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Update Report – Cyclone Impact Report 2007

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Report Highlights:

MY 2007/08 rice production forecast is lowered to 28.5 million tons due to the damage caused by cyclonic *Sidr*, which hit Bangladeshi coastal districts on November 16. Rice and wheat import forecasts are revised upward to one million tons and 1.8 million tons respectively.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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RICE

On November 16, a devastating cyclone *Sidr* ripped through Bangladesh, causing heavy damage to crop and properties, besides killing thousands of people. An estimated 30 percent of the standing *Aman* rice crop (planted in July/August and harvested in November/December) was reportedly affected. While the actual damage to the crop is yet to be assessed, initial government estimates show that 500,000 hectares planted to the *Aman* rice were badly affected, resulting in a likely loss of 600,000 metric tons of rice. The early planted *Aman* rice crop, which was nearing harvest, was the worst affected. GOB officials indicated that the crop loss could mount as reports from all affected areas become available. Post estimates the total loss to *Aman* rice production at around one million tons.

The government is preparing a contingency plan to increase grain production in the coming season to at least partially offset the cyclone crop losses by providing seeds, fertilizer, and credit support for *Boro* (planted in December/January and harvested in April/May) and *Aus* (planted in March/April) rice cultivation. The Department of Agriculture is planning to bring additional land under *Boro* rice and wheat to partially offset the loss to the *Aman* rice. Assuming favorable weather conditions for the *Boro* crop, post revises the MY 2007/08 total rice production forecast down to 28.5 million tons, half a million tons below MY 2006/07 production.

The crop loss caused by the cyclone will further aggravate the already tight rice supply situation leading to increased dependence on imports (both food aid and commercial). Post revises the MY 2007/08 rice import forecast upward to one million tons and consumption down to 29.8 million tons.

WHEAT

In response to higher wheat prices vis-à-vis other competing crops such as mustard, and pulses, MY 2007/08 wheat acreage is revised upward to 460,000 hectares and production to 900,000 tons. A tight overall food grain supply situation should necessitate larger wheat imports forecast at 1.8 million tons.

Table 1: Commodity, Rice, PSD

PSD Table									
Country	Bangladesh								
Commodity	Rice, Milled						(1000 HA) (1000 MT) (MT/HA)		
	2005	Revised		2006	Estimate		2007	Forecast	
	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New
Market Year Begin		07/2005	07/2005		07/2006	07/2006		07/2007	07/2007
Area Harvested	11100	11100	11100	11200	11200	11200	11240	11240	11090
Beginning Stocks	169	169	169	441	441	441	446	360	446
Milled Production	28758	28758	28758	29000	29000	29000	29000	29000	28500
Rough Production	43141	43141	43141	43504	43504	43504	43504	43504	42754
Milling Rate (.9999)	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666
MY Imports	514	514	514	769	769	769	800	800	1000
TY Imports	531	531	531	650	650	650	800	800	800
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	29441	29441	29441	30210	30210	30210	30246	30160	29946
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Consumption	29000	29000	29000	29764	29850	29764	30000	30000	29800
Ending Stocks	441	441	441	446	360	446	246	160	146
Total Distribution	29441	29441	29441	30210	30210	30210	30246	30160	29946
Yield (Rough)	3.886577	3.886577	3.886577	3.884286	3.884286	3.884286	3.870463	3.870463	3.855185

Table 2: Commodity, Wheat, PSD

PSD Table									
Country	Bangladesh								
Commodity	Wheat						(1000 HA) (1000 MT) (MT/HA)		
	2005	Revised		2006	Estimate		2007	Forecast	
	USDA	Post	Post	USDA	Post	Post	USDA	Post	Post
	Official	Estimate	Estimate	Official	Estimate	Estimate	Official	Estimate	Estimate
			New			New			New
Market Year Begin		Jul-05	Jul-05		Jul-06	Jul-06		Jul-07	Jul-07
Area Harvested	480	480	480	372	372	372	440	440	460
Beginning Stocks	852	142	142	731	176	176	502	141	141
Production	820	820	820	765	765	765	800	800	900
MY Imports	2009	2009	2009	1806	1700	1700	1600	1600	1800
TY Imports	2009	2009	2009	1806	1700	1700	1600	1600	1800
TY Imp. from U.S.	66	66	66	87	35	87	0	67	0
Total Supply	3681	2971	2971	3302	2641	2641	2902	2541	2841
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FSI Consumption	2950	2975	2795	2800	2500	2500	2650	2450	2750
Total Consumption	2950	2825	2795	2800	2500	2500	2650	2450	2750
Ending Stocks	731	176	176	502	141	141	252	91	91
Total Distribution	3681	3001	2971	3302	2641	2641	2902	2541	2841
Yield	1.708333	1.708333	1.708333	2.056452	2.056452	2.056452	1.818182	1.818182	1.956522