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For crops, global competition has intensified. In 1953, the United States harvested 1 in 5 hectares worldwide. By 2003, U.S. area fell to just 1 in 8.

**Harvested Area
In Million Hectares**

Corn 1953 02/03

U.S. 32.6 28.1

Foreign 56.8 108.1

Wheat 1953 02/03

U.S. 27.4 18.5

Foreign 158.2 193.9

Soybeans 1953 02/03

U.S. 5.9 29.2

Foreign 10.1 52.4

Cotton 1953 02/03

U.S. 9.9 5.0

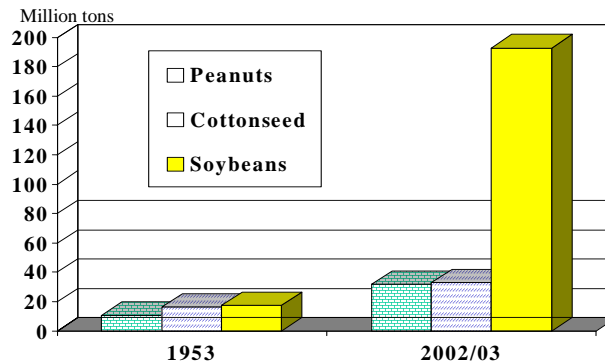
Foreign 23.1 25.7

50th Anniversary Edition

In 1953, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson created the Foreign Agricultural Service to “promote exports, remove foreign obstacles to trade, provide technical assistance abroad, and supply American agriculture with commodity market information.” One year later, the U.S. Department of State transferred the agricultural attaché service to USDA. In 2003, USDA’s commodity market information system still relies heavily on reports from the attaché service abroad, but 21st Century tools such as satellite imagery, weather data, and computer crop models are used to validate and improve global crop production forecasts.

World oilseed production has undergone profound changes since 1953. Brazil, forecast to produce 51 million tons of soybeans in 2003 with a projected harvest of 18 million hectares, harvested just 60,000 hectares in 1953. Oilseeds over the past 50 years have developed into a major

World Production of Selected Oilseeds

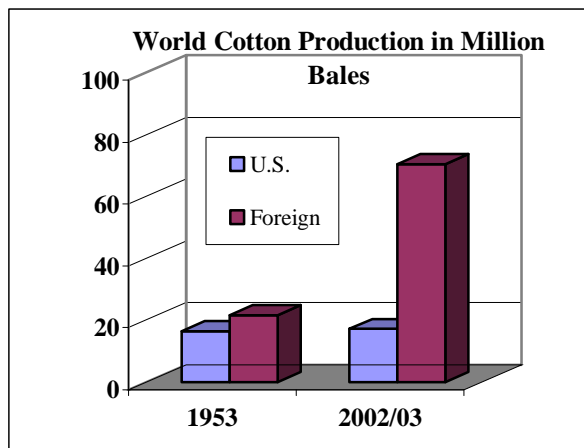


Sources: National Agricultural Statistics Service Yearbook (1954); Foreign Agricultural Service

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industry, especially soybeans. Soybeans were important in 1953, but the crop was not the primary oilseed. In 1953, world soybean production was 17.7 million tons, compared to 16.3 million for cottonseed and 10.7 million for peanuts. In 2002/03, world soybean production is estimated at 194 million tons, about six times more than cottonseed, at 33.3 million, and six times more than peanuts, at 30.7 million. The largest soybean producer in 1953 was the United States, which produced 7.3 million tons, but only because Manchuria and China were considered separate countries in the statistics; combined they produced 9.0 million tons. Today, the United States is the largest soybean producer, producing 74.3 million tons in 2002/03, 46 percent more than the second largest producer, Brazil. China, the fourth largest producer, is estimated to have produced 16.4 million tons. Better soybean varieties, glyphosate tolerance, and modern cultural practices have increased yields. World average soybean yield in 1953 was just 1.1 tons per hectare, compared with 2.4 tons per hectare today.

Increased yields have improved world cotton production while globally harvested area has fallen



by 2 million hectares. In 1953, foreign cotton production was 22 million bales of which the United States produced 16 million. Today, the foreign sector has outpaced the United States, producing 71 million bales to our 17 million. Area in the foreign sector has increased slightly, whereas area in the United States has fallen by half. Yields rose 194 percent in the foreign sector and 104 percent in the United States while area increased 12 percent in the foreign sector and dropped 49 percent in the United States. The improvement in agronomic practices, high-yield varieties, and availability of genetically

modified cotton have pushed world cotton production up 130 percent, more than offsetting a 7-percent drop in world area.

From 1953 to 2002/03, global wheat production doubled while corn production quadrupled and both are estimated at 567 million tons and 594 million tons, respectively. Wheat production in Asia, mostly China and India, increased by a factor of 5, while wheat production in Europe (Eastern and Western Europe) tripled. Corn production in Asia expanded by a factor of 8, while corn production in South America quadrupled. U.S. wheat yields more than doubled while corn yields tripled, in the last 5 decades.

The rise in wheat production is due primarily to yield improvements, doubling over the past 5 decades. Area and yield increases affected corn where harvested area has expanded by 50 percent, in addition to yields more than doubling. Global wheat harvested area remained fairly constant and U.S. wheat harvested area decreased by 32 percent during this period. The rise in corn area is largely due to the shift in people's diets towards meat consumption and corn use in animal feed.

U.S. rice production pales compared to giant foreign rice producers, China, India, and Indonesia. In 1953, foreign rice production (rough basis) was 119 million tons while the United States produced 5 million. Today, the foreign sector has outpaced the United States, producing 559 million tons (375.5 milled basis) to our 10 million (6.6 milled basis). Area in both sectors has increased, but yields have increased 149 percent in the foreign sector, and 21 percent in the United States, whereas area increased 89 percent in the foreign sector and 51 percent in the United States.

Argentina: Bumper 2002/03 Soybean Crop Forecast

Argentine soybean production for 2002/03 is forecast at a record 35.0 million tons, up 1.5 million tons or 4 percent from last month and up 17 percent from last year's output of 30.0 million. Soybean area is forecast at a record 12.5 million hectares, unchanged from last month and up 1.1 million or 10 percent from last year's area of 11.4 million. Yield is forecast at 2.80 tons per hectare, matching the record yield of 1997/98.

Recent field travel by a USDA team found soybean conditions are good to excellent in central Argentina. Above-normal rainfall came during planting and vegetative stages (November to December), and ample rains during critical reproductive stages for first-crop soybeans occurred in mid-February. Soil moisture and current precipitation should provide ideal conditions for second-crop soybeans, which will be in the most critical stage within the next 10 days. First-crop soybeans are planted in the spring following a winter fallow period, whereas second-crop soybeans are planted in late spring to early summer following winter wheat harvest. Several areas are expecting records in either first-crop yields or second-crop yields. National yields are forecast to match the record of 1997/98.

Wheat and corn areas have declined to accommodate some of the soybean area increase. Additionally, new lands are being exploited in Argentina's northern provinces of Chaco and Santiago del Estero. The decrease in wheat area, especially in central Argentina, has led to a decrease in second-crop soybean area. Farmers have opted to plant higher yielding first-crop soybeans instead. The 2002/03 ratio of first- and second-crop soybeans is estimated at 82:18, the lowest amount of second-crop soybeans in the last 8 years.

Brazil: 2002/03 Corn Production Increases Due to Higher Yield

Brazil's 2002/03 corn production is estimated at 37 million tons, up 1 million from last month and up 4 percent from last year's drought-affected crop. Harvested area is estimated at 11.8 million hectares, unchanged from last month and last year. Crop yield is estimated at a near-record 3.14 tons per hectare, up 4 percent from last year.

The summer rainy season was slightly delayed this year, but began in earnest in late October. Beneficial soaking rains reached virtually all of the primary corn growing regions by early November, allowing plantings to be completed by early December. Plentiful rainfall and warm seasonal temperatures since planting have allowed the nation's vast corn region to experience near-perfect growing conditions. Currently, the bulk of the crop is at or nearing harvest stage.

There have been no significant reports of crop stress, disease, or pest-related problems. Crop yields in most states are expected to reach near-record to record levels owing to the combination of high fertilizer use and excellent season-long moisture conditions. Corn area is expected to remain constant; however, there is an increase in the winter corn area offset by a decrease in the summer corn area.

Iran: 2002/03 Wheat and Rice Production Higher due to Good Weather

Iran's 2002/03 wheat production is estimated at 12 million tons, up 1 million or 9 percent from last month and 30 percent higher than last year's drought-affected crop. Wheat area is estimated at 6.2 million hectares, unchanged from last month and 3 percent higher than last year. Rice production is estimated at 1.8 million tons (2.7 million, rough basis) up 0.4 million tons or 28 percent above last month and 36 percent above last year's output. Rice area is revised upward to 0.6 million hectares, 17 percent above last year.

Producers irrigate all rice areas and 70 percent of the wheat area. Despite deficits in irrigation supplies created by multiple years of drought, crops benefited from early season rainfall that occurred in the irrigated wheat regions in the west and in the rice regions along the Caspian Coast. Rainfall in most of the northern and northwestern rain-fed wheat regions was abundant and timely. Reports indicate that higher quality seeds and improved cultivation contributed to the higher production.

South Africa: 2002/03 Corn Production Statistical Series Updated

South Africa's 2002/03 corn production is forecast at 9.0 million tons, up 1.0 million or 12.5 percent from last month, but down 0.7 million or 7 percent from last year's crop. Harvested area is estimated at 3.5 million hectares, up 200,000 hectares from last month and up 150,000 hectares from last year. This month's production estimate was increased due to baseline adjustments made to the production time series for the past 4 years. The updated production time series agrees with official estimates reported by South Africa's National Department of Agriculture (NDA), and these estimates are greater than the preliminary estimates given by South Africa's National Crop Estimates Committee (NCEC). NCEC estimates have been consistently lower than reported deliveries to silos and millers for the past 4 years. Yield estimates were adjusted upwards due to the revision of the production baseline; the new estimated yield of 2.57 tons per hectare is below the 2001/02 yield of 2.90 tons per hectare due to drier weather overall this season. Estimated area is near the 5-year average, with a projected year to year increase of 150,000 hectares based on reports collected during field travel.

Recent field travel in the Maize Triangle by a USDA team observed the crop in the low-yielding West to be near average due to favorable rains during December and January, while the crop in the high-yielding East was below average due to below normal rainfall for the entire season. Both regions experienced a difficult crop season because plantings were delayed by 2-4 weeks to mid-December; heat stress occurred during late January; and low soil moisture reserves were observed during early February. It appears all major agricultural inputs were readily available to farmers and no major pests or disease problems were observed.

India: 2002/03 Peanuts Suffer From Dryness

The 2002/03 India peanut crop is forecast at 5.4 million tons, down 1.3 million or 19 percent from last month and down 2.2 million or 29 percent from last year. Area is forecast at 6.8 million hectares, down 1.3 million or 16 percent from last month and down 1.4 million or 17 percent from last year. Lack of rainfall during the critical growth stages of the Kharif peanut crop lowered production in the major producing states of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The state of Gujarat, which accounts for 25 to 30 percent of India's total crop, experienced a delayed arrival of the monsoon, which subsequently affected sowing. Earlier expectations that the crop was able to recover were based on the appearance of healthy vegetative growth later in the season; however, pod formation was seriously affected. The Rabi portion of the crop, which constitutes approximately 20 percent of India's total production, is grown in the southern states from November to April. This crop has received below normal winter precipitation. The effect of less favorable weather is being exacerbated by the already low irrigation reserves normally used to supplement the crop during critical growth phases.

This report uses information from the Foreign Agricultural Service's global network of agricultural attaches and counselors, official statistics of foreign governments and other foreign source materials, and the results of economic and satellite imagery analysis. Estimates of foreign area, yield, and production are from the Production Estimates and Crop Assessment Division, FAS, and are reviewed by USDA's Inter-Agency Commodity Estimates Committees. Estimates of U.S. area, yield, and production are from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Numbers within the report may not add to totals because of rounding. This report reflects official USDA estimates released in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE-396), March 11, 2003.

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Conversion Table

Metric tons to bushels

Wheat, soybeans	=	MT * 36.7437
Corn, sorghum, rye	=	MT * 39.36825
Barley	=	MT * 45.929625
Oats	=	MT * 68.894438

Metric tons to 480-lb bales

Cotton	=	MT * 4.592917
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Metric tons to hundredweight

Rice	=	MT * 22.04622
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Area & weight

1 hectare	=	2.471044 acres
1 kilogram	=	2.204622 pounds

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TABLE 1
World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total Foreign	North America			Europe			FSU-12	Asia					South America		Selected Other			All Others
			United States	Canada	Mexico	European Union	Oth. W. Europe	Eastern Europe		China	India	Indonesia	Pakistan	Thailand	Argentina	Brazil	Australia	South Africa	Turkey	
---Million metric tons---																				
<u>Wheat</u>																				
2000/01	582.05	521.30	60.76	26.52	3.40	104.73	0.90	28.87	62.95	99.64	76.37	0.00	21.08	0.00	16.23	1.66	22.11	2.35	18.00	36.50
2001/02 prel.	579.81	526.55	53.26	20.57	3.27	91.20	0.77	34.72	91.33	93.87	68.76	0.00	19.02	0.00	15.50	3.25	24.85	2.49	15.50	41.44
2002/03 proj.																				
Feb.	566.64	522.65	43.99	15.70	3.15	103.32	0.89	30.79	96.58	91.00	72.00	0.00	19.50	0.00	12.50	2.90	10.00	2.28	18.50	43.54
Mar.	566.93	522.94	43.99	15.70	3.15	103.32	0.89	30.65	96.58	91.00	71.81	0.00	19.50	0.00	12.50	2.94	9.50	2.28	18.50	44.62
<u>Coarse Grains</u>																				
2000/01	859.67	586.54	273.13	24.03	24.46	107.38	1.59	37.01	49.49	113.95	31.63	5.90	1.82	4.90	19.58	42.70	10.14	8.39	10.12	93.46
2001/02 prel.	891.18	629.32	261.86	22.60	27.17	106.67	1.54	52.08	62.35	122.27	34.68	6.00	1.83	4.70	18.45	36.66	12.56	10.10	9.52	100.15
2002/03 proj.																				
Feb.	861.59	616.55	245.04	19.59	25.37	106.07	1.69	49.36	60.53	132.90	27.50	6.10	1.85	4.10	18.49	37.16	5.56	8.41	10.32	101.56
Mar.	861.57	616.53	245.04	19.59	25.37	106.07	1.69	49.51	60.53	133.04	25.13	6.10	1.85	4.10	18.49	38.16	5.54	9.41	10.32	101.63
<u>Rice (Milled)</u>																				
2000/01	397.91	391.97	5.94	0.00	0.22	1.57	0.00	0.04	0.71	131.54	84.87	32.96	4.70	17.06	0.55	6.93	1.26	0.00	0.23	109.35
2001/02 prel.	397.15	390.41	6.74	0.00	0.19	1.62	0.00	0.04	0.62	124.31	91.60	33.09	3.88	17.50	0.41	7.14	0.91	0.00	0.21	108.90
2002/03 proj.																				
Feb.	381.69	375.09	6.60	0.00	0.16	1.79	0.00	0.04	0.69	121.80	78.00	33.20	3.85	17.20	0.51	7.15	0.32	0.00	0.26	110.12
Mar.	382.05	375.45	6.60	0.00	0.16	1.79	0.00	0.04	0.69	121.80	78.00	33.20	3.85	17.20	0.51	7.15	0.32	0.00	0.26	110.48
<u>Total Grains 1/</u>																				
2000/01	1,839.63	1,499.80	339.83	50.55	28.07	213.68	2.49	65.91	113.14	345.13	192.87	38.86	27.60	21.96	36.36	51.29	33.50	10.74	28.35	239.31
2001/02 prel.	1,868.13	1,546.27	321.86	43.17	30.62	199.49	2.31	86.83	154.30	340.45	195.05	39.09	24.73	22.20	34.36	47.05	38.33	12.59	25.22	250.49
2002/03 proj.																				
Feb.	1,809.93	1,514.29	295.64	35.29	28.68	211.18	2.58	80.18	157.80	345.70	177.50	39.30	25.20	21.30	31.50	47.21	15.87	10.69	29.08	255.23
Mar.	1,810.55	1,514.92	295.64	35.29	28.68	211.18	2.58	80.20	157.80	345.84	174.94	39.30	25.20	21.30	31.50	48.24	15.36	11.69	29.08	256.74
<u>Oilseeds 2/</u>																				
2000/01	313.43	228.54	84.89	10.03	0.37	14.18	0.05	4.62	11.27	51.13	20.83	2.07	4.11	0.45	31.53	40.81	3.18	1.14	1.88	30.90
2001/02 prel.	323.70	233.87	89.83	6.65	0.40	13.92	0.05	5.32	9.18	52.19	24.05	1.84	3.86	0.43	34.14	45.10	2.97	1.20	1.92	30.64
2002/03 proj.																				
Feb.	326.46	243.00	83.46	6.08	0.33	13.62	0.05	5.41	11.02	51.82	22.13	1.95	3.91	0.44	37.76	52.65	1.38	1.07	2.30	31.11
Mar.	326.37	242.91	83.46	6.08	0.33	13.72	0.05	5.41	11.04	52.45	19.93	1.95	3.81	0.44	39.06	52.68	1.35	1.07	2.30	31.25
---Million 480 pound bales---																				
<u>Cotton</u>																				
2000/01	88.68	71.49	17.19	0.00	0.39	2.46	0.00	0.03	6.39	20.30	10.93	0.03	8.20	0.03	0.74	4.31	3.70	0.16	3.60	10.23
2001/02 prel.	98.35	78.05	20.30	0.00	0.43	2.58	0.00	0.03	7.35	24.40	12.30	0.06	8.30	0.10	0.30	3.52	3.20	0.08	3.98	11.42
2002/03 proj.																				
Feb.	87.64	70.50	17.15	0.00	0.19	2.14	0.00	0.03	6.88	22.00	11.10	0.06	8.00	0.05	0.30	3.60	1.40	0.08	4.10	10.58
Mar.	87.99	70.84	17.15	0.00	0.19	2.14	0.00	0.03	6.85	22.60	11.10	0.06	7.80	0.05	0.30	3.70	1.40	0.08	4.10	10.46

1/ Includes wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above.

2/ Includes soybean, cottonseed, peanut (inshell), sunflowerseed, rapeseed for individual countries. Copra and palm kernel are added to world totals.

Note: Entries of 0.0 indicate no reported or insignificant production.

TABLE 2
Wheat Area, Yield, and Production
 World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj.		2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj.		2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
			Feb.	Mar.			Feb.	Mar.			Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	219.26	214.50	212.19	212.52	2.65	2.70	2.67	2.67	582.05	579.81	566.64	566.93	0.29	0.05	-12.88	-2.22
United States	21.50	19.68	18.54	18.54	2.83	2.71	2.37	2.37	60.76	53.26	43.99	43.99	0.00	0.00	-9.27	-17.40
Total Foreign	197.75	194.82	193.65	193.98	2.64	2.70	2.70	2.70	521.30	526.55	522.65	522.94	0.29	0.05	-3.61	-0.69
Major Exporters	48.17	45.47	42.48	43.18	3.52	3.35	3.33	3.27	169.59	152.12	141.52	141.02	-0.50	-0.35	-11.10	-7.30
European Union	17.79	16.50	17.68	17.68	5.89	5.53	5.85	5.85	104.73	91.20	103.32	103.32	0.00	0.00	12.12	13.29
France	5.25	4.77	5.23	5.23	7.12	6.62	7.46	7.46	37.36	31.57	39.00	39.00	0.00	0.00	7.43	23.53
United Kingdom	2.09	1.64	2.00	2.00	8.01	7.08	8.03	8.03	16.70	11.57	16.05	16.05	0.00	0.00	4.48	38.68
Germany	2.97	2.90	3.01	3.01	7.28	7.89	6.91	6.91	21.62	22.84	20.80	20.80	0.00	0.00	-2.04	-8.92
Canada	10.96	10.59	8.60	8.60	2.42	1.94	1.83	1.83	26.52	20.57	15.70	15.70	0.00	0.00	-4.87	-23.67
Australia	13.00	11.59	10.30	11.00	1.70	2.14	0.97	0.86	22.11	24.85	10.00	9.50	-0.50	-5.00	-15.35	-61.78
Argentina	6.41	6.80	5.90	5.90	2.53	2.28	2.12	2.12	16.23	15.50	12.50	12.50	0.00	0.00	-3.00	-19.35
Major Importers	91.08	92.50	94.02	94.16	2.31	2.62	2.59	2.60	210.65	242.75	243.56	244.46	0.90	0.37	1.71	0.71
China	26.65	24.66	23.50	23.50	3.74	3.81	3.87	3.87	99.64	93.87	91.00	91.00	0.00	0.00	-2.87	-3.06
FSU-12	42.98	45.70	48.67	48.67	1.46	2.00	1.98	1.98	62.95	91.33	96.58	96.58	0.00	0.00	5.25	5.75
Russia	23.20	23.80	25.70	25.70	1.48	1.97	1.97	1.97	34.45	46.90	50.60	50.60	0.00	0.00	3.70	7.89
Ukraine	5.16	6.88	6.75	6.75	1.98	3.10	3.04	3.04	10.20	21.35	20.55	20.55	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-3.74
Kazakstan	10.50	10.70	11.70	11.70	0.87	1.19	1.09	1.09	9.10	12.70	12.70	12.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baltic States	0.60	0.58	0.55	0.55	3.03	2.84	3.34	3.34	1.81	1.63	1.85	1.85	0.00	0.00	0.21	12.98
Eastern Europe	9.29	10.13	9.64	9.58	3.11	3.43	3.20	3.20	28.87	34.72	30.79	30.65	-0.13	-0.44	-4.07	-11.71
Poland	2.64	2.63	2.55	2.55	3.23	3.53	3.65	3.65	8.50	9.28	9.30	9.30	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.18
Iran	6.00	6.00	6.20	6.20	1.33	1.42	1.77	1.94	8.00	8.50	11.00	12.00	1.00	9.09	3.50	41.18
Egypt	1.19	1.00	1.01	1.01	5.34	6.12	6.10	6.10	6.35	6.13	6.15	6.15	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.33
Morocco	2.90	2.70	2.60	2.60	0.48	1.23	1.27	1.27	1.38	3.32	3.30	3.30	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-0.48
Brazil	1.47	1.73	1.85	2.04	1.13	1.88	1.57	1.44	1.66	3.25	2.90	2.94	0.04	1.21	-0.32	-9.69
Other Foreign	58.51	56.85	57.16	56.65	2.41	2.32	2.41	2.43	141.05	131.68	137.57	137.45	-0.11	-0.08	5.78	4.39
India	27.49	25.07	26.20	25.68	2.78	2.74	2.75	2.80	76.37	68.76	72.00	71.81	-0.19	-0.26	3.05	4.43
Turkey	8.70	8.50	8.60	8.60	2.07	1.82	2.15	2.15	18.00	15.50	18.50	18.50	0.00	0.00	3.00	19.35
Pakistan	8.46	8.25	8.30	8.30	2.49	2.31	2.35	2.35	21.08	19.02	19.50	19.50	0.00	0.00	0.48	2.51
Mexico	0.69	0.69	0.66	0.66	4.93	4.77	4.77	4.77	3.40	3.27	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.00	-0.12	-3.67
Saudi Arabia	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	4.50	4.45	4.50	4.50	1.80	1.78	1.80	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.02	1.12
South Africa	0.93	0.96	0.94	0.94	2.51	2.60	2.42	2.42	2.35	2.49	2.28	2.28	0.00	0.00	-0.21	-8.43
Others	11.84	12.99	12.06	12.06	1.53	1.61	1.69	1.69	18.06	20.85	20.34	20.41	0.08	0.37	-0.43	-2.09

TABLE 3
Total Coarse Grain Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	296.56	299.45	294.46	291.17	2.90	2.98	2.93	2.96	859.67	891.18	861.59	861.57	-0.02	0.00	-29.60	-3.32
United States	35.62	33.93	33.64	33.64	7.67	7.72	7.28	7.28	273.13	261.86	245.04	245.04	0.00	0.00	-16.82	-6.42
Total Foreign	260.94	265.52	260.82	257.52	2.25	2.37	2.36	2.39	586.54	629.32	616.55	616.53	-0.02	0.00	-12.79	-2.03
Major Exporters	47.18	47.85	46.03	46.23	3.73	3.89	4.02	4.03	176.09	185.98	184.95	186.07	1.13	0.61	0.09	0.05
Canada	7.18	6.94	6.07	6.07	3.35	3.26	3.23	3.23	24.03	22.60	19.59	19.59	0.00	0.00	-3.01	-13.33
Argentina	4.07	3.69	3.65	3.65	4.81	5.00	5.07	5.07	19.58	18.45	18.49	18.49	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.24
Australia	5.34	5.51	4.33	4.45	1.90	2.28	1.28	1.25	10.14	12.56	5.56	5.54	-0.01	-0.27	-7.02	-55.90
South Africa	4.11	4.22	4.18	4.38	2.04	2.39	2.01	2.15	8.39	10.10	8.41	9.41	1.00	11.89	-0.69	-6.84
China	26.49	27.49	27.82	27.69	4.30	4.45	4.78	4.81	113.95	122.27	132.90	133.04	0.14	0.11	10.77	8.81
Major Importers	76.28	79.24	77.10	77.09	2.91	3.18	3.18	3.18	222.16	251.74	244.91	245.06	0.15	0.06	-6.68	-2.65
FSU-12	31.23	32.74	31.56	31.56	1.58	1.90	1.92	1.92	49.49	62.35	60.53	60.53	0.00	0.00	-1.82	-2.92
Russia	19.60	20.60	19.78	19.78	1.44	1.71	1.68	1.68	28.20	35.15	33.30	33.30	0.00	0.00	-1.85	-5.26
Ukraine	6.45	6.73	6.70	6.70	2.01	2.53	2.55	2.55	12.99	17.03	17.10	17.10	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.41
Kazakstan	1.97	2.07	2.12	2.12	1.05	1.38	1.27	1.27	2.08	2.86	2.70	2.70	0.00	0.00	-0.16	-5.69
Baltic States	1.01	0.94	0.91	0.91	2.20	2.07	2.08	2.08	2.23	1.94	1.89	1.89	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-2.63
European Union	19.20	19.54	19.28	19.28	5.59	5.46	5.50	5.50	107.38	106.67	106.07	106.07	0.00	0.00	-0.60	-0.56
Germany	4.05	4.15	3.94	3.94	5.84	6.48	5.75	5.75	23.65	26.87	22.62	22.62	0.00	0.00	-4.25	-15.82
France	3.74	4.07	3.97	3.97	7.49	6.97	7.55	7.55	28.03	28.41	29.99	29.99	0.00	0.00	1.58	5.57
Eastern Europe	15.11	15.60	15.03	15.01	2.45	3.34	3.29	3.30	37.01	52.08	49.36	49.51	0.15	0.31	-2.56	-4.92
Poland	6.16	6.18	5.90	5.90	2.24	2.86	2.91	2.91	13.82	17.68	17.16	17.16	0.00	0.00	-0.52	-2.93
Romania	3.32	3.48	3.35	3.35	1.74	2.43	2.55	2.55	5.78	8.46	8.56	8.56	0.00	0.00	0.09	1.12
Czech Rep.	0.63	0.65	0.67	0.66	3.50	4.12	3.80	4.12	2.22	2.66	2.55	2.70	0.15	5.93	0.04	1.35
Mexico	9.38	10.09	9.97	9.97	2.61	2.69	2.54	2.54	24.46	27.17	25.37	25.37	0.00	0.00	-1.80	-6.61
Other W. Europe	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.36	4.61	4.44	4.72	4.72	1.59	1.54	1.69	1.69	0.00	0.00	0.15	9.88
Other Foreign	137.48	138.44	137.69	134.21	1.37	1.38	1.36	1.38	188.29	191.59	186.69	185.40	-1.29	-0.69	-6.19	-3.23
Thailand	1.37	1.34	1.28	1.28	3.58	3.51	3.20	3.20	4.90	4.70	4.10	4.10	0.00	0.00	-0.60	-12.77
India	30.30	29.80	28.85	25.45	1.04	1.16	0.95	0.99	31.63	34.68	27.50	25.13	-2.37	-8.62	-9.55	-27.54
Brazil	13.67	12.52	12.50	12.50	3.12	2.93	2.97	3.05	42.70	36.66	37.16	38.16	1.00	2.69	1.50	4.08
Turkey	4.58	4.45	4.55	4.55	2.21	2.14	2.27	2.27	10.12	9.52	10.32	10.32	0.00	0.00	0.80	8.41
Indonesia	3.00	3.00	3.05	3.05	1.97	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.90	6.00	6.10	6.10	0.00	0.00	0.10	1.67
Philippines	2.48	2.49	2.38	2.38	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	4.51	4.51	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.21	-4.55
Others	82.08	84.83	85.08	85.01	1.08	1.13	1.14	1.14	88.54	95.53	97.22	97.29	0.08	0.08	1.77	1.85

TABLE 4
Corn Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	From last month	From last year		
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	136.89	137.53	136.07	136.20	4.30	4.35	4.35	4.36	588.26	598.73	592.53	593.95	1.42	0.24	-4.77	-0.80
United States	29.32	27.85	28.05	28.05	8.59	8.67	8.16	8.16	251.85	241.49	228.81	228.81	0.00	0.00	-12.68	-5.25
Total Foreign	107.58	109.68	108.02	108.15	3.13	3.26	3.37	3.38	336.41	357.24	363.73	365.15	1.42	0.39	7.91	2.21
Major Exporters	29.10	30.08	30.25	30.45	4.45	4.59	4.88	4.88	129.44	138.19	147.50	148.50	1.00	0.68	10.31	7.46
Argentina	2.82	2.45	2.45	2.45	5.46	5.88	5.92	5.92	15.40	14.40	14.50	14.50	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.69
South Africa	3.23	3.35	3.30	3.50	2.49	2.90	2.42	2.57	8.04	9.70	8.00	9.00	1.00	12.50	-0.70	-7.22
China	23.06	24.28	24.50	24.50	4.60	4.70	5.10	5.10	106.00	114.09	125.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	10.91	9.56
Major Importers	20.91	22.06	21.49	21.49	3.91	4.31	4.34	4.35	81.72	95.03	93.38	93.54	0.17	0.18	-1.49	-1.57
Eastern Europe	6.66	7.02	6.65	6.65	2.72	3.96	3.97	3.99	18.12	27.80	26.37	26.54	0.17	0.63	-1.27	-4.55
Romania	2.86	2.91	2.80	2.80	1.68	2.41	2.68	2.68	4.80	7.00	7.50	7.50	0.00	0.00	0.50	7.14
Yugoslavia	1.21	1.30	1.20	1.20	2.44	4.77	4.50	4.50	2.94	6.20	5.40	5.40	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-12.90
European Union	4.15	4.46	4.37	4.37	9.12	8.89	9.04	9.04	37.82	39.69	39.44	39.44	0.00	0.00	-0.24	-0.62
France	1.77	1.91	1.82	1.82	9.10	8.61	8.90	8.90	16.07	16.48	16.20	16.20	0.00	0.00	-0.28	-1.68
Italy	1.06	1.11	1.14	1.14	9.53	9.52	9.47	9.47	10.14	10.55	10.80	10.80	0.00	0.00	0.25	2.33
Mexico	7.15	7.78	7.70	7.70	2.51	2.62	2.47	2.47	17.92	20.40	19.00	19.00	0.00	0.00	-1.40	-6.86
FSU-12	2.90	2.75	2.73	2.73	2.59	2.47	3.02	3.02	7.52	6.81	8.24	8.24	0.00	0.00	1.43	21.00
Russia	0.80	0.70	0.63	0.63	1.94	1.14	2.40	2.40	1.55	0.80	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.70	87.50
Ukraine	1.28	1.12	1.20	1.20	3.01	3.24	3.50	3.50	3.85	3.64	4.20	4.20	0.00	0.00	0.56	15.35
Other W. Europe	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	9.95	9.25	8.80	8.80	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.90
Others	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	4.00	4.22	4.00	4.00	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-5.26
Other Foreign	57.57	57.54	56.27	56.21	2.18	2.16	2.18	2.19	125.25	124.02	122.85	123.11	0.25	0.21	-0.92	-0.74
Thailand	1.21	1.18	1.12	1.12	3.88	3.81	3.48	3.48	4.70	4.50	3.90	3.90	0.00	0.00	-0.60	-13.33
Brazil	12.97	11.83	11.80	11.80	3.20	3.00	3.05	3.14	41.54	35.50	36.00	37.00	1.00	2.78	1.50	4.22
India	6.56	6.87	6.20	6.20	1.84	1.97	1.77	1.70	12.07	13.51	11.00	10.57	-0.43	-3.91	-2.94	-21.76
Canada	1.09	1.27	1.29	1.29	6.27	6.62	7.03	7.03	6.83	8.39	9.07	9.07	0.00	0.00	0.68	8.06
Indonesia	3.00	3.00	3.05	3.05	1.97	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.90	6.00	6.10	6.10	0.00	0.00	0.10	1.67
Philippines	2.48	2.49	2.38	2.38	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	4.51	4.51	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.21	-4.55
Egypt	0.71	0.77	0.78	0.78	7.99	8.00	8.00	8.00	5.64	6.16	6.20	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.65
Zimbabwe	1.22	1.40	1.25	1.25	1.20	0.36	0.80	0.80	1.47	0.50	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	100.00
Others	28.33	28.74	28.41	28.35	1.50	1.56	1.59	1.59	42.61	44.96	45.29	44.97	-0.31	-0.70	0.01	0.03

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TABLE 5
Barley Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	54.96	56.81	55.04	55.10	2.42	2.50	2.40	2.41	133.13	141.99	132.21	132.83	0.62	0.47	-9.16	-6.45
United States	2.11	1.74	1.67	1.67	3.29	3.13	2.95	2.95	6.94	5.43	4.94	4.94	0.00	0.00	-0.49	-9.02
Total Foreign	52.85	55.07	53.37	53.42	2.39	2.48	2.38	2.39	126.19	136.56	127.27	127.89	0.62	0.49	-8.67	-6.35
European Union	10.79	10.79	10.57	10.57	4.78	4.48	4.58	4.58	51.57	48.36	48.34	48.34	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-0.06
Denmark	0.74	0.76	0.83	0.83	5.37	5.39	4.92	4.92	3.98	4.07	4.08	4.08	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.29
France	1.54	1.71	1.64	1.64	6.33	5.75	6.71	6.71	9.72	9.81	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	1.19	12.16
Germany	2.07	2.11	1.98	1.98	5.85	6.39	5.56	5.56	12.11	13.50	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	-2.50	-18.49
Italy	0.34	0.33	0.35	0.35	3.67	3.38	3.59	3.59	1.26	1.13	1.24	1.24	0.00	0.00	0.11	10.12
Spain	3.31	2.99	3.10	3.10	3.41	2.09	2.68	2.68	11.28	6.25	8.30	8.30	0.00	0.00	2.06	32.91
United Kingdom	1.13	1.25	1.08	1.08	5.76	5.38	5.73	5.73	6.49	6.70	6.19	6.19	0.00	0.00	-0.51	-7.65
FSU-12	15.89	17.22	17.25	17.25	1.57	2.03	1.97	1.97	25.01	34.93	33.93	33.93	0.00	0.00	-1.00	-2.87
Russia	9.20	10.20	10.25	10.25	1.53	1.91	1.82	1.82	14.10	19.50	18.70	18.70	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-4.10
Ukraine	3.69	3.92	4.15	4.15	1.86	2.60	2.49	2.49	6.87	10.19	10.35	10.35	0.00	0.00	0.16	1.61
Kazakhstan	1.63	1.70	1.75	1.75	1.03	1.29	1.26	1.26	1.68	2.20	2.20	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baltic States	0.65	0.60	0.63	0.63	2.25	2.19	2.11	2.11	1.47	1.32	1.34	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.02	1.21
Eastern Europe	2.82	2.97	3.10	3.08	2.64	3.30	2.99	3.00	7.46	9.79	9.26	9.25	-0.01	-0.08	-0.54	-5.50
Poland	1.10	1.07	1.10	1.10	2.54	3.11	3.09	3.09	2.78	3.33	3.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.07	2.10
Czech Rep.	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.49	3.29	3.97	3.60	3.67	1.63	1.97	1.80	1.79	-0.01	-0.39	-0.17	-8.80
Romania	0.21	0.32	0.30	0.30	2.68	3.34	2.17	2.17	0.57	1.06	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	-0.41	-38.39
Canada	4.55	4.15	3.27	3.27	2.89	2.61	2.23	2.23	13.17	10.85	7.28	7.28	0.00	0.00	-3.57	-32.88
Other W. Europe	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.22	4.14	3.98	4.32	4.32	0.86	0.86	0.95	0.95	0.00	0.00	0.09	10.08
Norway	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.18	3.57	3.54	3.71	3.71	0.57	0.61	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.04	6.21
Turkey	3.60	3.50	3.55	3.55	2.06	1.97	2.11	2.11	7.40	6.90	7.50	7.50	0.00	0.00	0.60	8.70
Australia	3.68	3.72	3.00	3.10	1.83	2.26	1.17	1.13	6.74	8.42	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00	-4.92	-58.45
China	0.79	0.77	0.77	0.74	3.35	3.76	3.14	3.58	2.65	2.89	2.40	2.63	0.23	9.58	-0.26	-9.09
Morocco	2.25	2.13	2.00	2.00	0.21	0.54	0.80	0.80	0.47	1.16	1.60	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.45	38.53
India	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.00	1.90	2.00	2.00	1.45	1.43	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.07	4.75
Others	6.90	8.25	8.27	8.27	1.15	1.17	1.17	1.22	7.95	9.64	9.68	10.08	0.40	4.13	0.43	4.49

TABLE 6
Oats Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	From last month	Percent	From last year	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	13.90	14.27	13.90	13.92	1.87	1.89	1.81	1.81	26.01	27.04	25.21	25.18	-0.03	-0.11	-1.85	-6.85
United States	0.94	0.77	0.85	0.85	2.30	2.20	2.04	2.04	2.17	1.70	1.73	1.73	0.00	0.00	0.03	1.77
Total Foreign	12.96	13.50	13.06	13.07	1.84	1.88	1.80	1.79	23.84	25.34	23.48	23.46	-0.03	-0.11	-1.88	-7.43
FSU-12	5.39	5.87	5.26	5.26	1.39	1.64	1.40	1.40	7.50	9.65	7.36	7.36	0.00	0.00	-2.28	-23.68
Russia	4.50	4.90	4.40	4.40	1.33	1.57	1.30	1.30	6.00	7.70	5.70	5.70	0.00	0.00	-2.00	-25.97
Ukraine	0.48	0.56	0.50	0.50	1.83	2.00	1.90	1.90	0.88	1.12	0.95	0.95	0.00	0.00	-0.17	-14.87
Belarus	0.30	0.30	0.25	0.25	1.73	2.00	2.40	2.40	0.52	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baltic States	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.14	1.96	1.62	1.73	1.73	0.28	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.83
Maj. Foreign Exporters	2.33	2.39	2.34	2.35	2.18	2.01	1.74	1.71	5.08	4.81	4.06	4.04	-0.03	-0.62	-0.77	-16.08
Canada	1.30	1.24	1.30	1.30	2.61	2.17	2.12	2.12	3.39	2.69	2.75	2.75	0.00	0.00	0.06	2.19
													0.00			
Australia	0.70	0.77	0.70	0.72	1.50	1.86	1.07	1.01	1.05	1.44	0.75	0.73	-0.03	-3.33	-0.71	-49.62
Argentina	0.34	0.38	0.34	0.34	1.92	1.78	1.67	1.67	0.64	0.68	0.56	0.56	0.00	0.00	-0.12	-17.40
Other Foreign	5.10	5.09	5.32	5.32	2.16	2.09	2.22	2.22	10.98	10.64	11.82	11.82	0.00	-0.02	1.17	11.01
China	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
European Union	1.94	1.96	2.09	2.09	3.48	3.17	3.44	3.44	6.77	6.20	7.18	7.18	0.00	0.00	0.98	15.76
France	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.15	4.46	4.11	5.03	5.03	0.46	0.49	0.73	0.73	0.00	0.00	0.25	50.52
Germany	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.24	4.59	4.94	4.34	4.34	1.09	1.15	1.02	1.02	0.00	0.00	-0.13	-11.38
Italy	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	2.26	2.21	2.41	2.41	0.32	0.31	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.04	12.90
Finland	0.40	0.42	0.45	0.45	3.54	3.09	3.22	3.22	1.41	1.29	1.45	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.16	12.67
Sweden	0.29	0.27	0.29	0.29	3.96	3.54	4.10	4.10	1.15	0.96	1.19	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.23	23.44
Eastern Europe	1.10	1.06	1.14	1.14	1.79	2.17	2.12	2.12	1.97	2.29	2.42	2.42	0.00	-0.08	0.13	5.73
Czech Rep.	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	2.72	2.83	2.83	2.75	0.14	0.14	0.17	0.17	0.00	-1.18	0.03	23.53
Poland	0.57	0.53	0.60	0.60	1.89	2.46	2.33	2.33	1.07	1.31	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.10	7.28
Yugoslavia	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	1.52	1.92	1.92	1.92	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Norway	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	4.22	4.01	4.44	4.44	0.40	0.33	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.07	20.12
Turkey	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	1.32	1.35	1.36	1.36	0.76	0.72	0.72	0.72	1.01	0.98	0.97	0.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.31

TABLE 7
Rye Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj.		2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj.		2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
			Feb.	Mar.			Feb.	Mar.			Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	9.34	9.48	9.03	9.03	2.05	2.42	2.30	2.30	19.15	22.91	20.77	20.76	-0.01	-0.03	-2.15	-9.38
United States	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.12	1.78	1.72	1.53	1.53	0.21	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Foreign	9.22	9.38	8.91	8.91	2.06	2.42	2.31	2.31	18.94	22.73	20.59	20.58	-0.01	-0.03	-2.15	-9.46
FSU-12	4.99	5.35	5.52	5.52	1.59	1.89	1.91	1.91	7.92	10.10	10.55	10.55	0.00	0.00	0.45	4.49
Russia	3.50	3.60	3.90	3.90	1.56	1.83	1.82	1.82	5.45	6.60	7.10	7.10	0.00	0.00	0.50	7.58
Ukraine	0.64	0.88	0.75	0.75	1.52	2.07	2.00	2.00	0.97	1.82	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	-0.32	-17.67
Belarus	0.78	0.80	0.80	0.80	1.86	2.00	2.38	2.38	1.45	1.60	1.90	1.90	0.00	0.00	0.30	18.75
Baltic States	0.22	0.19	0.13	0.13	2.23	2.04	2.34	2.34	0.48	0.38	0.31	0.31	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-18.06
Major Exporter																
Canada	0.12	0.12	0.08	0.08	2.26	1.85	1.74	1.74	0.26	0.23	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	-0.09	-41.23
Other Foreign	3.90	3.72	3.18	3.18	2.64	3.24	3.01	3.02	10.28	12.03	9.59	9.59	-0.01	-0.06	-2.44	-20.29
Eastern Europe	2.31	2.19	1.79	1.79	1.91	2.45	2.48	2.48	4.41	5.37	4.44	4.44	-0.01	-0.14	-0.93	-17.37
Hungary	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	2.00	2.42	2.00	2.00	0.08	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-17.36
Poland	2.13	2.00	1.60	1.60	1.88	2.43	2.50	2.50	4.00	4.86	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	-0.86	-17.75
Czech Rep.	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	3.41	3.73	3.13	3.40	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.12	-0.01	-4.80	-0.03	-20.13
European Union	1.25	1.21	1.09	1.09	4.34	5.18	4.38	4.38	5.42	6.25	4.77	4.77	0.00	0.00	-1.49	-23.78
Denmark	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	5.14	5.31	4.60	4.60	0.26	0.33	0.23	0.23	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-30.09
France	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	4.56	4.14	4.66	4.66	0.15	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.02	16.38
Germany	0.84	0.84	0.73	0.73	4.93	6.13	5.07	5.07	4.15	5.13	3.70	3.70	0.00	0.00	-1.43	-27.90
Spain	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.11	1.89	1.06	1.53	1.53	0.21	0.11	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.06	58.88
Austria	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	3.40	4.18	4.00	4.00	0.18	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-6.10
Sweden	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	5.34	5.29	5.00	5.00	0.19	0.18	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-30.56
Turkey	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.16	0.14	0.12	0.12	1.24	1.13	1.08	1.08	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-13.07

TABLE 8
Sorghum Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj.		2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj.		2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
			Feb.	Mar.			Feb.	Mar.			Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	38.45	39.83	39.24	38.74	1.37	1.43	1.32	1.31	52.84	56.88	51.84	50.81	-1.03	-1.99	-6.07	-10.67
United States	3.13	3.47	2.95	2.95	3.82	3.76	3.18	3.18	11.95	13.07	9.39	9.39	0.00	0.00	-3.68	-28.14
Total Foreign	35.33	36.36	36.28	35.78	1.16	1.20	1.17	1.16	40.88	43.81	42.44	41.41	-1.03	-2.43	-2.39	-5.46
India	9.99	10.18	9.90	9.50	0.77	0.82	0.81	0.74	7.72	8.39	8.00	7.06	-0.94	-11.75	-1.33	-15.85
China	0.89	0.78	0.85	0.75	2.90	3.48	3.29	3.61	2.58	2.72	2.80	2.71	-0.09	-3.21	-0.01	-0.44
Mexico	1.83	1.89	1.85	1.85	3.10	3.12	2.97	2.97	5.67	5.90	5.50	5.50	0.00	0.00	-0.40	-6.78
Nigeria	6.70	6.75	6.75	6.75	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	7.80	7.80	7.85	7.85	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.64
Sudan	4.20	5.00	6.00	6.00	0.61	0.70	0.73	0.73	2.57	3.50	4.35	4.35	0.00	0.00	0.85	24.29
Argentina	0.57	0.54	0.55	0.55	4.78	5.07	5.00	5.00	2.71	2.75	2.75	2.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Australia	0.82	0.85	0.50	0.50	2.37	2.49	2.00	2.00	1.94	2.12	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	-1.12	-52.90
Ethiopia	1.70	1.65	1.20	1.20	1.06	1.12	1.17	1.17	1.80	1.85	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00	-0.45	-24.32
Colombia	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	2.83	2.83	2.83	2.83	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Venezuela	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Egypt	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	4.69	4.69	4.69	4.69	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yemen	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	0.55	0.60	0.55	0.55	0.61	0.92	0.91	0.91	0.34	0.55	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-9.09
Niger	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.27	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.40	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Africa	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	1.99	2.63	2.12	2.12	0.18	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-8.63
Thailand	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	5.46	5.50	5.51	5.51	0.98	1.00	1.02	1.02	5.33	5.50	5.59	5.59	0.00	0.00	0.09	1.65

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TABLE 9
Rice Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield (Rough)				Production (Milled)				Change in Production			
	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj. Feb.	2002/03 Proj. Mar.	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj. Feb.	2002/03 Proj. Mar.	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj. Feb.	2002/03 Proj. Mar.	From last month	Percent	From last year	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	151.46	151.13	144.81	144.82	3.91	3.91	3.92	3.93	397.91	397.15	381.69	382.05	0.36	0.09	-15.10	-3.80
United States	1.23	1.34	1.30	1.30	7.04	7.28	7.37	7.37	5.94	6.74	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.00	-0.13	-1.99
Total Foreign	150.23	149.79	143.51	143.52	3.88	3.88	3.89	3.90	391.97	390.41	375.09	375.45	0.36	0.10	-14.96	-3.83
Major Exporters	64.10	64.50	59.48	59.48	2.98	3.13	3.04	3.04	127.10	134.02	120.10	120.10	0.00	0.00	-13.92	-10.38
Vietnam	7.49	7.47	7.39	7.39	4.14	4.27	4.32	4.32	20.47	21.04	21.05	21.05	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.07
Thailand	9.89	10.13	9.99	9.99	2.61	2.62	2.61	2.61	17.06	17.50	17.20	17.20	0.00	0.00	-0.30	-1.71
India	44.36	44.79	40.00	40.00	2.87	3.07	2.93	2.93	84.87	91.60	78.00	78.00	0.00	0.00	-13.60	-14.85
Pakistan	2.35	2.12	2.10	2.10	3.00	2.75	2.75	2.75	4.70	3.88	3.85	3.85	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-0.82
Major Importers	21.99	22.00	21.96	22.01	3.78	3.82	3.85	3.86	53.52	54.37	54.74	55.12	0.38	0.70	0.75	1.38
Indonesia	11.60	11.50	11.50	11.50	4.44	4.46	4.48	4.48	32.96	33.09	33.20	33.20	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.34
Brazil	3.14	3.17	3.15	3.15	3.25	3.31	3.34	3.34	6.93	7.14	7.15	7.15	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.18
European Union	0.40	0.39	0.39	0.39	6.18	6.60	7.01	7.01	1.57	1.62	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00	0.17	10.62
Iran	0.49	0.52	0.55	0.60	4.02	3.83	3.84	4.50	1.31	1.31	1.40	1.78	0.39	27.60	0.47	35.57
Philippines	4.03	4.08	4.10	4.10	3.11	3.19	3.17	3.17	8.14	8.45	8.45	8.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nigeria	1.65	1.65	1.66	1.66	2.02	2.12	2.21	2.21	2.00	2.10	2.20	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.10	4.76
Other Foreign	64.15	63.28	62.07	62.03	4.82	4.67	4.72	4.73	211.35	202.02	200.25	200.23	-0.02	-0.01	-1.79	-0.89
China	29.96	28.81	28.10	28.10	6.27	6.16	6.19	6.19	131.54	124.31	121.80	121.80	0.00	0.00	-2.51	-2.02
Burma	6.00	6.20	6.20	6.20	3.10	2.90	2.90	2.90	10.77	10.44	10.44	10.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bangladesh	10.89	10.99	10.90	10.90	3.46	3.32	3.58	3.58	25.09	24.31	26.00	26.00	0.00	0.00	1.69	6.95
Japan	1.77	1.71	1.68	1.68	6.70	6.64	6.59	6.59	8.64	8.24	8.08	8.08	0.00	0.00	-0.17	-2.03
South Korea	1.07	1.08	1.05	1.05	6.71	6.84	6.35	6.35	5.29	5.52	4.93	4.93	0.00	0.00	-0.59	-10.66
Egypt	0.66	0.56	0.67	0.67	9.31	9.77	8.93	8.93	3.97	3.58	3.90	3.90	0.00	0.00	0.33	9.09
Taiwan	0.34	0.34	0.31	0.31	5.61	5.18	6.00	6.00	1.34	1.25	1.28	1.28	0.00	0.00	0.03	2.49
FSU-12	0.35	0.30	0.32	0.32	3.09	3.22	3.34	3.34	0.71	0.62	0.69	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.07	11.22
Russia	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.13	3.35	3.23	3.74	3.74	0.38	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-2.79
Australia	0.19	0.15	0.05	0.05	9.46	8.51	8.82	8.82	1.26	0.91	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.00	-0.60	-65.46
Others	12.92	13.15	12.78	12.74	2.71	2.68	2.75	2.75	22.76	22.85	22.83	22.80	-0.02	-0.11	-0.05	-0.22

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TABLE 10
Total Oilseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World Total 1/	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	313.43	323.70	326.46	326.37	-0.09	-0.03	2.67	0.82
Total Foreign	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	228.54	233.87	243.00	242.91	-0.09	-0.04	9.04	3.87
Copra	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.79	5.18	5.23	5.23	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.87
Palm Kernel	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.03	7.24	7.48	7.48	0.00	-0.01	0.24	3.33
Major Oilseed	174.64	177.67	176.32	175.08	1.72	1.75	1.78	1.79	300.61	311.28	313.75	313.66	-0.09	-0.03	2.38	0.77
United States	36.81	37.32	36.16	36.16	2.31	2.41	2.31	2.31	84.89	89.83	83.46	83.46	0.00	0.00	-6.37	-7.09
Foreign Oilseed	137.83	140.35	140.16	138.92	1.57	1.58	1.64	1.66	215.72	221.45	230.29	230.20	-0.09	-0.04	8.76	3.95
South America	30.47	33.64	36.83	36.83	2.54	2.50	2.61	2.65	77.54	84.21	96.13	97.66	1.53	1.60	13.46	15.98
Brazil	14.95	17.26	18.89	18.89	2.73	2.61	2.79	2.79	40.81	45.10	52.65	52.68	0.03	0.06	7.58	16.80
Argentina	12.92	13.76	15.11	15.11	2.44	2.48	2.50	2.59	31.53	34.14	37.76	39.06	1.30	3.44	4.92	14.41
Paraguay	1.67	1.60	1.73	1.73	2.22	2.01	2.24	2.36	3.71	3.22	3.88	4.08	0.20	5.15	0.86	26.71
China	26.94	27.40	27.15	27.15	1.90	1.90	1.91	1.93	51.13	52.19	51.82	52.45	0.63	1.22	0.26	0.49
India	29.70	30.58	29.20	27.77	0.70	0.79	0.76	0.72	20.83	24.05	22.13	19.93	-2.20	-9.94	-4.13	-17.15
European Union	5.81	5.85	5.54	5.54	2.44	2.38	2.46	2.48	14.18	13.92	13.62	13.72	0.10	0.73	-0.20	-1.40
France	2.01	1.92	1.75	1.75	2.78	2.47	2.83	2.89	5.59	4.76	4.96	5.06	0.10	2.02	0.30	6.30
Italy	0.56	0.57	0.41	0.41	2.38	2.34	2.55	2.55	1.32	1.32	1.03	1.03	0.00	0.00	-0.29	-21.90
Germany	1.11	1.16	1.33	1.33	3.30	3.62	2.94	2.94	3.65	4.22	3.90	3.90	0.00	0.00	-0.31	-7.45
Spain	0.96	0.97	0.87	0.87	1.06	1.06	1.09	1.09	1.02	1.03	0.95	0.95	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-8.16
United Kingdom	0.40	0.45	0.43	0.43	2.88	2.57	3.42	3.42	1.16	1.16	1.47	1.47	0.00	0.00	0.31	26.83
FSU-12	11.36	10.20	10.79	10.81	0.99	0.90	1.02	1.02	11.27	9.18	11.02	11.04	0.02	0.23	1.86	20.26
Russia	5.19	4.43	4.75	4.75	0.85	0.71	0.87	0.87	4.41	3.16	4.14	4.14	0.00	0.00	0.98	31.01
Ukraine	3.06	2.58	2.89	2.91	1.19	0.95	1.19	1.20	3.65	2.46	3.44	3.49	0.04	1.31	1.03	41.67
Uzbekistan	1.42	1.43	1.42	1.42	1.36	1.47	1.44	1.44	1.92	2.10	2.05	2.05	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-2.38
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.52	0.50	0.50	0.69	0.66	0.56	0.52	0.33	0.34	0.28	0.26	-0.02	-7.14	-0.08	-23.30
Canada	5.95	4.90	3.98	3.98	1.69	1.36	1.53	1.53	10.03	6.65	6.08	6.08	0.00	0.00	-0.58	-8.70
Indonesia	1.50	1.34	1.47	1.47	1.38	1.38	1.33	1.33	2.07	1.84	1.95	1.95	0.00	0.00	0.11	6.20
Pakistan	3.45	3.52	3.12	3.12	1.19	1.09	1.25	1.22	4.11	3.86	3.91	3.81	-0.10	-2.55	-0.04	-1.11
Eastern Europe	3.18	3.10	3.18	3.18	1.45	1.72	1.70	1.70	4.62	5.32	5.41	5.41	0.00	0.00	0.09	1.63
Poland	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.43	2.19	2.40	2.34	2.34	0.96	1.06	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-6.02
Romania	0.98	0.89	0.94	0.94	0.88	0.99	1.16	1.16	0.86	0.89	1.08	1.08	0.00	0.00	0.20	22.03
Hungary	0.45	0.47	0.54	0.54	1.60	1.88	1.93	1.93	0.72	0.89	1.03	1.03	0.00	0.00	0.14	15.81
Turkey	1.26	1.26	1.44	1.44	1.49	1.53	1.60	1.60	1.88	1.92	2.30	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.38	19.67
Philippines	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mexico	0.23	0.24	0.20	0.20	1.62	1.69	1.66	1.66	0.37	0.40	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-18.61
Others	17.98	18.30	17.23	17.40	0.98	0.98	0.90	0.89	17.68	17.87	15.57	15.50	-0.08	-0.51	-2.38	-13.31

1/ Major oilseeds plus copra and palm kernel. 2/ Individual countries and regions include soybean, cottonseed, peanut (inshell), sunflowerseed, and rapeseed.

TABLE 11
Soybean Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	75.35	79.41	81.49	81.56	2.32	2.32	2.37	2.38	175.10	184.31	192.88	194.00	1.11	0.58	9.69	5.26
United States	29.30	29.53	29.20	29.20	2.56	2.66	2.54	2.54	75.06	78.67	74.29	74.29	0.00	0.00	-4.38	-5.57
Total Foreign	46.04	49.87	52.29	52.36	2.17	2.12	2.27	2.29	100.04	105.63	118.59	119.71	1.11	0.94	14.07	13.32
Major Exporters	25.68	29.17	31.95	31.95	2.74	2.63	2.76	2.81	70.32	76.60	88.20	89.90	1.70	1.93	13.30	17.36
Brazil	13.93	16.35	18.00	18.00	2.80	2.66	2.83	2.83	39.00	43.50	51.00	51.00	0.00	0.00	7.50	17.24
Argentina	10.40	11.40	12.50	12.50	2.67	2.63	2.68	2.80	27.80	30.00	33.50	35.00	1.50	4.48	5.00	16.67
Paraguay	1.35	1.42	1.45	1.45	2.61	2.18	2.55	2.69	3.52	3.10	3.70	3.90	0.20	5.41	0.80	25.81
Other Foreign	20.36	20.70	20.34	20.41	1.46	1.40	1.49	1.46	29.72	29.03	30.39	29.81	-0.59	-1.93	0.77	2.67
China	9.30	9.48	9.40	9.40	1.66	1.63	1.74	1.74	15.40	15.41	16.40	16.40	0.00	0.00	0.99	6.42
India	5.80	6.00	5.60	5.67	0.91	0.90	0.89	0.78	5.25	5.40	5.00	4.40	-0.60	-12.00	-1.00	-18.52
Canada	1.06	1.07	1.02	1.02	2.55	1.52	2.29	2.29	2.70	1.63	2.34	2.34	0.00	0.00	0.71	43.25
Indonesia	0.83	0.68	0.80	0.80	1.24	1.22	1.16	1.16	1.02	0.83	0.93	0.93	0.00	0.00	0.10	12.59
Eastern Europe	0.26	0.22	0.28	0.28	1.21	2.07	1.91	1.91	0.32	0.46	0.53	0.53	0.00	0.00	0.07	14.10
European Union	0.35	0.39	0.30	0.30	3.04	3.10	3.19	3.19	1.05	1.21	0.95	0.95	0.00	0.00	-0.27	-21.99
FSU-12	0.40	0.49	0.54	0.54	1.01	0.86	0.87	0.89	0.41	0.42	0.47	0.48	0.01	2.15	0.05	12.03
Russia	0.34	0.42	0.43	0.43	1.01	0.83	0.84	0.84	0.34	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.86
Ukraine	0.06	0.07	0.11	0.11	1.05	1.01	1.00	1.10	0.06	0.07	0.11	0.12	0.01	9.52	0.04	55.41
Mexico	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	1.47	1.56	1.67	1.67	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.01	5.83
Thailand	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.21	1.42	1.39	1.43	1.43	0.31	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.74
North Korea	0.31	0.31	0.32	0.32	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.14	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.86
Japan	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.15	1.91	1.88	1.87	1.87	0.24	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.01	3.32
Bolivia	0.60	0.64	0.68	0.68	1.72	1.94	1.91	1.91	1.03	1.24	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.06	4.84
South Korea	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.08	1.31	1.51	1.43	1.43	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3.39
Colombia	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	2.70	2.38	2.32	2.30	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	6.90	0.00	0.00
Others	0.93	0.88	0.88	0.88	1.47	1.38	1.43	1.43	1.37	1.22	1.25	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.04	2.96

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TABLE 12
Cottonseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	31.21	32.80	29.73	29.73	1.07	1.12	1.12	1.12	33.50	36.59	33.19	33.28	0.09	0.26	-3.32	-9.06
United States	5.28	5.60	5.02	5.02	1.11	1.21	1.16	1.16	5.84	6.76	5.82	5.82	0.00	0.00	-0.94	-13.86
Total Foreign	25.93	27.21	24.71	24.70	1.07	1.10	1.11	1.11	27.66	29.83	27.37	27.45	0.09	0.32	-2.38	-7.98
China	4.06	4.82	4.20	4.20	1.96	1.98	2.05	2.11	7.96	9.56	8.62	8.85	0.23	2.67	-0.71	-7.43
FSU-12	2.41	2.49	2.44	2.44	1.12	1.23	1.19	1.18	2.70	3.06	2.92	2.90	-0.02	-0.69	-0.17	-5.45
Uzbekistan	1.42	1.43	1.42	1.42	1.36	1.47	1.44	1.44	1.92	2.10	2.05	2.05	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-2.38
Turkmenis	0.48	0.52	0.50	0.50	0.69	0.66	0.56	0.52	0.33	0.34	0.28	0.26	-0.02	-7.14	-0.08	-23.30
India	8.58	8.73	7.80	7.80	0.57	0.58	0.60	0.60	4.90	5.10	4.70	4.70	0.00	0.00	-0.40	-7.84
Pakistan	2.93	3.13	2.70	2.70	1.22	1.11	1.30	1.26	3.57	3.48	3.50	3.40	-0.10	-2.86	-0.08	-2.41
Brazil	0.85	0.75	0.72	0.72	1.78	1.75	1.88	1.93	1.52	1.31	1.35	1.38	0.03	2.22	0.07	5.34
Turkey	0.65	0.69	0.71	0.71	1.79	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.17	1.27	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.03	2.60
African Fran	1.96	2.34	2.24	2.24	0.62	0.73	0.63	0.63	1.21	1.70	1.40	1.40	0.00	-0.21	-0.31	-17.90
Australia	0.51	0.42	0.23	0.23	2.10	2.30	2.00	2.00	1.06	0.97	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	-0.52	-53.51
Egypt	0.22	0.32	0.31	0.31	1.37	1.37	1.49	1.49	0.31	0.43	0.46	0.46	0.00	0.00	0.03	6.48
Argentina	0.38	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.75	0.67	0.71	0.71	0.29	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Paraguay	0.30	0.15	0.25	0.25	0.52	0.53	0.56	0.56	0.16	0.08	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.06	75.00
Greece	0.41	0.41	0.38	0.38	1.57	1.62	1.41	1.41	0.65	0.66	0.54	0.54	0.00	0.00	-0.13	-19.00
Syria	0.27	0.26	0.18	0.18	2.74	2.71	2.94	2.94	0.74	0.71	0.53	0.53	0.00	0.00	-0.18	-24.82
Mexico	0.08	0.08	0.04	0.04	1.65	1.79	1.60	1.60	0.13	0.15	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-56.46
Iran	0.26	0.20	0.16	0.16	0.83	0.84	0.91	0.91	0.22	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-13.69
Sudan	0.24	0.15	0.18	0.18	0.74	0.94	1.06	1.06	0.17	0.14	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.05	34.75
Others	1.83	2.11	2.02	2.02	0.49	0.44	0.47	0.45	0.91	0.93	0.95	0.90	-0.05	-5.25	-0.03	-3.11

TABLE 13
Peanut Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	2000/01	Prel.	2002/03 Proj.		2000/01	Prel.	2002/03 Proj.		2000/01	Prel.	2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
		2001/02	Feb.	Mar.		2001/02	Feb.	Mar.		2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	22.64	22.75	22.42	21.12	1.37	1.45	1.41	1.45	31.11	33.10	31.57	30.67	-0.90	-2.85	-2.43	-7.35
United States	0.54	0.57	0.53	0.53	2.74	3.40	2.87	2.87	1.48	1.94	1.51	1.51	0.00	0.00	-0.43	-22.37
Total Foreign	22.10	22.18	21.90	20.60	1.34	1.40	1.37	1.42	29.63	31.16	30.06	29.16	-0.90	-2.99	-2.00	-6.42
China	4.86	4.99	5.00	5.00	2.97	2.89	2.90	2.98	14.44	14.42	14.50	14.90	0.40	2.76	0.49	3.36
India	8.10	8.20	8.10	6.80	0.70	0.93	0.83	0.79	5.70	7.60	6.70	5.40	-1.30	-19.40	-2.20	-28.95
Indonesia	0.65	0.64	0.65	0.65	1.60	1.56	1.54	1.54	1.04	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.01
Senegal	1.03	0.92	0.75	0.75	0.97	0.98	0.67	0.67	1.00	0.90	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	-0.40	-44.63
Burma	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sudan	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zaire	0.49	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.38	0.38	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.09
Argentina	0.25	0.22	0.15	0.15	1.57	1.51	1.67	1.67	0.40	0.33	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-24.24
Nigeria	1.21	1.22	1.23	1.23	1.21	1.22	1.23	1.23	1.47	1.49	1.51	1.51	0.00	0.00	0.02	1.34
Vietnam	0.24	0.27	0.27	0.27	1.45	1.31	1.37	1.37	0.35	0.35	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.02	4.82
South Africa	0.16	0.09	0.07	0.07	1.16	1.30	1.54	1.54	0.19	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-16.67
Thailand	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	1.50	1.50	1.42	1.42	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Burkina Faso	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brazil	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	1.92	2.01	1.95	1.95	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Central Africa	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	1.16	1.22	1.22	1.22	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cameroon	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mexico	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	1.72	1.73	1.70	1.70	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.74
Gambia	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.17	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	2.86	2.89	2.92	2.92	0.87	0.82	0.87	0.87	2.49	2.38	2.54	2.54	0.00	0.00	0.16	6.86

TABLE 14
Sunflowerseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	20.33	19.16	20.36	20.36	1.15	1.11	1.17	1.16	23.31	21.20	23.92	23.71	-0.21	-0.86	2.51	11.82
United States	1.07	1.03	0.89	0.89	1.50	1.50	1.27	1.27	1.61	1.55	1.13	1.13	0.00	0.00	-0.42	-26.95
Total Foreign	19.26	18.12	19.47	19.47	1.13	1.08	1.17	1.16	21.70	19.65	22.78	22.58	-0.21	-0.90	2.92	14.88
FSU-12	7.95	6.67	7.28	7.30	0.98	0.80	1.00	1.00	7.76	5.31	7.27	7.29	0.02	0.28	1.98	37.31
Russia	4.63	3.80	4.10	4.10	0.85	0.70	0.89	0.89	3.92	2.67	3.63	3.63	0.00	0.00	0.96	35.96
Ukraine	2.84	2.40	2.70	2.72	1.22	0.94	1.20	1.20	3.46	2.25	3.25	3.27	0.02	0.62	1.02	45.27
Argentina	1.89	1.98	2.30	2.30	1.62	1.87	1.70	1.61	3.05	3.70	3.90	3.70	-0.20	-5.13	0.00	0.00
European Union	1.92	1.93	1.66	1.66	1.73	1.56	1.65	1.65	3.31	3.01	2.75	2.75	0.00	0.00	-0.26	-8.77
France	0.71	0.71	0.63	0.63	2.55	2.23	2.38	2.38	1.81	1.58	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-5.00
Spain	0.84	0.85	0.76	0.76	1.02	1.02	1.05	1.05	0.85	0.87	0.80	0.80	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-8.15
Italy	0.26	0.26	0.17	0.17	1.83	1.52	1.76	1.76	0.48	0.40	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-24.62
Eastern Europe	1.85	1.82	1.88	1.88	1.13	1.26	1.43	1.43	2.10	2.30	2.69	2.69	0.00	0.00	0.39	16.72
Hungary	0.30	0.34	0.39	0.39	1.67	1.88	2.00	2.00	0.50	0.63	0.78	0.78	0.00	0.00	0.15	23.26
Romania	0.82	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.87	0.94	1.13	1.13	0.72	0.74	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.16	20.97
Yugoslavia	0.15	0.17	0.17	0.17	1.48	1.65	1.65	1.65	0.22	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bulgaria	0.45	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.93	0.98	1.25	1.25	0.42	0.39	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.11	27.55
Czech Rep	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	2.10	2.17	2.21	2.21	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-18.46
China	1.23	1.02	1.15	1.15	1.59	1.45	1.57	1.57	1.95	1.48	1.80	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.32	21.79
India	2.20	2.40	2.70	2.70	0.57	0.60	0.60	0.60	1.25	1.45	1.63	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.18	12.07
Turkey	0.54	0.51	0.65	0.65	1.06	1.02	1.26	1.26	0.58	0.52	0.82	0.82	0.00	0.00	0.30	57.69
South Africa	0.52	0.65	0.60	0.60	1.28	1.30	1.25	1.25	0.66	0.84	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	-0.09	-10.71
Australia	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.06	1.01	0.97	1.07	0.98	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.05	-0.03	-32.50	-0.01	-14.29
Burma	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.66	0.65	0.73	0.73	1.06	1.10	1.14	1.14	0.70	0.71	0.83	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.12	17.46

TABLE 15
Rapeseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		Prel.		2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	2000/01	2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	25.11	23.55	22.31	22.30	1.50	1.53	1.44	1.44	37.60	36.08	32.20	32.01	-0.18	-0.57	-4.07	-11.27
United States	0.61	0.59	0.52	0.52	1.50	1.54	1.37	1.37	0.91	0.91	0.71	0.71	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-22.25
Total Foreign	24.50	22.96	21.79	21.78	1.50	1.53	1.44	1.44	36.69	35.17	31.49	31.31	-0.18	-0.59	-3.86	-10.98
India	5.02	5.25	5.00	4.80	0.74	0.86	0.82	0.79	3.73	4.50	4.10	3.80	-0.30	-7.32	-0.70	-15.56
China	7.49	7.10	7.40	7.40	1.52	1.60	1.42	1.42	11.38	11.33	10.50	10.50	0.00	0.00	-0.83	-7.33
Canada	4.82	3.77	2.86	2.86	1.50	1.31	1.25	1.25	7.21	4.93	3.58	3.58	0.00	0.00	-1.35	-27.32
European Union	3.04	3.03	3.11	3.11	2.98	2.95	2.98	3.02	9.06	8.91	9.28	9.38	0.10	1.08	0.47	5.23
France	1.23	1.10	1.04	1.04	2.91	2.64	3.13	3.22	3.57	2.89	3.25	3.35	0.10	3.08	0.46	15.92
Germany	1.08	1.14	1.30	1.30	3.33	3.66	2.96	2.96	3.59	4.16	3.85	3.85	0.00	0.00	-0.31	-7.45
United Kingdom	0.40	0.45	0.43	0.43	2.88	2.57	3.42	3.42	1.16	1.16	1.47	1.47	0.00	0.00	0.31	26.83
Denmark	0.10	0.08	0.09	0.09	2.95	2.68	2.53	2.53	0.29	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.42
Sweden	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.07	2.56	2.55	2.38	2.38	0.12	0.11	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.04	38.39
Eastern Europe	1.06	1.06	1.03	1.03	2.08	2.42	2.14	2.14	2.20	2.56	2.20	2.20	0.00	0.00	-0.36	-14.19
Poland	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.43	2.19	2.40	2.34	2.34	0.96	1.06	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-6.02
Czech Rep.	0.34	0.34	0.31	0.31	2.52	2.86	2.32	2.32	0.84	0.97	0.72	0.72	0.00	0.00	-0.25	-26.00
Australia	1.56	1.36	1.00	1.19	1.22	1.32	0.70	0.59	1.91	1.80	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00	-1.10	-61.05
FSU-12	0.60	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.67	0.72	0.68	0.71	0.40	0.39	0.37	0.38	0.02	4.11	-0.01	-1.30
Russia	0.22	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.68	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.01	7.14
Pakistan	0.33	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.91	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.30	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.43
Bangladesh	0.33	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.76	0.75	0.76	0.76	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.25	1.08	1.09	1.12	1.12	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.01	5.24

TABLE 16
Copra, Palm Kernel, and Palm Oil Production
 World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Production				Change in Production			
	2000/01	Prel. 2001/02	2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
			Feb.	Mar.				
	Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
COPRA								
World	5.79	5.18	5.23	5.23	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.87
Philippines	2.80	2.15	2.10	2.10	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-2.33
Indonesia	1.36	1.36	1.42	1.42	0.00	0.00	0.06	4.41
India	0.73	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.03	3.45
Mexico	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.01	6.06
Sri Lanka	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vietnam	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malaysia	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-7.69
Others	0.44	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21
PALM KERNEL								
World	7.03	7.24	7.48	7.48	0.00	-0.01	0.24	3.33
Malaysia	3.41	3.30	3.42	3.42	0.00	0.00	0.12	3.73
Indonesia	2.44	2.68	2.80	2.80	0.00	0.00	0.12	4.48
Nigeria	0.32	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.45
Colombia	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.00	-0.80	0.01	5.98
Thailand	0.12	0.16	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-16.67
Zaire	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.44
Ecuador	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.88
Others	0.49	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.84
PALM OIL								
World	24.33	25.33	25.66	25.65	-0.01	-0.04	0.33	1.28
Malaysia	11.94	11.86	11.80	11.80	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-0.49
Indonesia	8.30	9.10	9.50	9.50	0.00	0.00	0.40	4.40
Nigeria	0.73	0.76	0.77	0.77	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.32
Cote d'Ivoire	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.36	0.02	6.15
Colombia	0.56	0.52	0.56	0.55	-0.01	-1.79	0.03	6.18
Thailand	0.58	0.78	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	-0.13	-16.67
Zaire	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.91
Ecuador	0.25	0.30	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.02	6.67
Others	1.58	1.59	1.63	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.03	2.01

TABLE 17
Cotton Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change In Production			
	2000/01	Prel.	2002/03 Proj.		2000/01	Prel.	2002/03 Proj.		2000/01	Prel.	2002/03 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
		2001/02	Feb.	Mar.		2001/02	Feb.	Mar.		2001/02	Feb.	Mar.	MBales	Percent	MBales	Percent
	Million hectares				Kilograms per hectare				Million 480 lb. bales							
World	32.19	33.88	30.80	30.76	599.90	631.99	619.56	622.91	88.68	98.35	87.64	87.99	0.34	0.39	-10.36	-10.53
United States	5.28	5.60	5.02	5.02	708.50	789.94	743.02	743.02	17.19	20.30	17.15	17.15	0.00	0.00	-3.16	-15.55
Total Foreign	26.90	28.29	25.78	25.73	578.58	600.75	595.50	599.46	71.49	78.05	70.50	70.84	0.34	0.49	-7.20	-9.23
Major Exporters	14.59	15.53	14.25	14.24	778.25	805.87	798.23	805.77	52.16	57.47	52.23	52.70	0.47	0.91	-4.77	-8.31
China	4.06	4.82	4.20	4.20	1,089.17	1,102.18	1,140.47	1,171.58	20.30	24.40	22.00	22.60	0.60	2.73	-1.80	-7.38
Pakistan	2.93	3.13	2.70	2.70	609.75	577.36	645.12	628.99	8.20	8.30	8.00	7.80	-0.20	-2.50	-0.50	-6.02
Sudan	0.24	0.15	0.18	0.18	315.01	399.17	453.60	453.60	0.34	0.28	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.10	36.36
Turkey	0.65	0.69	0.71	0.71	1,198.49	1,248.86	1,257.29	1,257.29	3.60	3.98	4.10	4.10	0.00	0.00	0.13	3.14
FSU-12	2.41	2.49	2.44	2.44	577.56	641.91	612.91	609.79	6.39	7.35	6.88	6.85	-0.04	-0.51	-0.50	-6.87
Uzbekistan	1.42	1.43	1.42	1.42	677.03	746.06	720.64	720.64	4.40	4.90	4.70	4.70	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-4.08
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.52	0.50	0.50	378.16	359.35	304.82	289.58	0.83	0.85	0.70	0.67	-0.03	-5.00	-0.19	-21.76
Other	0.52	0.55	0.52	0.52	488.52	635.70	614.95	614.95	1.16	1.60	1.48	1.48	0.00	0.00	-0.12	-7.50
Egypt	0.22	0.32	0.31	0.31	898.24	996.01	916.00	916.00	0.92	1.44	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00	-0.14	-9.78
African Franc Zone	2.05	2.44	2.35	2.35	341.99	400.77	358.25	356.86	3.22	4.50	3.87	3.86	-0.01	-0.39	-0.64	-14.24
Southern Hemisphere	2.04	1.49	1.35	1.35	982.55	1,061.22	919.29	942.94	9.20	7.24	5.70	5.83	0.13	2.19	-1.41	-19.52
Argentina	0.38	0.17	0.16	0.16	421.13	395.87	421.41	421.41	0.74	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Australia	0.51	0.42	0.23	0.23	1,595.22	1,658.87	1,354.74	1,354.74	3.70	3.20	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00	-1.80	-56.25
Brazil	0.85	0.75	0.72	0.72	1,100.63	1,021.28	1,088.63	1,126.70	4.31	3.52	3.60	3.70	0.10	2.78	0.18	5.17
Paraguay	0.30	0.15	0.25	0.25	326.59	319.33	348.36	370.14	0.45	0.22	0.40	0.43	0.03	6.25	0.21	93.18
Major Importers	0.56	0.59	0.53	0.53	1,001.31	1,023.68	941.27	941.27	2.56	2.77	2.27	2.27	0.00	0.00	-0.50	-18.02
Other Foreign	11.76	12.17	11.01	10.97	310.71	318.47	316.55	315.12	16.78	17.80	16.00	15.87	-0.13	-0.81	-1.93	-10.83
India	8.58	8.73	7.80	7.80	277.52	306.76	309.84	309.84	10.93	12.30	11.10	11.10	0.00	0.00	-1.20	-9.76
Others	3.18	3.44	3.21	3.17	400.25	348.19	332.87	328.14	5.84	5.50	4.90	4.77	-0.13	-2.65	-0.73	-13.24

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TABLE 18

The table below presents a 21-year record of the differences between the March projection and the final estimate. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the March projection and the final estimate have averaged 2.6 million tons (0.5 percent) and ranged from -8.0 to 6.9 million tons. The March projection has been below the final 14 times and above the final 7 times.

RELIABILITY OF PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

COMMODITY AND REGION	PROJECTION AND FINAL ESTIMATES, 1981/82 - 2001/02 1/					
	Difference		Lowest	Highest	Below Final	Above Final
	Average	Average	Difference			
	Percent	---Million metric tons---			Number of years 2/	
WHEAT						
World	0.5	2.6	-8.0	6.9	14	7
U.S.	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.1	9	6
Foreign	0.6	2.5	-8.0	6.9	13	7
COARSE GRAINS 3/						
World	0.8	6.9	-17.3	10.9	16	5
U.S.	0.1	0.1	-0.2	1.3	10	5
Foreign	1.1	6.4	-17.3	10.9	15	5
RICE (Milled)						
World	1.2	4.0	-13.7	3.4	17	4
U.S.	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.2	6	3
Foreign	1.0	3.3	-9.9	3.3	16	4
SOYBEANS						
World	1.5	1.8	-4.2	2.6	13	8
U.S.	1.0	0.5	-1.6	1.8	8	9
Foreign	2.4	1.4	-4.6	2.6	13	7
COTTON		---Million 480-lb. bales---				
World	1.2	1.0	-2.9	3.0	12	8
U.S.	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.3	6	14
Foreign	1.4	1.0	-3.2	2.9	12	7
UNITED STATES		-----Million bushels-----				
CORN	0.0	2	-8	38	1	1
SORGHUM	0.1	0	0	4	0	2
BARLEY	0.4	2	-3	11	9	4
OATS	0.1	0	-2	1	4	2

1/ The final estimate for 1981/82-2000/01 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year.

2/ May not total 21 if projection was the same as the final.

3/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet, and mixed grain.