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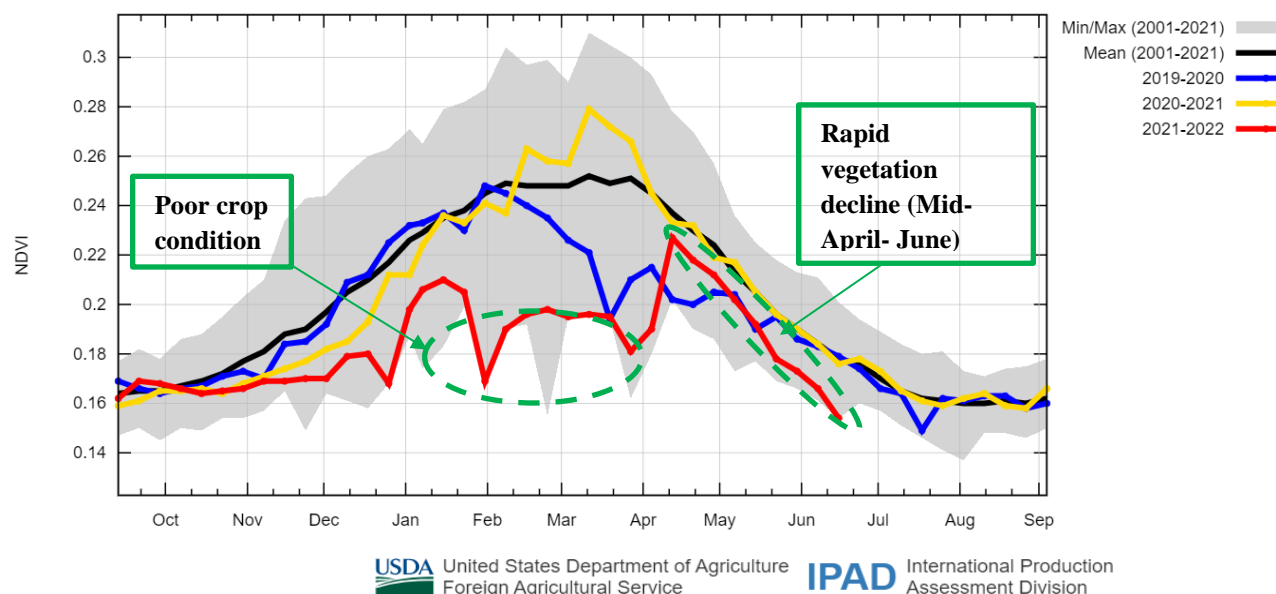
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Report Highlights:

Morocco is facing low wheat production in marketing year 2022/23 due to drought. The Ministry of Agriculture forecasts total wheat and barley production at 3.2 million metric tons, about 62 percent down from the previous year's crop (10.2 million metric tons). In response to low production and rising wheat prices globally, the Moroccan government continues to support wheat imports based on a fixed flat-rate premium through December 31, 2022.

Production update: Morocco's MY 2022/23 wheat and barley crop year experienced inadequate rainfall and weak weather conditions during the growing season (February – April), resulting in a very poor vegetation index. Morocco began harvest early, near the end of April 2022.

Figure 1: Morocco – Relative Crop Conditions (MODIS NDVI 8-day)



On May 13, 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture announced its first harvest estimate for MY 2022/23 wheat and barley production – set at 3.2 MMT, down 62 percent down from the previous year's crop of 10.2 MMT. The harvest includes 1.76 MMT of common wheat, 0.75 MMT of durum wheat, and 0.69 MMT of barley. The Ministry of Agriculture will publish its final production estimate in late July-early August 2022. Post revised its production estimate for MY 2022/23 barley based on Ministry of Agriculture estimate.

Trade Update: Post revised its MY and TY numbers for 2020/21 and 2021/22 based on trade to date data.

Table 1: Morocco – Wheat Imports by Country (MT Wheat Equivalent)

Partner Country	Marketing Year				Year to Date		
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	06/20-04/21	06/21-04/22	%Δ
EU 27	1,048,862	1,295,589	2,631,974	2,353,907	2,278,143	1,330,380	-41.6
Canada	723,021	834,358	927,924	1,290,992	1,021,701	494,938	-51.56
Ukraine	948,746	1,167,428	631,303	1,101,408	919,841	596,634	-35.14
Argentina	30,414	287,400	27,050	390,629	348,829	877,079	151.44
Russia	525,356	127,664	364,276	205,675	205,675	29,830	-85.5
Brazil	-	-	-	45,342	45,342	360,662	695.43
Other	400,121	11,504	43,486	56,228	55,613	8,322	-0.85
Total	3,676,522	3,723,947	4,626,017	5,444,178	4,875,143	3,697,848	-24.15

Source: Office des changes

Table 2: Morocco – Wheat Exports by Marketing Year (MT Wheat Equivalent)

HS	Description	Marketing Year				Year to Date		
		2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	06/20-04/21	06/21-04/22	%Δ
190240	Couscous	32,385	31,283	36,835	55,816	51,045	50,667	-0.74
190219	Pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, etc.), Unck	8,854	14,351	17,788	13,069	12,532	18,602	48.44
190230	Pasta, prepared, nesoi	3,835	3,840	4,722	5,670	5,381	6,811	26.57
1101	Wheat or meslin flour	15,750	26,187	3,427	1,956	1,956	1,263	-35.43
1001	Wheat and meslin	20	50	-	58	58	-	-100
190430	Bulgur wheat, pre-cooked	-	-	-	-	-	3	0
Total	PSD-Wheat	60,845	75,710	62,772	76,570	70,971	77,346	8.98

Source: Office des changes, applied converting factor: 1.368, MY used for wheat June-May

Table 3: Barley Imports by Marketing Year (MT)

Partner Country	Marketing Year				Year to Date		
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	07/20-04/21	07/21-04/22	%Δ
EU 27	356,592	142,688	943,971	440,994	410,146	659,830	60.88
Russia	19,658	-	-	25,041	25,041	49,369	97.15
Ukraine	43,458	8,249	131,649	12,099	12,099	50,238	315.22
Syria	-	-	-	3,337	3,337	-	-100
Argentina	9,900	-	-	-	-	18,300	0
Total	429,609	150,937	1,075,620	481,472	450,624	777,737	72.59

Source: Office des changes, MY used for barley July-June

Policy update:

The government of Morocco is taking measures to develop a strategic wheat stock. These measures include plans for the construction of grain storage facilities that will build storage capacity for a significant wheat reserve in anticipation of more frequent climate-related crop challenges.

On June 1, 2022, the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Economy and Finance signed a joint decision that implemented a series of measures to support the marketing of the domestic wheat crop in MY2022/23. The measures are effective June 1 through July 31, 2022, and include:

- Maintaining the reference price (minimum price paid to producers) for common wheat at 3,000 Dh/MT (≈\$298/MT).
- A biweekly storage premium of 25 Dh/MT (≈\$2.48/MT) for grain traders and Moroccan agricultural cooperatives to store their wheat at facilities licensed by the Moroccan Cereals Office (ONICL).

The Government of Morocco also continues to support bread wheat imports based on a fixed flat-rate premium in response to rising wheat prices. The baseline price is calculated every two weeks

and is based on prices assessed from four origins (Black Sea, France, Argentina, and the United States). The current restitution system is valid until December 31, 2022 ([Link](#)).

Table 4: Wheat- Production, Supply, and Distribution

Wheat	2020/2021		2021/2022		2022/2023	
Market Year Begins	Jun 2020		Jun 2021		Jun 2022	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested (1000 HA)	2758	2758	2855	2855	2500	2500
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	3611	3611	1147	1139	2812	2802
Production (1000 MT)	2560	2560	7540	7540	2250	2250
MY Imports (1000 MT)	5444	5444	4800	4800	7000	7000
TY Imports (1000 MT)	5191	5191	4800	4800	7000	7000
TY Imp. from U.S. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply (1000 MT)	11615	11615	13487	13479	12062	12052
MY Exports (1000 MT)	68	76	75	77	75	75
TY Exports (1000 MT)	76	76	75	70	75	75
Feed and Residual (1000 MT)	300	300	400	400	350	350
FSI Consumption (1000 MT)	10100	10100	10200	10200	10400	10400
Total Consumption (1000 MT)	10400	10400	10600	10600	10750	10750
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	1147	1139	2812	2802	1237	1227
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	11615	11615	13487	13479	12062	12052
Yield (MT/HA)	0.9282	0.9282	2.641	2.641	0.9	0.9

(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT) ,(MT/HA)

MY = Marketing Year, begins with the month listed at the top of each column

TY = Trade Year, which for Wheat begins in July for all countries. TY 2022/2023 = July 2022 - June 2023

Table 5: Barley- Production, Supply, and Distribution

Barley	2020/2021		2021/2022		2022/2023	
Market Year Begins	Jul 2020		Jul 2021		Jul 2022	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Harvested (1000 HA)	1467	1467	1490	1490	1300	1300
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	128	128	64	89	644	847
Production (1000 MT)	640	640	2780	2780	780	690
MY Imports (1000 MT)	456	481	600	778	500	500
TY Imports (1000 MT)	456	446	600	630	500	500
TY Imp. from U.S. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply (1000 MT)	1224	1249	3444	3647	1924	2037
MY Exports (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TY Exports (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed and Residual (1000 MT)	560	560	1800	1800	950	950
FSI Consumption (1000 MT)	600	600	1000	1000	900	900
Total Consumption (1000 MT)	1160	1160	2800	2800	1850	1850
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	64	89	644	847	74	187
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	1224	1249	3444	3647	1924	2037
Yield (MT/HA)	0.4363	0.4363	1.8658	1.8658	0.6	0.5308

(1000 HA) ,(1000 MT) ,(MT/HA)

MY = Marketing Year, begins with the month listed at the top of each column

TY = Trade Year, which for Barley begins in October for all countries. TY 2022/2023 = October 2022 - September 2023

Attachments:

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