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NOTE: This report presents USDA's initial assessment of U.S. and world crop supply and demand prospects and U.S. price prospects for the 1998/99 season. Also presented are first projections of U.S. livestock product supply, use, and prices for the new year (1999 for animal products and 1998/99 for milk). Projections are based on economic analysis, trends, and judgement.

Because planting of spring crops is still underway in the Northern Hemisphere and remains several months away in the Southern Hemisphere, these projections are highly tentative. Substantial variation may result from weather developments, economic factors, and policy changes. National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) forecasts are used for U.S. winter wheat. For other U.S. crops, the March 31 NASS *Prospective Plantings* report is used for planted acreage, and methods used to project harvested acreage and yield are noted on each table.

WHEAT: The outlook for U.S. 1998/99 wheat is for a smaller crop, increased use, little change in ending stocks, but lower prices. Total production is projected down 7 percent from 1997/98 to 2,356 million bushels because of lower area and yield. The survey-based forecast of winter wheat production is down 9 percent, and the March *Prospective Plantings* acreage estimate and average yields result in a reduced spring wheat crop (including durum).

U.S. 1998/99 supplies are up 5 percent because of larger carryin stocks. Domestic use is projected up 60 million bushels because of higher feed and residual use, and exports are up 90 million, leaving ending stocks largely unchanged from the forecast carryin level. The projected price range is \$3.05 to \$3.45, compared with \$3.40 estimated for 1997/98.

Forecast U.S. 1997/98 ending stocks are up 40 million bushels from last month because of reductions of 25 million bushels in feed and residual use and 15 million in exports.

Global 1998/99 wheat production is projected down around 2 percent from a year earlier because of reduced area and yield in a number of countries. Global import demand is expected to remain weak as several major importers expect larger crops than a year earlier. Competition for markets will remain fierce. Lower supplies are expected in Argentina and Canada, but the EU crop will rise and Australia's crop is expected to be similar to 1997/98.

COARSE GRAINS: The outlook for U.S. 1998/99 feed grains is for larger supplies, expanding use, larger stocks, and lower prices. The U.S. 1998/99 corn crop is projected at 9.64 billion bushels, up almost 275 million from 1997/98, and second only to 10.1 billion in 1994/95. The March *Prospective Plantings* area and a trend yield of 129.6 bushels per acre are assumed.

Total U.S. 1998/99 corn supplies are up 6 percent because of the larger crop and higher carryin stocks. Domestic feed and residual use and industrial use will increase, but the rate of expansion will be less than in 1997/98. Also, U.S. corn exports will rebound because of less competition from Eastern Europe. However, continued strong competition from Argentina and China and slow Asian demand will limit gains. Thus, total use is expected to rise only 3 percent, leaving ending stocks up 350 million bushels to 1.61 billion. The projected price range for corn is \$2.05 to \$2.45 per bushel.

Forecast 1997/98 U.S. corn ending stocks are up 50 million bushels from last month because of an equal reduction in forecast exports. The price range for corn is down 5 cents on each end to \$2.40 to \$2.50 per bushel.

World 1998/99 supply, use, and ending stocks projections are up from a year earlier. While foreign production is expected to rise because of larger crops in China, output will be down across much of Europe. The EU, however, will have very large carryin stocks and crops are expected to remain large in other major exporters. Also, Asian imports are projected to remain relatively weak.

RICE. U.S. rice production in 1998/99 is projected at 183 million cwt, up 2 percent from 1997/98. Area is based on NASS *Prospective Plantings*. Domestic use is projected to grow, although at a slower rate than earlier in the decade. Exports are projected at 83 million cwt, close to the revised 1997/98 level, as large exports of long-grain rice to Latin America continue. Rough rice exports are expected to approach the 1997/98 record. Ending stocks are projected up nearly 4 percent, to 25.3 million cwt. U.S. prices in are projected to remain firm and average between \$9.20 to \$10.20 per cwt, compared with \$9.60 to \$9.80 per cwt for 1997/98.

Global 1998/99 rice production is projected at a record 387 million tons as a return to normal global weather is assumed. World consumption and stocks are expected to be larger than 1997/98, while global exports are expected to be large, but lower than the 1997/98 record.

World rice production and ending stocks for 1997/98 are projected lower than a month ago, while trade is projected higher. The production decline reflects smaller crops in South America, the Philippines and Vietnam, while Thailand's rice crop is raised. The reduction in global stocks is due primarily to a revision in India's ending stocks series based on official data from India.

OILSEEDS: U.S. oilseed production in 1998/99 is projected up 2 percent to a record 86.2 million tons. Cottonseed production is the only oilseed projected to drop. U.S. soybean output is projected at a record 76.2 million tons or 2.8 billion bushels, up 3 percent from 1997/98. Plantings of 72 million acres would be record large and a yield of 39.5 bushels per acre would be the highest since the 1994/95 record of 41.4 bushels. With larger beginning stocks, total soybean supplies are projected to rise by 6 percent. With slower soybean crush and exports, soybean carryover stocks are forecast to climb to 410 million bushels, the highest since 1986/87.

Global oilseed production for 1998/99 is projected at a record 288.5 million tons, up about 5 million tons from 1997/98. Most of the gain will be in rapeseed and sunflowerseed, while soybean outturn will be little changed and cottonseed production will decline. Large South American crops currently being harvested will add to initial 1998/99 soybean supplies, particularly this fall. Global soybean meal consumption will slow, particularly in Asian markets. In contrast to soybeans and soybean meal, U.S. soybean oil exports are forecast to remain strong in 1998/99 as world supply-use balances will remain extremely tight.

U.S. soybean and soybean meal prices are projected to average sharply lower in 1998/99 while soybean and other vegetable oil prices will increase. Soybean prices are projected at \$4.75 to \$5.75 per bushel, down from \$6.45 in 1997/98 and the lowest in over 10 years. Soybean meal prices of \$145 to \$160 per short ton would be the lowest since the mid 1980's. Soybean oil prices are projected to range between 27 and 30 cents per pound.

Global production for 1997/98 is revised up slightly to 283.3 million, as Brazil's soybean crop and China's peanut crop are raised. U.S. soybean crush and soybean meal exports are higher this month, nearly offset by a 30-million-bushel drop in U.S. soybean exports, to 915 million.

SUGAR: U.S. sugar production in fiscal year 1998/99 is projected at 7.935 million short tons, raw value, 1 percent above 1997/98. U.S. beet sugar production is projected up 3 percent to 4.35 million tons. A return to average beet yields is projected to offset increased beet area. Sugar recovery from beets, at 14.6 percent, is projected on trend. Cane sugar is projected down 1.2 percent, to 3.585 million tons, based on unchanged sugarcane area and slightly lower per-acre yield and sugar recovery compared with 1997/98. Projected 1998/99 non-quota imports are unchanged from 1997/98. Exports

are lower based on continued narrow refiners' margins. Projected deliveries, at 10.075 million tons, are based on trend.

For 1997/98, Florida sugar production is increased 35,000 tons this month, based on end-of-season information from mills. The 1997/98 deliveries estimate is increased 50,000 tons, to 9.9 million tons, based on strong second-quarter consumer buying. The estimated end-of-season stocks to use ratio is 14.2 percent, compared with last month's 14.5 percent.

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND DAIRY: U.S. total red meat and poultry production in 1999 is projected to slightly exceed 1998's anticipated very high level. A large decline in beef output and a small decline in turkey production are expected to be more than offset by larger pork and broiler production. The drop in beef output is the result of the current downturn in the cattle inventory. An improved feed situation will help boost pork and broiler output from already high levels. Egg production is also expected to increase.

U.S. meat exports are projected to increase slightly in 1999. Large pork supplies at relatively low prices should help boost pork exports to some markets looking for low-cost products. Beef imports are likely to increase as U.S. beef output drops sharply. Cattle prices are projected to increase as beef supplies tighten. Helped by lower beef supplies, hog and broiler prices are expected to average near the anticipated 1998 levels.

An improved feed situation will help boost milk production about 1 percent in 1998/99 as higher output per cow more than offsets a decline in cow numbers. Modestly favorable demand is expected to boost commercial use in 1998/99, with use up a little more than 1 percent on a fat basis and nearly 2 percent on a skim solids basis. All of the surplus fat and most of the surplus skim is projected to be removed through the DEIP. The all-milk price in 1998/99 is likely to average a little below the anticipated 1997/98 level. Small adjustments are made this month to 1997/98 dairy estimates.

COTTON: The U.S. cotton outlook for 1998/99 includes sharply lower production, exports, and ending stocks relative to the current year. Production is projected at 16.7 million bales, down more than 10 percent. Domestic mill use of 11.5 million bales is unchanged from 1997/98, as rising textile imports offset expected growth in retail consumption. The export forecast of 6.0 million bales is down 20 percent, due to tighter U.S. supplies and more foreign competition.

World production is projected down 2.4 percent to 86.5 million bales. Projected consumption of 90.0 million bales, up 1.6 percent, reflects continued growth in world fiber use, partially offset by a declining cotton share. Projected 1998/99 world ending stocks are reduced nearly 10 percent.

For 1997/98, a marginal decrease in U.S. production of 37,000 bales this month is reflected in ending stocks. World production and exports are reduced, due mainly to heavy rain and flooding in Argentina. Consumption estimates are raised for Pakistan and Thailand. World ending stocks are reduced about 600,000 bales, with one-third of the reduction in China.

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World and U.S. Supply and Use for Oilseeds 1/
(Million Metric Tons)

Commodity	Output	Total Supply	Trade	Total Use 2/	Ending Stocks
World					
Oilseeds					
1996/97	261.69	283.92	49.00	219.25	16.95
1997/98 (Est.)	283.34	300.29	50.70	227.62	22.98
1998/99 (Proj.)					
May	288.50	311.50			
Oilmeals					
1996/97	149.41	156.30	50.01	150.71	5.83
1997/98 (Est.)	155.20	161.03	51.26	155.10	5.97
1998/99 (Proj.)					
May					
Vegetable Oils					
1996/97	75.31	82.66	28.21	74.75	7.10
1997/98 (Est.)	77.07	84.17	28.36	77.86	6.36
1998/99 (Proj.)					
May					
United States					
Oilseeds					
1996/97	74.83	81.45	24.63	44.13	4.64
1997/98 (Est.)	84.24	89.48	25.62	47.62	7.44
1998/99 (Proj.)					
May	86.18	94.12	25.90	48.27	11.86
Oilmeals					
1996/97	33.76	35.03	6.60	28.21	0.23
1997/98 (Est.)	36.13	37.62	7.91	29.44	0.27
1998/99 (Proj.)					
May	36.81	38.39	7.95	30.17	0.27
Vegetable Oils					
1996/97	8.47	11.19	1.61	8.62	0.96
1997/98 (Est.)	9.32	11.92	2.10	8.95	0.87
1998/99 (Proj.)					
May	9.49	11.89	2.09	9.05	0.76
Foreign 3/					
Oilseeds					
1996/97	186.86	202.47	24.36	175.12	12.30
1997/98 (Est.)	199.10	210.81	25.07	180.00	15.54
1998/99 (Proj.)					
May	202.32				
Oilmeals					
1996/97	115.66	121.27	43.41	122.50	5.60
1997/98 (Est.)	119.07	123.41	43.35	125.66	5.70
1998/99 (Proj.)					
May					
Vegetable Oils					
1996/97	66.84	71.47	26.60	66.13	6.14
1997/98 (Est.)	67.75	72.25	26.26	68.91	5.49
1998/99 (Proj.)					
May					

1/ Aggregate of local marketing years with Brazil and Argentina on an Oct.-Sept. year. 2/ Crush only for oilseeds. 3/ Total foreign is equal to world minus United States.

U.S. Wheat Supply and Use 1/

Item	1996/97		1997/98		1998/99 Projections	
			Est.			May
Area	Million acres					
Planted	75.6	71.0			67.0	*
Harvested	62.9	63.6			60.5	*
Yield per harvested acre	Bushels					
	36.3	39.7			38.9	*
	Million bushels					
Beginning stocks	376	444			766	
Production	2,285	2,527			2,356	
Imports	92	90			90	
Supply, total	2,753	3,060			3,211	
Food	891	915			925	
Seed	103	94			95	
Feed and residual	314	250			300	
Domestic, total	1,308	1,260			1,320	
Exports	1,001	1,035			1,125	
Use, total	2,310	2,294			2,445	
Ending stocks	444	766			766	
CCC inventory	93	93				
Free stocks	351	673				
Avg. farm price (\$/bu) 2/	4.30	3.40			3.05- 3.45	

U.S. Wheat by Class: Supply and Use

Year beginning June 1	Hard		Soft		Durum		Total
	Winter	Spring	Red	White			
1997/98 (estimated)	Million bushels						
Beginning stocks	143	166	45	59	31		444
Production	1,121	501	484	335	86		2,527
Supply, total 3/	1,265	721	529	403	143		3,060
Domestic use	560	255	269	107	69		1,260
Exports	367	235	180	205	48		1,035
Use, total	926	490	449	312	117		2,294
Ending stocks	May	338	231	80	91	26	766
	Apr	323	236	50	91	26	726

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year beginning June 1. 2/ Marketing-year weighted average price received by farmers. 3/ Includes imports. * Planted acres reported in March 31, 1998, Prospective Plantings. Harvested acres and yield for spring wheat (including durum) projected using harvested-to-planted ratios and yields by State for 1993-1997. Winter wheat harvested acreage and yield reported in May 12 Crop Production.

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 * Wheat-by-class projections for 1998/99 will first be published *
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U.S. Feed Grain and Corn Supply and Use 1/

Item	1998/99 Projections		
	1996/97	1997/98 Est.	May
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FEED GRAINS			
Area	Million acres		
Planted	104.5	102.4	101.7 *
Harvested	94.5	92.4	91.8 *
Yield per harvested acre	Metric tons		
	2.83	2.87	2.94
	Million metric tons		
Beginning stocks	14.4	27.0	36.6
Production	267.3	265.2	269.6
Imports	2.8	2.9	2.7
Supply, total	284.6	295.1	308.9
Feed and residual	156.9	161.9	163.6
Food, seed & industrial	49.1	52.4	53.6
Domestic, total	206.1	214.3	217.2
Exports	51.5	44.2	45.7
Use, total	257.6	258.5	262.9
Ending stocks, total	27.0	36.6	46.0
CCC inventory	0.1	0.0	
Free stocks	26.9	36.6	
Outstanding loans	5.0	5.8	
CORN			
Area	Million acres		
Planted	79.5	80.2	80.8 *
Harvested	73.1	73.7	74.4 *
Yield per harvested acre	Bushels		
	127.1	127.0	129.6 *
	Million bushels		
Beginning stocks	426	883	1,259
Production	9,293	9,366	9,640
Imports	13	10	10
Supply, total	9,733	10,259	10,909
Feed and residual	5,362	5,700	5,850
Food, seed & industrial	1,692	1,825	1,875
Domestic, total	7,054	7,525	7,725
Exports	1,795	1,475	1,575
Use, total	8,849	9,000	9,300
Ending stocks, total	883	1,259	1,609
CCC inventory	2	0	
Free stocks	881	1,259	
Outstanding loans	179	215	
Avg. farm price (\$/bu) 2/	2.71	2.40- 2.50	2.05- 2.45

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Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year beginning September 1 for corn and sorghum; June 1 for barley and oats. 2/ Marketing-year weighted average price received by farmers. * The planted acres estimate reported in March 31, 1998, Prospective Plantings. For corn: Harvested acres projected by using relationship between planted and harvested for 1995-97. Projected yield is derived from trend over 1960-97 period.

U.S. Sorghum, Barley and Oats Supply and Use 1/

Item	1998/99 Projections		
	1996/97	1997/98 Est.	May
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	Million bushels		
SORGHUM			
Area planted (mil. acres)	13.2	10.1	9.0 *
Area harv. (mil. acres)	11.9	9.4	8.0 *
Yield (bushels/acre)	67.5	69.5	68.5 *
Beginning stocks	18	47	41
Production	803	653	545
Imports	0	0	0
Supply, total	821	701	586
Feed	529	425	300
Food, seed & industrial	40	35	35
Total domestic	569	460	335
Exports	205	200	200
Use, total	774	660	535
Ending stocks, total	47	41	51
Avg. farm price (\$/bu) 2/	2.34	2.15- 2.25	1.90- 2.30
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BARLEY			
Area planted (mil. acres)	7.1	6.9	6.8 *
Area harv. (mil. acres)	6.8	6.4	6.4 *
Yield (bushels/acre)	58.5	58.3	59.8 *
Beginning stocks	100	109	112
Production	396	374	380
Imports	37	35	35
Supply, total	532	519	527
Feed	220	160	210
Food, seed & industrial	172	172	172
Total domestic	392	332	382
Exports	31	75	25
Use, total	423	407	407
Ending stocks, total	109	112	120
Avg. farm price (\$/bu) 2/	2.74	2.35	1.90- 2.30
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OATS			
Area planted (mil. acres)	4.7	5.2	5.2 *
Area harv. (mil. acres)	2.7	2.9	3.1 *
Yield (bushels/acre)	57.8	60.5	58.9 *
Beginning stocks	66	67	81
Production	155	176	180
Imports	97	110	100
Supply, total	319	353	361
Feed	155	175	175
Food, seed & industrial	95	95	95
Total domestic	250	270	270
Exports	3	2	2
Use, total	252	272	272
Ending stocks, total	67	81	89
Avg. farm price (\$/bu) 2/	1.96	1.60	1.05- 1.45

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year beginning September 1 for sorghum, June 1 for barley and oats. 2/ Marketing-year weighted average price received by farmers. * Planted acres reported in March 31, 1998, Prospective Plantings. Sorghum and barley: Harvested acres projected by using relationship between planted and harvested for 1995-97. For sorghum, barley, and oats projected yield derived from simple linear trend fit over 1960-97 period. Oats: Harvested acres reported in March 31, Prospective Plantings.

U.S. Rice Supply and Use 1/
(Rough Equivalent of Rough and Milled Rice)

Item	1998/99 Projections		
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
		Est.	May
TOTAL			
Area		Million acres	
Planted	2.82	3.06	3.09 *
Harvested	2.80	3.03	3.06 *
Yield per harvested acre		Pounds	
	6,121	5,896	5,980 *
		Million hundredweight	
Beginning stocks 2/	25.0	27.2	24.5
Production	171.3	178.9	183.0
Imports	10.0	9.3	9.8
Supply, total	206.3	215.4	217.2
Domestic & residual 3/	100.7	106.9	108.9
Exports, total 4/	78.4	84.0	83.0
Rough	12.6	25.0	23.0
Milled (rough equiv.)	65.9	59.0	60.0
Use, total	179.1	190.9	191.9
Ending stocks	27.2	24.5	25.3
Avg. farm price (\$/cwt) 5/	9.96	9.60- 9.80	9.20-10.20
LONG GRAIN			
Harvested acres (mil.)	1.96	2.26	
Yield (pounds/acre)	5,777	5,380	
Beginning stocks	10.1	14.1	11.2
Production	113.5	121.6	124.5
Supply, total 6/	132.3	144.0	144.5
Domestic & Residual 3/	61.7	67.8	69.0
Exports 7/	56.5	65.0	64.5
Use, total	118.2	132.8	133.5
Ending stocks	14.1	11.2	11.0
MEDIUM & SHORT GRAIN			
Harvested acres (mil.)	0.84	0.77	
Yield (pounds/acre)	6,929	7,406	
Beginning stocks	14.3	12.1	12.3
Production	57.9	57.2	58.5
Supply, total 6/	73.1	70.4	71.8
Domestic & Residual 3/	39.0	39.1	39.9
Exports 7/	22.0	19.0	18.5
Use, total	60.9	58.1	58.4
Ending stocks	12.1	12.3	13.4

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year beginning August 1. 2/ Includes the following quantities of broken kernel rice (type undetermined) not included in estimates of beginning stocks by type (in mil. cwt): 1996/97-0.6; 1997/98-1.0 1998/99-1.0. 3/ Residual includes unreported use, processing losses and estimating errors. Use by type may not add to total rice use because of the difference in broken between beginning and ending stocks. 4/ Includes rough rice and milled rice exports. Milled rice exports are converted to an equivalent rough basis. 5/ Marketing-year weighted average price received by farmers. 6/ Includes imports. 7/ Exports by type of rice are estimated. * Planted acres reported in March 31, 1998 Prospective Plantings. Harvested acres projected using harvested-to-planted ratios by State and type of rice for 1993-97. Projected yield is calculated using the olympic average (high and low years excluded) for 1993-97 weighted by State and type of rice. The average is adjusted by the 1990-1997 yield trend.

U.S. Soybeans and Products Supply and Use (Domestic Measure) 1/

Item	1998/99 Projections		
	1996/97	1997/98 Est.	May
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SOYBEANS:	Million acres		
Area			
Planted	64.2	70.9	72.0 *
Harvested	63.4	69.9	70.9 *
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Bushels			
Yield per harvested acre	37.6	39.0	39.5 *
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Million bushels			
Beginning stocks	183	131	240
Production	2,382	2,727	2,800
Imports	9	6	6
Supply, total	2,575	2,865	3,046
Crushings	1,436	1,550	1,575
Exports	882	915	925
Seed	79	81	75
Residual	47	79 _3/	61
Use, total	2,443	2,625	2,636
Ending stocks	131	240	410
Avg. farm price (\$/bu) 2/	7.35	6.45	4.75 - 5.75
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Million pounds			
SOYBEAN OIL:			
Beginning stocks	2,015	1,520	1,255
Production	15,752	17,365 _4/	17,705
Imports	53	70	70
Supply, total	17,821	18,955	19,030
Domestic	14,256	14,800	14,950
Exports	2,045	2,900	2,900
Use, total	16,300	17,700	17,850
Ending stocks	1,520	1,255	1,180
Average price (c/lb) 2/	22.50	27.25	27.00- 30.00
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Thousand short tons			
SOYBEAN MEAL:			
Beginning stocks	212	210	250
Production	34,210	36,630 _4/	37,435
Imports	102	60	65
Supply, total	34,524	36,900	37,750
Domestic	27,320	28,200	29,000
Exports	6,994	8,450	8,500
Use, total	34,314	36,650	37,500
Ending stocks	210	250	250
Average price (\$/s.t.) 2/	270.90	185.00	145.00- 160.00
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Note: Reliability calculations at end of report.

1/ Marketing year beginning September 1 for soybeans; October 1 for soybean oil and meal. 2/ Prices: soybeans, marketing year weighted average price received by farmers; for oil, simple average of crude soybean oil, Decatur; for meal, simple average of 48 percent, Decatur. 3/ Supply estimates and reported use through February, coupled with USDA's March 1 stocks estimate, indicate an above-average residual. 4/ Based on October year crush estimate of 1,545 million bushels. *Planted acres are reported in March 31 Prospective Plantings. Harvested acres based on normal planted-to-harvested ratio. Projected yield based on U.S. trends since the mid-1980's.

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U.S. Sugar Supply and Use 1/

Item	1997/98		1998/99	
	1996/97	Estimates	Projections	Projections
		April	May	May
1,000 short tons, raw value				
Beginning stocks 2/	1,492	1,487	1,487	1,431
Production 2/3/	7,205	7,825	7,855	7,935
Beet sugar	4,013	4,225	4,225	4,350
Cane sugar 4/	3,192	3,600	3,630	3,585
Imports 2/	2,774	2,174	2,174	NA
Under quota 5/	2,277	1,734	1,734	NA
Other 6/	497	440	440	440
Total supply	11,471	11,486	11,516	NA
Exports 2/7/	211	185	185	150
Domestic deliveries 2/	9,742	9,850	9,900	10,075
Domestic food use	9,564	9,700	9,750	9,900
Other 8/	178	150	150	175
Miscellaneous 9/	31	0	0	0
Use, total	9,984	10,035	10,085	10,225
Ending stocks 2/	1,487	1,451	1,431	NA
Stocks to use ratio	14.9	14.5	14.2	NA

1/ Fiscal years beginning Oct 1. Includes Puerto Rico. 2/ Historical data are from FSA, "Sweetener Market Data" except 1996/97 imports from U.S. Customs Service. 3/ Projections for 1998/99 are based on analyses by the Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee for sugar. 4/ Production by state for 1997/98 (projected 1998/99): FL 1,925 (1,860); HI 340 (340); LA 1,265 (1,275); TX 80 (90); PR 20 (20). 5/ Actual arrivals under the tariff rate quota (TRQ) with late entries, early entries, and TRQ overfills assigned to the fiscal year in which they actually arrived. The 1997/98 TRQ includes a forecast 50,000 tons shortfall. 6/ Quota exempt imports (for reexport, for polyhydric alcohol, sugar syrup under USHTS 1702904000, and high-duty). 7/ Mostly reexports. 8/ Transfer to sugar containing products for reexport, for nonedible alcohol, and feed. 9/ Residual.

METRIC CONVERSION FACTORS

1 Hectare = 2.4710 Acres 1 Kilogram = 2.205 Pounds

1 Metric Ton	:	=	Domestic Unit	*	Factor
Wheat & Soybeans	:	=	bushels	*	.027216
Rice	:	=	cwt	*	.045359
Rapeseed & Sunflowerseed	:	=	cwt	*	.045359
Corn, Sorghum & Rye	:	=	bushels	*	.025401
Barley	:	=	bushels	*	.021772
Oats	:	=	bushels	*	.014515
Sugar	:	=	short tons	*	.907185
Cotton	:	=	480-lb bales	*	.217720

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U. S. Cotton Supply and Use 1/

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Item	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99 Projections
			May
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Area	Million acres		
Planted	14.63	13.81	13.22 *
Harvested	12.87	13.27	12.30 *
	Pounds		
Yield per harv. acre	707	680	650 *
	Million 480 pound bales		
Beginning stocks 2/	2.61	3.97	3.80
Production	18.94	18.79	16.70
Imports	0.40	0.01	0.03
Supply, total	21.95	22.77	20.53
Domestic use	11.13	11.50	11.50
Exports	6.87	7.50	6.00
Use, total	17.99	19.00	17.50
Unaccounted 3/	-0.01	-0.03	0.03
Ending stocks	3.97	3.80	3.00
Avg. farm price 4/	69.3	64.9	5/

1/ Upland and extra-long staple; marketing year beginning August
 1. Totals may not add due to rounding. 2/ Based on Bureau of
 Census data. 3/ Reflects the difference between the previous
 season's supply less total use and ending stocks based on Bureau
 of Census data. 4/ Cents per pound for upland cotton. The
 1997/98 price is a weighted average for August-March. 5/ USDA is
 prohibited, by law, from publishing projected cotton prices.
 *Planted area reported in March 31 Prospective Plantings.
 Projected harvested area based on 1988-97 national average acreage
 abandonment. Projected yield based on 1993-97 national average
 yield.

World Wheat Supply and Use 1/
(Million Metric Tons)

Region	Supply			Use			Ending stocks
	: Beginning stocks	: Produc- tion	: Imports	: Domestic 2/ Feed	: Total	: Exports	
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	1996/97						
World 3/	106.13	582.75	117.91	97.37	578.45	123.52	110.42
United States	10.23	62.19	2.51	8.54	35.61	27.25	12.07
Total foreign	95.89	520.56	115.39	88.83	542.84	96.26	98.35
Major exporters 4/	19.97	167.91	23.16	43.70	97.55	86.64	26.84
Argentina	0.15	15.90	0.01	0.45	5.08	10.18	0.80
Australia	1.98	23.70	0.02	1.18	4.79	18.71	2.20
Canada	6.73	29.80	0.22	4.19	8.16	19.50	9.09
EU-15	11.12	98.51	22.90	37.87	79.51	38.26	14.76
Major importers 5/	37.14	173.53	36.34	16.30	206.04	2.06	38.91
Brazil	0.22	3.20	5.57	0.50	8.40	0.00	0.58
China	24.30	110.57	2.69	3.40	112.60	0.79	24.17
East. Europe	7.13	26.40	4.54	10.60	31.53	0.79	5.75
N. Africa	1.74	15.98	14.27	0.36	27.24	0.09	4.67
Pakistan	2.90	16.91	3.01	0.45	20.12	0.00	2.70
Selected other							
India	12.00	62.62	1.16	0.35	67.08	1.70	7.00
FSU-12 6/	10.94	63.30	6.07	22.81	70.54	3.45	6.32
Russia	3.19	34.90	1.98	14.65	37.81	0.60	1.65
Kazakstan	0.72	7.70	0.00	1.50	5.10	2.25	1.07
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	1997/98 (Estimated)						
World 3/	110.42	610.69	114.75	103.23	584.50	115.12	136.61
United States	12.07	68.76	2.45	6.80	34.28	28.17	20.84
Total foreign	98.35	541.93	112.30	96.42	550.23	86.96	115.77
Major exporters 4/	26.84	152.58	21.50	47.34	99.66	76.28	24.99
Argentina	0.80	14.70	0.02	0.35	4.80	10.00	0.72
Australia	2.20	19.00	0.03	2.60	4.90	14.00	2.33
Canada	9.09	24.30	0.20	4.50	8.50	19.00	6.09
EU-15	14.76	94.58	21.25	39.89	81.46	33.28	15.85
Major importers 5/	38.91	188.68	36.81	18.29	210.44	3.79	50.18
Brazil	0.58	2.83	5.70	0.40	8.47	0.00	0.64
China	24.17	124.00	2.00	5.00	115.00	0.70	34.47
East. Europe	5.75	34.75	1.51	11.33	32.48	2.50	7.04
N. Africa	4.67	9.88	17.40	0.31	28.05	0.09	3.81
Pakistan	2.70	16.65	4.00	0.30	20.25	0.10	3.00
Selected other							
India	7.00	69.00	1.85	0.35	68.25	0.00	9.60
FSU-12 6/	6.32	80.21	5.31	24.70	72.63	4.75	14.45
Russia	1.65	44.20	2.00	16.00	39.06	1.00	7.79
Kazakstan	1.07	8.65	0.00	1.40	4.90	3.10	1.72

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World Wheat Supply and Use 1/ (Cont'd.)
(Million Metric Tons)

		Supply			Use			Ending
Region		Beginning	Production	Imports	Domestic 2/	Feed	Total	Stocks
		stocks	tion	Imports	Feed	Total	Exports	
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1998/99 (Projected)								
World 3/	May	136.61	596.95	116.00	107.64	599.28	116.40	134.28
United States	May	20.84	64.11	2.45	8.17	35.93	30.62	20.86
Total foreign	May	115.77	532.83	113.55	99.47	563.35	85.79	113.42
Major exporters 4/	May	24.99	154.71	20.97	48.83	102.12	74.61	23.93
Argentina	May	0.72	12.00	0.03	0.30	4.80	7.40	0.55
Australia	May	2.33	19.00	0.03	2.60	4.90	14.50	1.96
Canada	May	6.09	24.00	0.20	4.00	8.00	16.50	5.79
EU-15	May	15.85	99.71	20.71	41.93	84.43	36.21	15.64
Major importers 5/	May	50.18	183.53	34.66	19.31	214.15	3.59	50.63
Brazil	May	0.64	2.00	6.20	0.40	8.40	0.00	0.44
East. Europe	May	7.04	32.97	1.36	12.35	34.39	2.20	4.77
China	May	34.47	118.00	2.00	5.00	116.00	0.70	37.77
East. Europe	May	7.04	32.97	1.36	12.35	34.39	2.20	4.77
N. Africa	May	3.81	12.46	15.90	0.31	28.66	0.09	3.42
Pakistan	May	3.00	17.50	3.00	0.30	20.40	0.20	2.90
Selected other	May	9.60	67.00	1.50	0.35	69.80	0.00	8.30
India	May	9.60	67.00	1.50	0.35	69.80	0.00	8.30
FSU-12 6/	May	14.45	73.24	5.78	24.86	73.60	5.20	14.67
Russia	May	7.79	40.00	2.00	16.50	39.50	1.30	8.99
Kazakstan	May	1.72	8.00	0.00	1.30	4.90	3.30	1.52

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World Coarse Grain Supply and Use 1/
(Million Metric Tons)

Region	Supply			Use			Ending stocks
	:Beginning stocks	:Produc- tion	:Imports	: Domestic 2/ Feed	: Total	:Exports	
1996/97							
World 3/	94.86	908.12	103.62	578.54	881.31	106.48	121.67
United States	14.44	267.56	2.93	157.07	206.40	51.52	27.01
Total foreign	80.42	640.56	100.69	421.47	674.91	54.95	94.66
Major exporters 4/	5.48	66.80	1.25	32.37	42.54	23.07	7.91
Argentina	0.71	18.93	0.08	4.79	6.78	11.84	1.11
Australia	0.66	10.15	0.00	4.50	5.73	4.41	0.67
Canada	2.90	28.19	0.92	18.67	21.31	5.43	5.28
Major importers 5/	24.05	196.86	64.64	171.89	234.19	24.62	26.75
EU-15	9.83	103.75	16.90	72.58	95.52	22.79	12.17
East. Europe	4.16	49.56	1.88	38.38	49.71	1.70	4.19
Japan	2.06	0.24	20.66	16.44	20.85	0.00	2.11
Mexico	3.43	26.33	5.37	15.85	31.39	0.04	3.70
Southeast Asia	1.33	14.31	3.99	13.41	18.33	0.07	1.24
South Korea	0.75	0.49	8.77	6.97	9.15	0.00	0.86
Selected other							
China	33.70	141.32	2.13	92.55	130.59	4.00	42.55
FSU-12 6/	4.93	52.15	1.39	33.21	53.58	1.55	3.33
Russia	1.49	31.65	0.51	19.59	32.31	0.35	0.99
Ukraine	1.74	9.51	0.03	5.70	10.19	0.23	0.86
1997/98 (Estimated)							
World 3/	121.67	897.48	100.93	588.95	892.68	102.55	126.47
United States	27.01	265.42	3.05	162.05	214.64	44.21	36.63
Total foreign	94.66	632.06	97.88	426.90	678.04	58.34	89.84
Major exporters 4/	7.91	66.68	1.62	33.72	44.12	23.60	8.50
Argentina	1.11	24.05	0.01	6.01	8.12	15.16	1.89
Australia	0.67	8.89	0.00	4.31	5.51	3.19	0.86
Canada	5.28	25.22	1.01	19.06	21.76	4.85	4.90
Major importers 5/	26.75	207.53	62.86	173.24	235.21	23.92	38.01
EU-15	12.17	108.98	17.87	73.75	96.19	19.85	22.99
East. Europe	4.19	58.21	0.73	42.18	53.38	3.27	6.48
Japan	2.11	0.20	20.59	16.39	20.79	0.00	2.10
Mexico	3.70	24.25	6.61	15.97	31.56	0.50	2.50
Southeast Asia	1.24	13.55	3.20	11.54	16.65	0.30	1.04
South Korea	0.86	0.35	7.78	6.00	8.29	0.00	0.70
Selected other							
China	42.55	122.40	1.80	97.15	134.40	6.05	26.30
FSU-12 6/	3.33	67.95	1.38	37.31	61.92	3.33	7.42
Russia	0.99	40.85	0.50	23.16	36.50	1.80	4.04
Ukraine	0.86	15.35	0.00	5.75	13.73	0.98	1.51

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World Coarse Grain Supply and Use 1/ (Cont'd.)
(Million Metric Tons)

		Supply			Use			Ending
Region		Beginning	Production	Imports	Domestic 2/	Feed	Total	stocks
		stocks	Imports	Feed	Total	Exports		
1998/99 (Projected)								
World 3/	May	126.47	906.80	100.74	596.06	902.57	103.15	130.70
United States	May	36.63	269.87	2.88	163.77	217.66	45.66	46.07
Total foreign	May	89.84	636.93	97.86	432.28	684.91	57.49	84.63
Major exporters 4/	May	8.50	66.98	1.37	34.33	44.70	22.99	9.17
Argentina	May	1.89	22.20	0.01	5.83	7.99	14.06	2.05
Australia	May	0.86	8.91	0.00	4.51	5.53	3.38	0.86
Canada	May	4.90	26.85	1.01	19.66	22.55	4.80	5.41
Major importers 5/	May	38.01	196.72	61.72	170.22	232.59	25.99	37.86
EU-15	May	22.98	103.41	18.33	73.87	95.98	23.67	25.07
East. Europe	May	6.48	50.59	0.74	39.98	51.33	1.93	4.55
Japan	May	2.10	0.23	20.29	16.09	20.49	0.00	2.13
Mexico	May	2.50	25.75	6.42	16.43	32.14	0.10	2.43
Southeast Asia	May	1.04	14.35	2.80	11.24	16.85	0.30	1.04
South Korea	May	0.70	0.49	7.20	5.50	7.71	0.00	0.68
Selected other	May	26.30	134.95	2.30	100.60	138.05	4.10	21.40
China	May	7.42	61.26	1.38	36.72	60.61	2.83	6.62
FSU-12 6/	May	4.04	37.50	0.50	23.45	36.90	1.55	3.59
Russia	May	1.51	13.50	0.00	5.85	12.90	0.80	1.31
Ukraine	May							

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World Corn Supply and Use 1/
(Million Metric Tons)

Region	Supply			Use			Ending stocks
	: Beginning stocks	: Produc- tion	: Imports	: Domestic 2/ Feed	: Total	: Exports	
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	1996/97						
World 3/	66.08	591.44	71.17	396.71	571.94	72.73	85.57
United States	10.82	236.06	0.34	136.21	179.19	45.60	22.43
Total foreign	55.26	355.37	70.84	260.49	392.75	27.14	63.14
Major exporters 4/	1.60	24.51	0.10	6.78	12.39	12.23	1.60
Argentina	0.40	15.50	0.00	2.78	4.32	10.83	0.75
South Africa	1.20	9.01	0.10	4.00	8.06	1.40	0.85
Major importers 5/	11.82	93.79	48.28	92.62	131.54	9.73	12.62
EU-15	2.33	34.79	10.17	27.50	35.96	8.06	3.28
Japan	1.07	0.00	15.96	12.00	16.10	0.00	0.93
Mexico	2.60	18.92	3.14	7.10	22.17	0.04	2.45
Southeast Asia	1.33	14.11	3.99	13.22	18.12	0.07	1.24
South Korea	0.75	0.07	8.34	6.64	8.30	0.00	0.86
Selected other							
China	32.70	127.47	0.08	89.00	115.35	3.89	41.00
FSU-12 6/	1.69	4.73	0.36	3.39	5.68	0.25	0.85
Russia	0.16	1.10	0.11	0.37	1.21	0.00	0.16
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	1997/98 (Estimated)						
World 3/	85.57	584.33	71.35	412.26	589.80	71.66	80.11
United States	22.43	237.90	0.25	144.79	191.14	37.47	31.97
Total foreign	63.14	346.44	71.09	267.48	398.65	34.20	48.14
Major exporters 4/	1.60	27.00	0.50	7.35	13.00	13.90	2.20
Argentina	0.75	19.00	0.00	3.35	4.90	13.50	1.35
South Africa	0.85	8.00	0.50	4.00	8.10	0.40	0.85
Major importers 5/	12.62	101.56	47.39	95.41	133.87	13.16	14.54
EU-15	3.28	38.15	11.70	31.28	39.18	9.62	4.33
Japan	0.93	0.00	15.70	11.60	15.70	0.00	0.93
Mexico	2.45	18.00	3.70	7.10	22.20	0.50	1.45
Southeast Asia	1.24	13.35	3.20	11.35	16.45	0.30	1.04
South Korea	0.86	0.09	7.50	5.83	7.75	0.00	0.70
Selected other							
China	41.00	110.00	0.25	94.00	120.25	6.00	25.00
FSU-12 6/	0.85	10.56	0.44	5.07	9.63	0.45	1.76
Russia	0.16	2.70	0.20	1.76	2.70	0.00	0.36

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World Corn Supply and Use 1/ (Cont'd.)
(Million Metric Tons)

		Supply			Use			Ending
Region		Beginning	Production	Imports	Domestic 2/	Feed	Total	stocks
		stocks	Imports	Feed	Total	Exports		
1998/99 (Projected)								
World 3/	May	80.11	600.08	68.48	419.37	599.13	69.90	81.06
United States	May	31.97	244.87	0.25	148.60	196.22	40.01	40.86
Total foreign	May	48.14	355.21	68.23	270.77	402.91	29.90	40.20
Major exporters 4/	May	2.20	26.50	0.25	7.40	12.85	13.75	2.35
Argentina	May	1.35	18.00	0.00	3.40	4.85	13.00	1.50
South Africa	May	0.85	8.50	0.25	4.00	8.00	0.75	0.85
Major importers 5/	May	13.51	79.54	42.38	81.09	114.21	10.81	10.40
EU-15	May	4.33	35.02	11.52	30.97	38.51	9.04	3.33
Japan	May	0.93	0.00	15.50	11.40	15.50	0.00	0.93
Mexico	May	1.45	19.00	3.50	7.20	22.40	0.10	1.45
Southeast Asia	May	1.04	14.15	2.80	11.05	16.65	0.30	1.04
South Korea	May	0.70	0.09	6.50	4.90	6.60	0.00	0.68
Selected other	May	25.00	122.00	0.25	97.00	123.25	4.00	20.00
FSU-12 6/	May	1.76	8.79	0.39	5.03	9.04	0.40	1.50
Russia	May	0.36	2.50	0.15	1.75	2.70	0.00	0.31

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World Rice Supply and Use (Milled Basis) 1/
(Million Metric Tons)

Region	Supply			Use			Ending stocks
	: Beginning stocks	: Produc- tion	: Imports	: Total 2/ Domestic	: Exports	: Exports	
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: 1996/97							
World 3/	49.23	379.98	17.82	378.64	20.17	50.56	
United States	0.81	5.45	0.32	3.22	2.50	0.87	
Total foreign	48.42	374.52	17.50	375.42	17.68	49.69	
Major exporters 4/	12.33	117.17	0.00	106.43	12.48	10.59	
Thailand	0.81	13.66	0.00	8.55	5.27	0.65	
Vietnam	0.00	18.00	0.00	14.73	3.27	0.00	
Major importers 5/	6.73	51.68	7.99	59.81	1.33	5.26	
Indonesia	2.62	32.02	0.80	33.90	0.00	1.53	
Selected other							
China	21.73	136.57	0.33	132.13	0.94	25.56	
Japan	2.48	9.41	0.50	9.25	0.10	3.05	
: 1997/98 (Estimated)							
World 3/	50.56	380.29	22.19	380.12	22.11	50.73	
United States	0.87	5.84	0.29	3.46	2.74	0.80	
Total foreign	49.69	374.45	21.89	376.66	19.37	49.93	
Major exporters 4/	10.59	118.66	0.00	106.35	13.30	9.60	
Thailand	0.65	14.50	0.00	8.60	5.80	0.75	
Vietnam	0.00	17.80	0.00	14.20	3.60	0.00	
Major importers 5/	5.26	49.42	12.30	61.03	1.15	4.80	
Indonesia	1.53	30.90	4.00	34.95	0.00	1.48	
Selected other							
China	25.56	138.50	0.40	135.00	1.75	27.71	
Japan	3.05	9.12	0.60	9.20	0.75	2.82	
: 1998/99 (Projected)							
World 3/	May	50.73	386.98	20.75	386.75	21.00	50.96
United States	May	0.80	5.98	0.31	3.55	2.71	0.83
Total foreign	May	49.93	381.00	20.44	383.20	18.29	50.13

1/ Aggregate of local marketing years. 2/ Total foreign and world use adjusted to reflect the differences in world imports and exports. 3/ World imports and exports may not balance due to differences in some countries. 4/ India, Pakistan, Thailand, and Vietnam. 5/ Brazil, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, the EU-15 (includes intra-trade) and Non-EU Western Europe.

World Soybean Supply and Use 1/
(Million Metric Tons)

Region	Supply			Use			Ending stocks
	: Beginning stocks	: Produc- tion	: Imports	: Domestic Crush	: Total	: Exports	
=====							
1995/96							
World 2/	23.70	124.96	32.27	112.02	131.41	31.95	17.58
United States	9.11	59.24	0.12	37.27	40.32	23.17	4.99
Total foreign	14.59	65.71	32.15	74.75	91.09	8.78	12.59
Major exporters 3/	11.87	38.98	1.06	32.61	34.75	7.14	10.02
Argentina	4.67	12.43	0.01	10.29	10.81	2.09	4.22
Brazil	7.20	24.15	1.05	21.57	23.14	3.45	5.80
Major importers 4/	1.87	16.64	24.18	28.59	40.38	0.50	1.80
EU-15	0.96	0.94	14.24	13.65	15.01	0.27	0.86
Japan	0.62	0.12	4.78	3.70	4.97	0.00	0.55
China	0.00	13.50	0.80	7.47	14.07	0.22	0.00
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1996/97 (Estimated)							
World 2/	17.58	131.65	36.81	116.00	136.19	36.94	12.91
United States	4.99	64.84	0.24	39.08	42.50	24.00	3.58
Total foreign	12.59	66.82	36.57	76.92	93.69	12.94	9.33
Major exporters 3/	10.02	40.77	1.20	31.49	33.86	11.32	6.80
Argentina	4.22	11.20	0.30	11.05	11.57	0.75	3.40
Brazil	5.80	26.80	0.90	19.90	21.68	8.42	3.40
Major importers 4/	1.80	16.32	27.71	31.69	43.49	0.56	1.78
EU-15	0.86	1.15	15.59	15.04	16.43	0.35	0.82
Japan	0.55	0.12	5.04	3.81	5.08	0.00	0.64
China	0.00	13.22	2.27	8.69	15.30	0.20	0.00
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1997/98 (Projected)							
World 2/							
April	12.95	152.21	39.08	123.57	145.58	39.05	19.62
May	12.91	152.60	39.01	123.82	145.82	39.03	19.68
United States							
April	3.58	74.22	0.16	41.50	45.86	25.72	6.39
May	3.58	74.22	0.16	42.18	46.54	24.90	6.52
Total foreign							
April	9.37	77.98	38.92	82.06	99.72	13.33	13.23
May	9.33	78.38	38.85	81.64	99.28	14.13	13.16
Major exporters 3/							
April	6.80	48.90	2.70	33.85	36.70	11.35	10.35
May	6.80	49.40	2.70	33.50	36.40	12.15	10.35
Argentina	Apr	3.40	16.00	1.00	12.60	1.80	5.20
May	3.40	16.00	1.00	12.60	13.40	1.80	5.20
Brazil	Apr	3.40	30.00	1.70	20.50	22.45	5.15
May	3.40	30.70	1.70	20.40	22.40	8.25	5.15
Major importers 4/							
April	1.82	17.29	28.60	33.44	45.39	0.49	1.83
May	1.78	17.29	28.50	33.44	45.32	0.49	1.76
EU-15	Apr	0.82	1.43	15.89	15.50	16.95	0.29
May	0.82	1.43	15.89	15.50	16.95	0.29	0.89
Japan	Apr	0.64	0.12	4.90	3.80	5.08	0.00
May	0.64	0.12	4.90	3.80	5.08	0.00	0.58
China	Apr	0.00	13.80	3.00	9.85	16.62	0.18
May	0.00	13.80	3.00	9.85	16.62	0.18	0.00

1/ Data based on local marketing years except Argentina and Brazil which are adjusted to an October-September year. 2/ World imports and exports may not balance due to differences in local marketing years and to time lags between reported export and imports. Therefore, world supply may not equal world use.

3/ Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. 4/ Japan, China, and EU, Mexico, and Southeast Asia (includes Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand).

World Soybean Meal Supply and Use 1/
(Million Metric Tons)

Region	Supply			Use		Ending	
	Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total Domestic	Exports	stocks	
1995/96							
World 2/	4.40	89.02	32.87	88.19	33.77	4.33	
United States	0.20	29.51	0.07	24.14	5.45	0.19	
Total foreign	4.20	59.51	32.80	64.04	28.33	4.14	
Major exporters 3/	1.50	28.62	0.10	6.08	22.76	1.39	
Argentina	0.52	8.38	0.00	0.38	8.22	0.30	
Brazil	0.98	17.04	0.10	5.21	11.94	0.97	
India	0.00	3.20	0.00	0.49	2.60	0.11	
Major importers 4/	1.47	17.91	21.96	35.65	4.24	1.45	
EU-15	1.12	10.91	15.79	22.60	4.07	1.15	
China	0.00	6.05	1.55	7.50	0.10	0.00	
1996/97 (Estimated)							
World 2/	4.33	92.25	34.45	93.50	33.69	3.84	
United States	0.19	31.04	0.09	24.78	6.35	0.19	
Total foreign	4.14	61.22	34.36	68.72	27.34	3.65	
Major exporters 3/	1.39	27.65	0.20	6.31	21.84	1.09	
Argentina	0.30	9.01	0.00	0.38	8.68	0.25	
Brazil	0.97	15.72	0.20	5.40	10.66	0.84	
India	0.11	2.92	0.00	0.53	2.50	0.00	
Major importers 4/	1.45	19.97	23.60	39.50	4.21	1.30	
EU-15	1.15	11.96	14.96	22.90	4.16	1.01	
China	0.00	6.95	3.75	10.68	0.02	0.00	
1997/98 (Projected)							
World 2/							
April	3.84	98.04	35.66	97.74	35.69	4.11	
May	3.84	98.25	35.85	97.93	35.88	4.13	
United States							
April	0.19	32.68	0.07	25.54	7.17	0.23	
May	0.19	33.23	0.05	25.58	7.67	0.23	
Total foreign							
April	3.65	65.37	35.60	72.21	28.52	3.89	
May	3.65	65.02	35.79	72.35	28.21	3.90	
Major exporters 3/							
April	1.09	30.01	0.10	6.59	23.00	1.60	
May	1.09	29.91	0.10	6.59	22.85	1.65	
Argentina	Apr	0.25	10.27	0.00	0.39	9.60	0.53
May	0.25	10.27	0.00	0.39	9.60	0.53	
Brazil	Apr	0.84	16.19	0.10	5.60	10.60	0.93
May	0.84	16.10	0.10	5.60	10.45	0.98	
India	Apr	0.00	3.54	0.00	0.60	2.80	0.14
May	0.00	3.54	0.00	0.60	2.80	0.14	
Major importers 4/							
April	1.30	21.30	24.58	41.84	4.09	1.26	
May	1.30	21.30	24.63	41.89	4.09	1.26	
EU-15	Apr	1.01	12.35	15.54	23.78	4.06	1.06
May	1.01	12.35	15.65	23.89	4.06	1.06	
China	Apr	0.00	7.88	4.50	12.38	0.00	0.00
May	0.00	7.88	4.50	12.38	0.00	0.00	

1/ Data based on local marketing years except for Argentina and Brazil which are adjusted to an October-September year. 2/ World imports and exports may not balance due to differences in local marketing years and to time lags between reported exports and imports. Therefore, world supply may not equal world use. 3/ Argentina, Brazil, and India. 4/ Eastern Europe, China, EU, and Southeast Asia (includes Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand).

World Soybean Oil Supply and Use 1/
(Million Metric Tons)

Region		Supply			Use		Ending stocks
		Beginning stocks	Production	Imports	Total Domestic	Exports	
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1995/96							
World 2/	:	2.22	20.17	5.15	19.64	5.28	2.61
United States	:	0.52	6.91	0.04	6.11	0.45	0.91
Total foreign	:	1.71	13.25	5.11	13.53	4.83	1.70
Major exporters 3/	:	0.76	8.28	0.64	4.58	4.27	0.84
Argentina	:	0.15	1.78	0.00	0.10	1.56	0.28
Brazil	:	0.37	4.03	0.10	2.53	1.60	0.38
EU-15	:	0.24	2.47	0.54	1.95	1.11	0.19
Major importers 4/	:	0.44	1.87	1.63	3.51	0.07	0.36
China	:	0.43	1.15	1.45	2.60	0.07	0.35
Pakistan	:	0.01	0.00	0.12	0.14	0.00	0.01
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1996/97 (Estimated)							
World 2/	:	2.61	20.78	5.98	21.03	5.88	2.46
United States	:	0.91	7.15	0.02	6.47	0.93	0.69
Total foreign	:	1.70	13.64	5.95	14.56	4.95	1.77
Major exporters 3/	:	0.84	8.34	0.69	4.68	4.31	0.88
Argentina	:	0.28	1.91	0.00	0.10	1.79	0.30
Brazil	:	0.38	3.72	0.18	2.60	1.29	0.38
EU-15	:	0.19	2.71	0.51	1.98	1.23	0.20
Major importers 4/	:	0.36	2.05	1.97	3.90	0.15	0.33
China	:	0.35	1.39	1.67	2.94	0.15	0.32
Pakistan	:	0.01	0.01	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.01
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1997/98 (Projected)							
World 2/	:						
April	:	2.47	22.32	6.48	22.58	6.49	2.20
May	:	2.46	22.36	6.50	22.67	6.47	2.17
United States	:						
April	:	0.69	7.75	0.03	6.62	1.32	0.53
May	:	0.69	7.88	0.03	6.72	1.32	0.57
Total foreign	:						
April	:	1.78	14.57	6.46	15.96	5.18	1.67
May	:	1.77	14.48	6.47	15.96	5.16	1.60
Major exporters 3/	:						
April	:	0.88	8.80	0.73	4.93	4.64	0.84
May	:	0.88	8.76	0.73	4.93	4.67	0.78
Argentina	Apr	0.30	2.18	0.00	0.10	2.10	0.28
May	:	0.30	2.18	0.00	0.10	2.13	0.25
Brazil	Apr	0.38	3.83	0.17	2.70	1.33	0.36
May	:	0.38	3.80	0.17	2.70	1.33	0.32
EU-15	Apr	0.20	2.79	0.56	2.13	1.22	0.20
May	:	0.20	2.79	0.56	2.13	1.22	0.20
Major importers 4/	:						
April	:	0.33	2.43	2.15	4.58	0.02	0.31
May	:	0.33	2.43	2.15	4.58	0.02	0.31
China	Apr	0.32	1.63	1.80	3.42	0.02	0.31
May	:	0.32	1.63	1.80	3.42	0.02	0.31
Pakistan	Apr	0.01	0.01	0.23	0.23	0.00	0.01
May	:	0.01	0.01	0.23	0.23	0.00	0.01
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1/ Data based on local marketing years except for Argentina and Brazil which are adjusted to an October-September year. 2/ World imports and exports may not balance due to differences in local marketing years and to time lags between reported exports and imports. Therefore, world supply may not equal world use. 3/ Argentina, Brazil and EU. 4/ India, China and Pakistan.

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World Cotton Supply and Use 1/
(Million 480-pound bales)

Region	Supply			Use			Loss	Ending
	Beginning	Production	Imports	Domestic	Exports	2/	stocks	
	stocks	tion	3/		3/			
=====								
	1996/97							
World	33.81	89.18	28.75	88.63	26.49	0.36	36.26	
United States	2.61	18.94	0.40	11.13	6.87	-0.01	3.97	
Total Foreign	31.20	70.24	28.35	77.50	19.63	0.37	32.29	
Major exporters 5/:	10.18	39.33	0.57	24.09	16.05	0.07	9.88	
Pakistan	1.36	7.30	0.28	7.00	0.12	0.03	1.79	
India	3.41	13.78	0.02	13.00	1.27	0.00	2.94	
Central Asia 6/:	2.02	6.47	0.01	1.19	5.91	0.00	1.40	
Afr. Fr. Zone 7/:	0.42	3.66	0.02	0.30	3.38	0.00	0.42	
S. Hemisphere 8/:	2.48	5.35	0.23	1.30	4.48	0.02	2.26	
Australia	0.75	2.79	4/	0.21	2.45	0.00	0.88	
Argentina	1.35	1.49	0.01	0.47	1.33	0.01	1.04	
Major importers	19.21	27.16	22.49	45.79	2.12	0.29	20.65	
Brazil	1.15	1.30	2.43	3.90	0.00	0.00	0.97	
Mexico	0.34	1.08	0.90	1.55	0.40	0.04	0.33	
China	13.20	19.30	3.61	21.00	0.01	0.00	15.11	
Europe	2.03	1.84	6.08	6.51	1.33	0.16	1.95	
Turkey	0.54	3.60	1.15	4.58	0.21	0.00	0.51	
Selected Asia 9/:	1.95	0.05	8.31	8.25	0.18	0.10	1.78	
Indonesia	0.12	0.02	2.15	2.14	0.00	0.05	0.10	
S. Korea	0.55	4/	1.50	1.48	0.07	0.00	0.51	
	1997/98 (Estimated)							
World	36.26	88.63	27.02	88.55	26.12	0.29	36.95	
United States	3.97	18.79	0.01	11.50	7.50	-0.03	3.80	
Total Foreign	32.29	69.83	27.02	77.05	18.62	0.32	33.15	
Major exporters 5/:	9.88	38.58	1.58	23.93	15.43	0.08	10.60	
Pakistan	1.79	7.00	0.30	7.00	0.35	0.03	1.72	
India	2.94	11.20	1.00	12.60	0.13	0.00	2.41	
Central Asia 6/:	1.40	7.33	0.01	1.23	5.65	0.00	1.86	
Afr. Fr. Zone 7/:	0.42	4.15	0.01	0.29	3.60	0.00	0.68	
S. Hemisphere 8/:	2.26	5.75	0.26	1.35	4.30	0.03	2.59	
Australia	0.88	3.10	0.00	0.21	2.55	0.00	1.22	
Argentina	1.04	1.40	0.06	0.49	1.00	0.01	1.01	
Major importers	20.65	27.95	19.71	45.33	2.04	0.24	20.70	
Brazil	0.97	1.80	1.60	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.97	
Mexico	0.33	0.90	1.55	2.05	0.25	0.04	0.45	
China	15.11	19.70	1.80	21.30	0.20	0.00	15.11	
Europe	1.95	2.20	6.13	6.65	1.38	0.15	2.11	
Turkey	0.51	3.30	1.50	4.70	0.10	0.00	0.51	
Selected Asia 9/:	1.78	0.05	7.13	7.23	0.11	0.05	1.56	
Indonesia	0.10	0.02	1.70	1.70	0.00	0.05	0.07	
S. Korea	0.51	4/	1.20	1.25	0.01	0.00	0.45	

1/ Marketing year beginning August 1. Totals may not add exactly and trade may not balance due to rounding and other factors. 2/ For foreign countries, reflects cotton lost or destroyed in the marketing channel; for the United States, reflects the difference between implicit stocks based on supply less total use and ending stocks based on Bureau of Census data. 3/ World trade includes estimated trade among the 12 countries of the former USSR and three Baltic states of 1.62 million bales in 1996/97 and 1.87 million in 1997/98. 4/ Less than 5,000 bales. 5/ Includes Egypt and Syria in addition to the countries and regions listed. 6/ Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. 7/ Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Togo. 8/ Argentina, Australia, Paraguay, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. 9/ Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand.

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World Cotton Supply and Use 1/
(Million 480-pound bales)

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Region      :          Supply          :          Use          :          :
:          :          :          :          :          :
:Beginning:Produc-:Imports:Domestic:Exports: 2/ : Ending
: stocks : tion : 3/ : : 3/ : : stocks
:          :          :          :          :          :
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:
:          1998/99 (Projected)
:
World
  May      :      36.95  86.50  26.50  90.00  26.20  0.30  33.45
:
United States
  May      :      3.80  16.70   0.03  11.50   6.00  0.03  3.00
:
Total Foreign
  May      :      33.15  69.80  26.47  78.50  20.20  0.27  30.45
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1/ Marketing year beginning August 1. Totals may not add exactly and trade may not balance due to rounding and other factors. 2/ For foreign countries, based on the amount of cotton historically lost or destroyed in the marketing channel; for the United States, reflects the historical difference between implicit stocks based on supply less total use and ending stocks based on Bureau of Census data.

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U.S. Quarterly Animal Product Production 1/

Year	and quarter	Beef	Pork	Red meat 2/	Broiler	Turkey	Total poultry 3/	Red meat & poultry	Egg	Milk
		Million pounds					Mil doz	Bil lbs		
1997	II	6416	4090	10651	6937	1404	8480	19131	1595	40.7
	III	6603	4196	10939	6864	1411	8398	19337	1606	38.8
	IV	6258	4766	11167	6831	1428	8383	19550	1667	38.2
	Annual	25384	17244	43209	27271	5478	33258	76467	6460	156.6
1998	I	6215	4687	11038	6832	1290	8245	19283	1637	39.3
	II *	6425	4600	11149	7125	1400	8665	19814	1640	40.9
	III *	6575	4650	11342	7150	1425	8705	20047	1665	38.9
	IV *	6075	4950	11148	7100	1400	8625	19773	1690	38.6
	Annual	25325	18900	44724	28250	5525	34295	79019	6625	157.5
	Apr Proj	25290	18887	44677	28207	5515	34240	78917	6632	157.7
1999	I *	5825	4800	10746	7150	1225	8510	19256	1665	39.7
	Annual	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Apr Proj	23825	19350	43640	29400	5425	35370	79010	6765	159.4
	May Proj									

* Projection.

1/ Commercial production for red meats; federally inspected for poultry meats.
 2/ Beef, pork, veal and lamb & mutton. 3/ Broilers, turkeys and mature chicken.

U.S. Quarterly Prices for Animal Products

Year	and quarter	Choice steers 1/	Barrows and gilts 2/	Broilers 3/	Turkeys 4/	Eggs 5/	Milk 6/
		Dol./cwt	Dol./cwt	Cents/lb.	Cents/lb.	Cents/doz.	Dol./cwt
1997	II	66.63	56.41	59.1	66.1	72.1	12.70
	III	65.65	54.45	62.0	68.2	79.7	12.63
	IV	66.61	43.53	54.0	66.5	88.2	14.53
	Annual	66.32	51.36	58.8	64.9	81.2	13.34
1998	I	61.73	34.74	56.4	55.1	79.0	14.60
	II *	65-67	37-39	57-59	58-60	69-71	13.15-13.45
	III *	65-69	39-41	58-62	61-65	73-77	12.40-13.00
	IV *	69-75	35-37	53-57	62-68	80-86	13.55-14.45
	Annual	65-68	36-38	56-59	59-62	75-79	13.55-14.05
	Apr Est	65-68	36-38	56-59	59-62	75-78	13.40-13.90
1999	I *	70-76	34-36	54-58	54-58	72-78	13.55-14.55
	Annual	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Apr Proj	70-76	36-39	55-59	60-64	70-76	13.15-14.15
	May Proj						

*Projection.

1/ Nebraska, Direct, 1100-1300 lbs. 2/ Iowa/So. Minn., No. 1-3. 3/ Wholesale, 12-city average. 4/ 8-16 lbs, hens, Eastern Region. 5/ Grade A large, New York, volume buyers. 6/ Price received by farmers for all milk.

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U.S. Meats Supply and Use

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		Supply				Use			

		Pro-		Im-		Ex-		Consumption	
		duc-		ports		ing		: Per	
Item		inning:	tion :	Im- :	Total :	Ex- :	ing :	Total :	capita
		stocks:	1/ :	ports :	supply:	ports:	stocks:	Total :	2/
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		Million pounds 3/							
BEEF									
1997		377	25490	2343	28210	2136	465	25609	66.9
1998 Proj.	Apr	465	25431	2675	28571	2090	350	26131	67.7
	May	465	25396	2675	28536	2085	350	26101	67.6
1999 Proj.	Apr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	May	350	23931	2800	27081	2155	350	24576	63.1
PORK									
1997		366	17274	633	18273	1044	408	16821	48.7
1998 Proj.	Apr	408	18930	575	19913	1020	470	18423	52.9
	May	408	18917	600	19925	1075	470	18380	52.8
1999 Proj.	Apr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	May	470	19380	570	20420	1120	490	18810	53.5
TOTAL RED MEAT 4/									
1997		759	43358	3059	47176	3185	895	43096	117.8
1998 Proj.	Apr	895	44873	3340	49108	3118	837	45153	122.5
	May	895	44826	3365	49086	3168	837	45081	122.3
1999 Proj.	Apr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	May	837	43789	3455	48081	3283	857	43941	118.4
BROILERS									
1997		641	27041	5	27687	4664	607	22416	72.7
1998 Proj.	Apr	607	28007	4	28618	4900	650	23068	74.2
	May	607	27964	4	28575	4925	650	23000	73.9
1999 Proj.	Apr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	May	650	29141	4	29795	5025	650	24120	76.9
TURKEYS									
1997		328	5412	1	5741	598	415	4727	17.6
1998 Proj.	Apr	415	5458	1	5874	610	425	4838	17.9
	May	415	5448	1	5864	557	425	4881	18.1
1999 Proj.	Apr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	May	425	5359	1	5785	600	400	4784	17.5
TOTAL POULTRY 5/									
1997		975	32964	6	33944	5646	1029	27269	90.8
1998 Proj.	Apr	1029	33986	5	35020	5900	1082	28037	92.5
	May	1029	33931	5	34965	5879	1082	28003	92.5
1999 Proj.	Apr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	May	1082	35046	5	36133	6037	1055	29040	94.9
RED MEAT & POULTRY:									
1997		1734	76322	3065	81120	8831	1924	70364	208.6
1998 Proj.	Apr	1924	78859	3345	84128	9018	1919	73190	215.0
	May	1924	78757	3370	84051	9047	1919	73084	214.7
1999 Proj.	Apr	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	May	1919	78835	3460	84214	9320	1912	72981	213.3

1/ Total including farm production for red meats and, for poultry, federally inspected plus non-federally inspected, less condemnations.
2/ Pounds, retail-weight basis. 3/ Carcass weight for red meats and certified ready-to-cook weight for poultry. 4/ Beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton. 5/ Broilers, turkeys and mature chicken.

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U.S. Egg Supply and Use

Commodity			1998 Projected		1999 Projected	
	1996	1997	Apr	May	Apr	May
=====						
EGGS	Million dozen					
Supply						
Beginning stocks	11.2	8.5	7.4	7.4	NA	10.0
Production	6371.3	6459.8	6625.0	6631.9	NA	6765.0
Imports	5.4	6.9	4.5	4.5	NA	4.0
Total supply	6387.9	6475.2	6636.9	6643.8	NA	6779.0
Use						
Exports	253.1	227.8	235.0	236.0	NA	243.0
Hatching use	863.8	894.8	930.0	926.9	NA	970.0
Ending stocks	8.5	7.4	10.0	10.0	NA	10.0
Consumption						
Total	5262.4	5345.2	5461.9	5470.9	NA	5556.0
Per capita (number)	237.8	239.4	242.5	242.9	NA	244.5

U.S. Milk Supply, Use and Prices

Commodity			1997/98 Proj 1/		1998/99 Proj 1/	
	1995/96:1/	1996/97:1/	Apr	May	Apr	May
=====						
MILK	Billion pounds					
Supply						
Beg. commercial stocks 2/	4.6	4.9	5.9	5.9	NA	6.0
Production	154.1	156.4	157.1	157.3	NA	158.9
Farm use	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	NA	1.2
Marketings	152.5	155.0	155.8	156.0	NA	157.7
Imports 2/	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.1	NA	3.3
Total cml. supply 2/	159.9	162.7	164.8	165.1	NA	167.0
Use						
Commercial use 2/ 3/	154.9	156.1	157.9	158.3	NA	160.1
Ending commercial stks. 2/	4.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	NA	5.8
CCC net removals:						
Milkfat basis 4/	0.1	0.7	1.0	0.8	NA	1.0
Skim-solids basis 4/	1.1	2.7	3.2	3.5	NA	2.8
Prices rec'd. by farmers	Dollars per cwt					
Basic Formula (BFP)	13.50	11.88	12.35-	12.25-	NA	11.85-
			12.65	12.45	NA	12.85
All milk 5/	14.49	13.53	13.70-	13.70-	NA	13.05-
			14.00	13.90	NA	14.05
CCC product net removals 4/:	Million pounds					
Butter	1	24	35	25	NA	38
Cheese	5	10	7	7	NA	7
Nonfat dry milk	84	222	260	280	NA	225
Dry whole milk	7	7	15	15	NA	9

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

1/ Marketing year beginning October 1. 2/ Milk equivalent, milkfat basis.

3/ Includes commercial exports. 4/ Includes products exported under the Dairy Export Incentive Program. 5/ Milk of average fat test. Does not reflect any deductions from producers as authorized by legislation.

Note: Tables on pages 29-31 present a 17-year record of the differences between the May projection and the final estimate. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the May projection and the final estimate have averaged 15.5 million tons (2.9%) ranging from -31.4 to 29.7 million tons. The May projection has been below the estimate 10 times and above 7 times.

Reliability of May Projections

:Differences between proj. & final estimate, 1981/82-96/97 1/						
Commodity and region	: Avg. :	Avg. :	Difference		: Below final	: Above final

WHEAT	:Percent	Million metric tons	Number of years 2/			
Production :						
World :	2.9	15.5	-31.4	29.7	10	7
U.S. :	5.2	3.2	-7.2	9.8	8	9
Foreign :	2.9	13.4	-24.1	28.7	9	8
Exports :						
World :	4.3	4.8	-16.3	12.7	10	7
U.S. :	9.4	3.2	-10.0	7.8	12	5
Foreign :	4.8	3.7	-12.0	5.8	11	6
Domestic use :						
World :	2.1	11.2	-28.0	19.9	11	6
U.S. :	6.9	2.2	-6.4	4.0	11	6
Foreign :	1.9	9.5	-24.7	18.4	11	6
Ending stocks :						
World :	10.2	12.6	-19.4	26.9	9	8
U.S. :	17.6	4.0	-9.0	14.1	8	9
Foreign :	10.9	10.1	-17.8	16.8	8	9
COARSE GRAINS 3/ :						
Production :						
World :	3.2	25.4	-31.9	75.3	9	8
U.S. :	12.7	25.2	-35.9	70.3	8	9
Foreign :	2.3	13.0	-26.4	28.1	6	11
Exports :						
World :	6.3	6.4	-10.0	15.5	9	8
U.S. :	17.4	9.1	-22.8	15.3	6	11
Foreign :	13.6	6.8	-12.1	14.2	9	8
Domestic use :						
World :	1.7	13.3	-16.7	32.4	7	10
U.S. :	5.4	9.4	-16.6	33.0	11	6
Foreign :	1.5	9.3	-7.8	32.8	7	10
Ending stocks :						
World :	18.0	22.5	-71.4	48.1	11	6
U.S. :	44.5	21.8	-57.6	43.8	9	8
Foreign :	15.7	9.7	-22.3	18.6	13	4
RICE, milled :						
Production :						
World :	2.4	7.7	-21.8	11.4	13	4
U.S. :	6.4	0.3	-1.0	0.5	10	7
Foreign :	2.4	7.7	-22.0	11.2	13	4
Exports :						
World :	8.2	1.4	-4.9	0.8	12	5
U.S. :	8.6	0.2	-0.7	0.7	9	5
Foreign :	8.9	1.2	-4.2	0.7	13	4
Domestic use :						
World :	1.9	6.2	-19.4	5.0	14	3
U.S. :	7.9	0.2	-0.5	0.6	7	9
Foreign :	1.9	6.2	-20.0	5.2	14	3
Ending stocks :						
World :	12.8	4.1	-11.6	9.0	11	6
U.S. :	22.9	0.3	-0.8	0.9	9	6
Foreign :	13.7	4.1	-11.8	9.1	12	5

1/ Footnotes at end of table.

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Reliability of May Projections (Continued)

Commodity and region	:Differences between proj. & final estimate, 1981/82-96/97 1/					
	: Avg. :	Avg. :	Difference		: Below final	: Above final
SOYBEANS	:Percent		Million metric tons		Number of years 2/	
Production :						
World :	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
U.S. :	8.1	4.3	-11.3	12.0	10	7
Foreign :	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Exports :						
World :	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
U.S. :	15.9	3.0	-6.7	6.4	10	7
Foreign :	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Domestic use :						
World :	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
U.S. :	6.2	2.3	-7.5	4.2	13	4
Foreign :	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ending stocks :						
World :	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
U.S. :	31.9	2.2	-4.5	6.0	6	11
Foreign :	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
COTTON	: Million 480-pound bales					
Production :						
World :	5.1	4.2	-13.7	11.4	11	6
U.S. :	9.4	1.4	-2.8	3.1	8	9
Foreign :	5.2	3.5	-12.2	10.5	9	8
Exports :						
World :	5.6	1.3	-4.2	2.1	8	9
U.S. :	20.4	0.9	-2.4	3.0	11	6
Foreign :	7.5	1.3	-3.5	1.9	8	9
Mill use :						
World :	2.5	2.0	-7.6	2.4	7	10
U.S. :	7.6	0.6	-1.4	1.0	12	5
Foreign :	2.5	1.8	-6.9	3.1	6	11
Ending stocks :						
World :	17.0	5.7	-13.8	15.4	11	6
U.S. :	38.2	1.6	-3.4	3.7	7	10
Foreign :	16.0	4.7	-13.1	12.7	10	7

1/ Final estimate for 1981/82-97/98 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year and for 1997/98 last month's estimate. 2/ May not total 17 if projections was the same as final estimate. 3/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet and mixed grain.

Reliability of United States May Projections 1/

Commodity and region	:Differences between proj. & final estimate, 1981/82-96/97 1/						
	: Avg. :	Avg. :	Difference		: Below final	: Above final	
CORN	:Percent	Million bushels				Number of years 3/	
Production	: 13.4	875	-1378	2379	6	11	
Exports	: 19.0	340	-850	583	6	11	
Domestic use	: 6.0	346	-558	1095	11	6	
Ending stocks	: 54.3	760	-2091	1459	9	8	
	:						
SORGHUM	:						
Production	: 15.7	111	-228	171	9	8	
Exports	: 18.6	45	-105	97	7	8	
Domestic use	: 13.7	67	-162	100	10	7	
Ending stocks	: 63.6	92	-238	191	6	11	
	:						
BARLEY	:						
Production	: 9.9	40	-73	206	7	10	
Exports	: 38.1	23	-92	53	10	7	
Domestic use	: 10.5	41	-72	95	11	6	
Ending stocks	: 15.4	30	-60	78	8	9	
	:						
OATS	:						
Production	: 18.3	52	-77	231	4	13	
Exports	: 102.5	2	-5	8	5	9	
Domestic use	: 9.1	34	-39	160	7	10	
Ending stocks	: 18.0	23	-62	77	5	9	
	:						
	:	Thousand short tons					
SOYBEAN MEAL	:						
Production	: 5.1	1422	-3035	4162	12	5	
Exports	: 17.3	1061	-1850	2364	10	7	
Domestic use	: 3.9	821	-1800	1559	11	6	
Ending stocks	: 37.5	88	-234	388	6	11	
	:						
	:	Million pounds					
SOYBEAN OIL	:						
Production	: 5.2	675	-1287	1443	11	6	
Exports	: 27.4	432	-1700	860	9	8	
Domestic use	: 3.1	360	-985	608	14	3	
Ending stocks	: 40.4	535	-966	1188	8	9	
	:						
	:	Million pounds					
ANIMAL PROD. 4/	:						
Beef	: 1.8	425	-398	1319	10	6	
Pork	: 2.4	372	-779	826	10	6	
Broilers	: 1.0	197	-389	457	10	6	
Turkeys	: 1.8	71	-170	173	8	8	
	:						
	:	Million dozen					
Eggs	: 1.1	64	-83	125	12	4	
	:						
	:	Billion pounds					
Milk	: 0.8	1.2	-3.2	3.1	6	9	

1/ See pages 29 and 30 for record of reliability for U.S. wheat, rice, soybeans and cotton. 2/ Final estimate for 1981/82-97/98 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year and for 1997/98 last month's estimate. 3/ May not total 17 for crops and 16 for animal production if projection was the same as the final estimate. 4/ Calendar years 1982 thru 1997 for meats and eggs; October-September years 1981/82 thru 1996/97 for milk. Final for animal products is defined as latest annual production estimate published by NASS.

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