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Senegal Grain and Feed Annual 2003

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Report Highlights:

Post forecasts rice production to increase in 2003/2004 due to expanded cultivated area and good rains in 2003. Large imports of cheaper Asian rice have rendered local production unprofitable. Rice imports are expected to increase in CY 2003 and CY 2004 due to rising domestic demand favored by low import prices.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes Includes Trade Matrix: Yes Annual Report

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Executive Summary

Post forecasts paddy rice production to increase in 2003/2004 due to expanded cultivated area and good rains in 2003. However, expected production increase is being undermined by cheaper Asian rice imports that have rendered domestic rice production uncompetitive. Furthermore, Senegalese consumers preference for 100 percent broken rice, which constitutes the bulk of imported rice, has rendered the marketing of locally produced long grain rice difficult.

Rice consumption increased in 2002/2003 and is expected to continue to increase in 2003/2004 as cheaper imported rice is undermining domestic food crop production and gradually replacing corn, millet and sorghum as staple in the rural areas, especially during the lean seasons. Three consecutive years of drought have reduced production of these crops leading to increases in their market prices. In 2003/2004, despite the expected increases in production of corn, sorghum and millet resulting from expanded area and good rains in 2003, the expansion in rice consumption will continue induced by the growing preferences from imported rice.

Rice imports are estimated to increase in CY 2003 and forecast to continue to increase in CY 2004 due to rising domestic demand. Rice imports were 792 TMT in CY 2002 up from 632 TMT in CY 2001. For the first 7 months of CY 2003, imports were 472 TMT compared to 388 TMT for the same period in 2002.

Thailand is still the major source of imports, with 73 percent market share, followed by India and Vietnam. U.S. rice exports to Senegal were 7 TMT in 2002 and were only food aid shipments.

Senegal is an import transshipment point to Mali, Guinea Bissau and Mauritania. In CY 2001 and CY 2002, transshipments totaled 211 TMT and 244 TMT respectively.

Exchange Rate: U.S. \$1 = 571 F CFA on November 6, 2003.

PSD Table

Country	Senegal					
Commodity	Rice, Milled				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	2001 USDA Official [Old]	Revised Post Estimate [New]	2002 USDA Official [Old]	Estimate Post Estimate [New]	2003 USDA Official [Old]	Forecast Post Estimate [New]
Market Year Begin		08/2001		08/2002		08/2003
Area Harvested	120	88	85	76	85	87
Beginning Stocks	239	250	406	168	449	235
Milled Production	176	159	143	112		135
Rough Production	271	245	220	172	223	208
MILLING RATE (.9999)	6500	6500	6500	6500	6500	6500
TOTAL Imports	916	648	875	875	750	930
Jan-Dec Imports	858	632	750	792	750	920
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	7	0	0	7	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1331	1057	1424	1155	1344	1300
TOTAL Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Dec Exports	0	42	0	65	0	0
TOTAL Dom.	925	889	975	920	1000	980
Consumption						
Ending Stocks	406	168	449	235	344	320
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1331	1057	1424	1155	1344	1300

Food Crop Production

	Production			Area			
	(1,000 MT)			(1,000 HA)			
Crop	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	
Millet	470	414	623	801	820	857	
Sorghum	140	117	173	174	200	208	
Corn	106	80	495	88	108	165	

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Senegal.

Import Trade Matrix

Country	Senegal		
Commodity	Rice, Milled		
Time Period	Jan-Dec	Units:	MT
Imports for:	2001	'	2002
U.S.	0	U.S.	7459
Others		Others	
Thailand	493157	Thailand	580041
Vietnam	82193	Vietnam	103714
Uruguay	12645	India	89461
		Burma	8282
Total for Others	587995		781498
Others not Listed	44258		3139
Grand Total	632253		792096