----2002/2003-----					
2003/2004					
	Mkt. yr.	June-April	Mkt. yr.	June-April	June-April
Barley:					
Saudi Arabia	--	--	--	--	113
Japan	293	288	358	316	216
Mexico	70	64	25	25	15
Taiwan	--	--	--	--	--
Canada	94	90	195	178	31
Other	113	98	73	56	141
Total	571	539	650	575	403

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: Bureau of the Census, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.