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#### **Highlights**

- 1999/2000 Winter wheat acreage drops for third year in a row
  - Ending stocks forecast up
  - U.S. export forecast reduced 1 million tons this month
  - NASS publishes final estimates for field crops 1992-97
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The first indication of winter wheat plantings for 1999/2000 is much lower than expected, which may strengthen new-crop price prospects for wheat. However, price strength will be limited by continued large 1998/99 supplies and weak demand. Projected 1998/99 carryout stocks, at 900 million bushels, are up this month because of a reduction of 25 million bushels in feed and residual use and a 50-million-bushel reduction in wheat export projections for 1998/99. The season-average farm price is now forecast at \$2.65 - \$2.75 per bushel, compared with \$3.38 in 1997/98.

#### **Winter Wheat Acreage Drops for Third Year in a Row**

Planted winter wheat area for the 1999 crop is estimated at 43.4 million acres, the lowest since 1972/73 and down 7 percent from 1998. Apparently, farmers responded to low prices last fall by planting less wheat. While some of the area seeded to winter wheat a year earlier will be planted to other crops such as oilseeds and feed grains, some will likely be left fallow, especially in the drier sections of the Great Plains. Also, some of the area in Montana and the Pacific Northwest will likely be planted to spring wheat.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is about 30.9 million acres, down 5 percent from 1998. Most HRW States have a smaller seeded area this year. Nebraska and Texas were notable exceptions, each having increases of 100,000 acres. The largest decline occurred in Montana where area is down 25 percent from 1988 to 350,000 acres, the smallest since 1937. Poor weather probably prevented some planting of HRW wheat in Montana, and these acres may be planted with spring wheats or barley in 1999.

The Soft Red Winter (SRW) area, pegged at 9.0 million acres, is down 1.2 million acres or 12 percent from 1998. About three-fourths of the drop occurred in the soft red belt stretching from Arkansas to Ohio. Also, nearly all of the SRW producing States in the Southeast have fewer seeded acres.

White Winter (WW) wheat seeded area totals 3.48 million acres, down 11 percent from 1998. The major producing States in the Pacific Northwest account for most of the decline. Idaho's area is the lowest since 1962. The State of Washington had the largest absolute decline, losing about 300,000 acres of winter wheat. Michigan is the only WW wheat producing State with an increase in area seeded.

Crop conditions are generally favorable across the Plains, with emergence spotty in Montana. About 72 percent of the crop in Kansas was rated good or excellent at the end of December. Overall, 72 percent of the U.S. winter wheat crop was rated good to excellent on November 29, 1998, the same as a year earlier. Lack of snow cover is a concern in some areas as colder weather moves in.

### **Ending Stocks Forecast Up**

December 1 wheat stocks were 1.9 billion bushels, up 17 percent from a year earlier and the largest since 1990/91. The large stocks indicate there was less feed and residual in the first 6 months, so the annual feed and residual forecast for 1998/99 has been reduced 25 million bushels to 350 million. Lower winter wheat plantings resulted in a 5-million-bushel drop in seed use.

Projected exports for 1998/99 were lowered 50 million bushels because of increased competition and lower global imports. Export projections for all classes of wheat except white were reduced this month, reflecting the sluggish export pace for those classes. Season-to-date white shipments have been relatively strong. HRW exports are projected at 493 million bushels, down 27 million bushels from last month. HRS export projections have been reduced 10 million bushels to 280 million bushels, SRW export projections have been reduced 10 million bushels to 75 million, and durum export projections have been reduced 3 million bushels this month to 37 million.

Together, these changes translate into a 73-million-bushel gain in projected U.S. ending stocks for 1998/99 over last month. Ending stocks for 1998/99 are projected at 900 million bushels, 24 percent above 1997/98.

### ***U.S. Export Forecast Reduced 1 Million Tons This Month***

The U.S. wheat export forecast was reduced 1 million tons for the 1998/99 July/June international year and 50 million bushels for the June/May U.S. marketing year. According to U.S. Export Sales, wheat shipments from June through December were 10 percent behind the year-ago pace, and outstanding sales lagged a year earlier by 20 percent. Commercial sales have not reached earlier anticipations. Over the final 5 months of the marketing year the export pace is expected to be much stronger than a year ago because of the large food aid shipment program. The export forecast assumes that all announced wheat aid shipments will occur before the end of 1998/99. This includes the 2.5 million tons announced by USDA on October 28, 1998, and 1.7 million tons to Russia. As of the end of December only a small portion of the food aid allocations had been shipped.

U.S. commercial sales have been plagued by stronger than expected competition and anemic demand. This month, import forecasts for the Philippines and Venezuela were reduced because of the slow pace of purchases. World wheat trade in 1998/99 is expected to fall to 97.5 million tons, the lowest in 12 years. Even though production is forecast down 24 million tons (29 percent) in the former Soviet Union and down 13 million tons (11 percent) in China, these two regions combined are expected to increase imports by less than 2 million tons, and that will be food aid to Russia. Reduced demand and lack of foreign exchange limit commercial imports by Russia, and large grain stocks

mitigate the need for imports by China. These two nations used to be the world's leading wheat importers, but now, even with sharply reduced production, they are not.

Competition in the international wheat market for the remainder of 1998/99 may be more intense than anticipated earlier because Argentina's wheat production prospects have improved with timely rainfall. Argentina's production forecast is up 3 percent this month and exports are 0.5 million tons higher. Despite reduced production this year, larger than expected early-season shipments of wheat by Russia were the basis for increasing exports by 0.25 million tons.

### ***NASS Publishes Final Estimates for Field Crops for 1992-97***

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) published revised acreage yield, and production estimates for field crops for 1992-97 in December 1998 (Field Crops--Final Estimates 1992-97, Stat. Bul. No. 947). The final estimates of acreage, yield, and production by type of wheat are presented in Table A for the years 1992-98. Estimates are unchanged for the crop years 1992-94, and the most significant changes occurred for the 1997 crop where production of all wheat was reduced by 45.1 million bushels. This drop reflects decreases for winter wheat (-37.1 million bushels) and other spring wheat (-9.6 million bushels) and an increase for durum wheat (+1.6 million bushels).

Table A--Wheat: Estimated acreage, yield, and production, 1992-97 1/

Year	Planted Harvested Yield Production			Planted Harvested Yield Production				
	---1,000 ac---	Bu/ac	1,000 bu.	---1,000 ac---	Bu/ac	1,000 bu.		
	-----All wheat-----			-----Durum wheat-----				
1992	72,219	62,761	39.3	2,466,798	2,547	2,519	39.7	99,906
1993	72,168	62,712	38.2	2,396,440	2,241	2,100	33.6	70,476
1994	70,349	61,770	37.6	2,320,981	2,823	2,715	35.6	96,947
1995	69,031*	60,955*	35.8	2,182,708*	3,436	3,356	30.5	102,280
1996	75,105*	62,819*	36.3*	2,277,388*	3,630	3,556	32.6	116,090
1997	70,412*	62,840*	39.5*	2,481,466*	3,310*	3,177*	27.6*	87,783*
	-----Winter wheat-----			-----Other spring wheat-----				
1992	50,922	42,123	38.2	1,609,284	18,750	18,119	41.8	757,608
1993	51,587	43,811	40.2	1,760,143	18,340	16,801	33.7	565,281
1994	49,197	41,355	40.2	1,661,943	18,329	17,700	31.8	562,291
1995	48,591*	40,987*	37.7	1,545,303*	17,004*	16,612*	32.2	535,125*
1996	51,445*	39,574*	37.1*	1,469,618*	20,030*	19,689*	35.1	691,680*
1997	47,985*	41,340*	44.6*	1,845,528*	19,117*	18,323*	29.9	548,155*

1/ Historical data are available in Wheat Yearbook, WHS-1998, March 1998, p.40.

\* Indicates that estimate has been revised based on changes at the state level.

Final estimates of wheat production by class for crop years 1992-97 are presented in Table B. These estimates have been incorporated in the ERS data base, and this month's regular tables reflect these changes. Revised quarterly supply and disappearance estimates for marketing years 1992/93-1997/98 are presented in an expanded Table 3 this month.

Table B--Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 1992-97 1/

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Crop Year	All wheat	Hard red winter	Hard red spring	Soft red Winter	White Winter	White spring	Durum
Million bushels							
1992	2,466.798	967.220	706.710	426.665	215.409	50.898	99.906
1993	2,396.440	1,065.941	511.814	401.326	292.876	54.007	70.476
1994	2,320.981	971.161	515.315	438.204	252.587	46.976	96.747
1995	2,182.708*	825.011	474.795	455.568	264.724*	60.330*	102.280
1996	2,277.388*	759.324*	630.650*	419.757*	290.537*	61.030*	116.090
1997	2,481.466*	1,098.303*	491.324*	471.978*	275.238*	56.831*	87.783*

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1/Historical data are available in Wheat Yearbook, WHS-1998, March 1998, p.41.  
 \* Indicates that estimate has been revised based on changes at the state level.

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Table 1--Wheat: U.S. market year supply and disappearance, 1/12/99

Item	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96R	1996/97R	1997/98E	1998/99P
<b>Area (mil. ac.)</b>						
Nat'l. total base	89.6	88.9	88.5	87.9	N.A.	N.A.
Eff. base/ctr.acres	78.4	78.1	77.7	77.3	77.3	78.4
0,50/92/85	5.7	5.2	6.1	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
CRP base retired	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.6	10.1	9.7
Planted	72.2	70.3	69.0	75.1	70.4	65.9
Harvested	62.7	61.8	61.0	62.8	62.8	59.0
Yield (bu/ac)	38.2	37.6	35.8	36.3	39.5	43.2
<b>Supply (mil. bu.)</b>						
Beg. Stocks	530.7	568.5	506.6	376.0	443.6	722.5
Production	2,396.4	2,321.0	2,182.7	2,277.4	2,481.5	2,550.4
Imports 1/	108.8	91.9	67.9	92.3	94.8	90.0
Total supply	3,035.9	2,981.4	2,757.2	2,745.7	3,019.9	3,362.9
<b>Use</b>						
Food	871.7	853.0	882.9	890.8	916.7	925.0
Seed	96.3	89.0	103.5	102.3	92.6	88.0
Feed & Residual	271.7	344.5	153.7	307.6	248.0	350.0
Total domestic	1,239.7	1,286.6	1,140.1	1,300.7	1,257.2	1,363.0
Exports 1/	1,227.8	1,188.3	1,241.1	1,001.4	1,040.2	1,100.0
Total use	2,467.4	2,474.8	2,381.2	2,302.1	2,297.4	2,463.0
<b>Ending stocks</b>						
Farmer-Owned Res.	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CCC inventory 2/	150.0	142.0	118.0	93.0	94.0	95.0
Free stocks	412.5	364.6	258.0	350.6	628.5	804.9
Stocks-to-use ratio	23.0	20.5	15.8	19.3	31.4	36.5
<b>Prices (\$/bu.)</b>						
Target price	4.00	4.00	4.00	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Loan rate	2.45	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58
Contract rate 3/	1.03	0.61	0.00	0.87	0.63	0.66
Ave. farm price	3.26	3.45	4.55	4.30	3.38	---
Proj. range	---	---	---	---	---	2.65-2.75
<b>Contract pmts.</b>						
(mil. dollars)3/	1,904	1,146	100	1,976	1,426	1,523
<b>Market value</b>						
of production						
(mil. dollars)	7,812	8,007	9,787	9,793	8,387	6,886

Source: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, WAOB, USDA, 1/12/99. Totals may not add due to rounding. R--Revised, E--Estimated, P--Projected, N.A.--not applicable. 1/ Imports and exports include wheat flour and other wheat products expressed in wheat equivalent. 2/ Includes Food Security Reserve. 3/ Deficiency payments prior to 1996/97.

Table 2--Wheat supply and disappearance by class, 1/12/99 1/

1997/98E	HRW	HRS	SRW	White	Durum	All wheat
Area:	<u>Million acres</u>					
Planted	34.0	18.5	9.9	4.9	3.3	70.4
Harvested	28.7	17.5	8.7	4.8	3.2	62.8
	<u>Bushels per harvested acre</u>					
Yield	39.2	28.1	54.3	70.1	27.4	39.5
Supply:	<u>Million bushels</u>					
Beg. stocks	143	166	45	59	31	444
Production	1,098	491	472	332	88	2,481
Imports 2/	1	57	0	8	29	95
TOTAL	1,242	714	517	399	148	3,020
Utilization:						
Total domestic use	577	254	257	104	65	1,257
Exports 2/	358	240	180	205	57	1,040
TOTAL	935	494	437	309	122	2,297
Ending stocks	307	220	80	90	26	722
1998/99 (Projected)	HRW	HRS	SRW	White	Durum	All wheat
Area:	<u>Million acres</u>					
Planted	32.4	14.9	10.2	4.7	3.9	65.9
Harvested	27.3	14.4	9.1	4.5	3.7	59.0
	<u>Bushels per harvested acre</u>					
Yield	43.3	33.8	48.6	66.2	38.1	43.2
Supply:	<u>Million bushels</u>					
Beg. stocks	307	220	80	90	26	722
Production	1,182	487	443	298	141	2,550
Imports 2/	1	56	0	10	23	90
TOTAL	1,490	762	523	396	193	3,363
Utilization:						
Total domestic use	604	264	298	111	87	1,363
Exports 2/	493	280	75	215	37	1,100
TOTAL	1,096	544	373	326	124	2,463
Ending stocks	393	217	150	70	69	900

Source: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, WAOB, USDA.

Totals may not add due to rounding. E--Estimated, P--Projected. 1/ ERS estimates of area, yield, and domestic use. 2/ Imports and exports include flour and other products expressed in wheat equivalent.

Table 3--Wheat: Quarterly supply and disappearance (1,000 bu.), 1/12/99 1/

Market Year	Production	Imports 2/	Supply	Food	Seed	Feed	Exports 2/	Ending stocks
1992/93R:								
Jun-Aug	2,467	20	2,962	211	1	346	283	2,121
Sep-Nov	0	16	2,137	219	63	(82)	345	1,592
Dec-Feb	0	17	1,609	197	3	5	356	1,048
Mar-May	0	16	1,064	208	32	(75)	370	531
Mkt. yr.	2,467	70	3,012	835	99	194	1,354	531
1993/94R:								
Jun-Aug	2,396	15	2,942	211	1	296	301	2,133
Sep-Nov	0	30	2,163	225	61	(38)	329	1,586
Dec-Feb	0	27	1,613	211	2	39	332	1,028
Mar-May	0	37	1,065	224	32	(25)	266	568
Mkt. yr.	2,396	109	3,036	872	96	272	1,228	568
1994/95R:								
Jun-Aug	2,321	31	2,920	213	2	376	260	2,069
Sep-Nov	0	21	2,091	229	61	(29)	338	1,491
Dec-Feb	0	18	1,509	202	2	25	310	969
Mar-May	0	22	991	209	24	(28)	280	507
Mkt. yr.	2,321	92	2,981	853	89	345	1,188	507
1995/96R:								
Jun-Aug	2,183	23	2,712	215	8	305	303	1,881
Sep-Nov	0	16	1,897	232	64	(98)	361	1,338
Dec-Feb	0	12	1,350	216	3	13	294	823
Mar-May	0	17	841	220	28	(66)	283	376
Mkt. yr.	2,183	68	2,757	883	103	154	1,241	376
1996/97R:								
Jun-Aug	2,277	15	2,668	224	9	378	334	1,724
Sep-Nov	0	21	1,745	234	60	(76)	308	1,219
Dec-Feb	0	27	1,246	213	2	30	179	822
Mar-May	0	30	852	221	32	(24)	180	444
Mkt. yr.	2,277	92	2,746	891	102	308	1,001	444
1997/98E:								
Jun-Aug	2,481	23	2,948	228	3	352	288	2,076
Sep-Nov	0	23	2,099	239	59	(113)	296	1,619
Dec-Feb	0	24	1,643	220	2	(1)	255	1,167
Mar-May	0	26	1,192	230	29	10	201	722
Mkt. yr.	2,481	95	3,020	917	93	248	1,040	722
1998/99P:								
Jun-Aug	2,550	24	3,297	226	1	427	257	2,385
Sep-Nov	0	23	2,408	244*	55	(88)	305	1,892
Mkt. yr.	2,550	90	3,362	925	88	350	1,100	900

Totals may not add due to rounding. R--Revised, E--Estimated, P--Projected.

1/ Data have been revised based on final acreage, yield, production and stock estimates released by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

2/ Imports and exports include flour and selected products expressed in wheat equivalent.

\*Estimate based on projected mill grinds for October and November.

Table 4--Wheat: Food disappearance (1,000 bu.), 1996/97--1998/99, 1/12/99

<b>1996/97</b>		June	July	August	September	October	November
Mill grind	+	77,655	73,619	77,406	75,099	82,670	73,694
Food imports	+	1,603	1,704	1,739	1,385	1,830	1,789
Non-flour							
food use	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports	-	2,114	2,121	1,772	3,161	2,648	2,846
Food use	=	79,144	75,202	79,372	75,323	83,853	74,637
		December	January	February	March	April	May
Mill grind	+	71,326	69,352	66,788	70,398	73,078	72,289
Food imports	+	1,957	1,570	1,526	1,646	1,630	1,807
Non-flour							
food use	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports	-	3,336	1,452	2,025	2,620	1,410	2,233
Food use		72,947	71,470	68,289	71,424	75,298	73,862
<b>1997/98</b>		June	July	August	September	October	November
Mill grind	+	72,062	76,140	75,591	78,077	82,392	75,058
Food imports	+	1,558	1,602	1,746	1,526	1,909	1,768
Non-flour							
food use	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports	-	1,858	2,977	1,841	3,322	2,823	1,896
Food use	=	73,763	76,765	77,495	78,280	83,478	76,929
		December	January	February	March	April	May
Mill grind	+	74,618	71,274*	70,709*	75,018*	72,668*	74,300*
Food imports	+	2,188	1,624	1,608	1,943	2,111	1,858
Non-flour							
food use	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports	-	3,323	1,569	2,910	1,522	1,410	1,160
Food use		75,483	73,329	71,407	77,439	75,368	76,998
<b>1998/99</b>		June	July	August	September	October	November
Mill grind	+	71,086*	71,461*	78,102*	75,101*	N.A.	N.A.
Food imports	+	1,914	1,886	2,064	1,744	2,076	N.A.
Non-flour							
food use	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	N.A.
Food exports	-	2,188	1,963	2,294	3,149	4,016	N.A.
Food use	=	72,812	73,384	79,872	75,697	N.A.	N.A.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census. Wheat flour and products converted to wheat grain equivalent. Non-flour food use is ERS estimate.

\*Estimated from Census' quarterly mill grind using 5-year seasonal patterns within each calendar quarter. Mill grind for the second calendar quarter of 1998 will be released by Census in early November. Monthly food use estimates since 1990/91 are available in ERS Autofax Document 12180. N.A.=not available.



Table 5--Wheat: Farm prices and prices at selected markets (\$/bu.), 1/12/99

Month	Farm prices							
	All wheat		Winter		Durum		Other spring	
	97/98	98/99	97/98	98/99	97/98	98/99	97/98	98/99
Jun	3.52	2.77	3.42	2.68	4.21	3.98	3.74	3.22
Jul	3.23	2.56	3.16	2.48	4.61	3.37	3.66	3.08
Aug	3.56	2.39	3.39	2.25	5.23	3.25	3.75	2.71
Sep	3.66	2.41	3.46	2.32	5.35	3.08	3.64	2.65
Oct	3.58	2.79	3.42	2.66	5.09	3.16	3.49	3.12
Nov	3.54	2.97	3.31	2.78	5.25	3.17	3.55	3.26
Dec 1/	3.44	2.90	3.24	2.73	5.16	3.05	3.51	3.20
Jan	3.32	.	3.16	.	5.02	.	3.45	.
Feb	3.27	.	3.16	.	4.71	.	3.34	.
Mar	3.33	.	3.15	.	4.68	.	3.42	.
Apr	3.18	.	2.94	.	4.45	.	3.41	.
May	3.06	.	2.90	.	4.29	.	3.31	.
Month	KC HRW #1 ordinary		KC HRW #1 13% prot.		St. Louis #2 SRW		Portland #1 soft white	
	97/98	98/99	97/98	98/99	97/98	98/99	97/98	98/99
Jun	4.08	3.16	4.19	3.57	3.46	2.66	4.20	2.93
Jul	3.57	3.02	3.80	3.57	3.34	2.43	3.85	2.72
Aug	3.84	2.74	4.11	3.12	3.64	2.26	4.10	2.66
Sep	3.86	2.81	4.07	3.17	3.62	2.12	4.12	2.69
Oct	3.88	3.30	4.09	3.67	3.58	2.23	3.98	3.15
Nov	3.87	3.42	4.09	3.89	3.57	2.41	3.88	3.15
Dec	3.72	.	4.01	.	3.53	.	3.79	.
Jan	3.61	.	3.80	.	3.87	.	3.67	.
Feb	3.64	.	3.86	.	3.32	.	3.58	.
Mar	3.61	.	3.94	.	3.24	.	3.56	.
Apr	3.39	.	3.82	.	3.05	.	3.34	.
May	3.41	.	3.75	.	2.89	.	3.28	.
Month	Minneapolis DNS 14% prot.		Minneapolis #1 durum		FOB Gulf \$/ton (HRW)		Average EEP bonus \$/ton 2/	
	97/98	98/99	97/98	98/99	97/98	98/99	97/98	98/99
Jun	4.44	4.01	5.38	5.00	148.44	120.52	0.00	0.00
Jul	4.36	3.89	5.93	4.59	139.99	117.95	0.00	0.00
Aug	4.49	3.58	6.39	4.20	151.75	108.76	0.00	0.00
Sep	4.36	3.53	6.69	3.78	149.91	108.03	0.00	0.00
Oct	4.35	4.03	6.52	4.04	152.85	126.03	0.00	0.00
Nov	4.42	4.15	6.38	4.15	150.28	131.18	0.00	0.00
Dec	4.27	.	6.55	.	145.14	.	0.00	.
Jan	4.12	.	5.60	.	138.89	.	0.00	.
Feb	4.15	.	5.64	.	139.99	.	0.00	.
Mar	4.26	.	5.81	.	139.26	.	0.00	.
Apr	4.29	.	5.63	.	130.44	.	0.00	.
May	4.24	.	5.15	.	128.60	.	0.00	.

1/ Mid-month price for current month of the 1998/99 marketing year.

2/ Weighted average, all classes.

Source: NASS & AMS, USDA.

Table 6--Wheat: Exports and imports for last six months, 1/12/99

U.S. wheat exports, (1,000 bu.) 1998						
Item	May	June	July	August	September	October
Wheat grain	68,359	67,372	86,605	96,694	90,507	109,168
Wheat flour	924	1,971	1,735	2,025	2,912	3,773
Products	371	218	396	272	344	510
Total	69,654	69,561	88,736	98,961	93,763	113,451

  

U.S. wheat imports, (1,000 bu.) 1998						
Item	May	June	July	August	September	October
Wheat grain	6,837	5,391	6,090	6,771	4,770	7,585
Wheat flour	508	590	601	568	711	661
Products	1,351	1,501	1,285	1,498	1,035	1,416
Total	8,696	7,482	7,976	8,837	6,516	9,662

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census. Wheat flour and products converted to wheat grain equivalent. Totals may not add due to rounding. Monthly and quarterly estimates since 1995/96 are available in ERS Autofax Document 12181, and that document will be updated on or about **10/20/98**.

Table 7--Wheat: U.S. exports, Census and Export Sales comparison, 1/12/99

	1996/97		1997/98		1998/99 (as of 1/7/99)		
	Shipments				Ship- ments	Outstanding sales	Total
Data Source	Census	Export Sales	Census	Export Sales	Export Sales		
Country:	--1,000 metric tons--						
Algeria	350	350	198	172	369	0	369
China	1,003	1,065	285	380	129	10	139
Egypt	2,684	2,825	4,837	4,982	2,718	185	2,903
FSU	408	288	448	275	89	0	89
Japan	3,325	3,264	3,169	3,373	1,611	613	2,224
S. Korea	1,544	1,646	1,446	1,400	825	271	1,096
Morocco	443	421	516	597	129	0	129
Nigeria	590	698	730	817	763	88	851
Pakistan	2,027	1,973	2,180	2,232	794	0	794
Philippines	1,772	1,876	1,458	1,531	1,108	210	1,317
Total grain	26,516	25,964	27,295	27,518	16,143	3,264	19,407
Total (incl products) 1/	27,254	26,127	28,308	27,626	16,197	3,298	19,496
USDA forecast of Census							29,937

Source: U.S. Export Sales, FAS, USDA. 1/ Grain equivalent basis.