



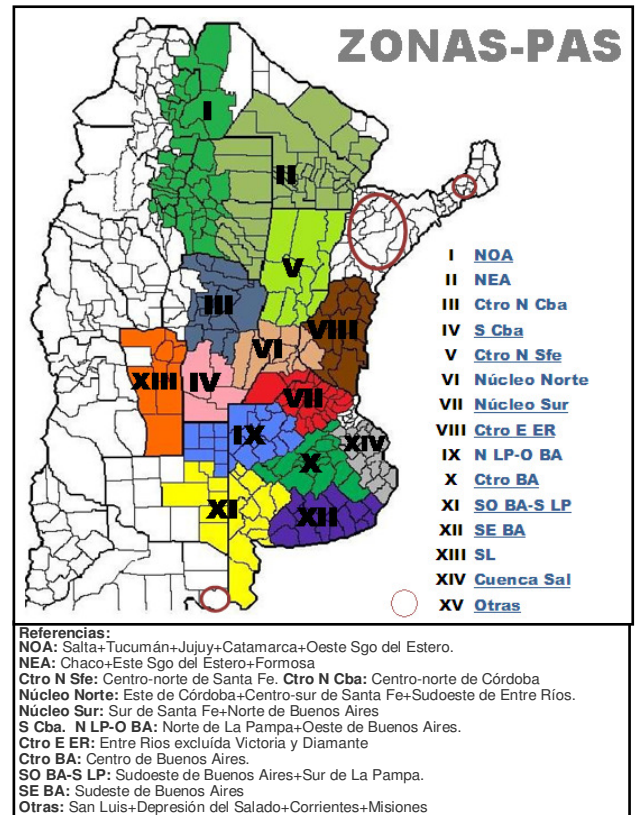
# Weekly Ag Report

BUENOS AIRES GRAIN EXCHANGE

**WEEK ENDED ON Jun. 28, 2012**

## CROP REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS

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## WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

BUENOS AIRES GRAIN EXCHANGE

JUNE 28, 2012

### OUTLOOK SUMMARY

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: JUNE 28 TO JULY 4 2012: TEMPERATURE RISE AND LOCALIZED STORMS FOLLOWED BY A TEMPERATURE DECREASE.**

The current outlook starts with northerly winds which will increase temperatures above normal over most of the national agricultural area. At the same time, a Pampero front will blow from southwest to northeast leading to localized rains and to the entrance of a cold air mass: The east of NWA, the center and south of the Chaco region, most of Santa Fe, most of Mesopotamia, the northeast of Buenos Aires and the northeast of Cordoba will observe moderate precipitations (10 to 25 mm), with localized rains ranging from abundant/very abundant to severe; The south and center of the Andes range will observe heavy storms with snowfall and winds which will expand towards the west of Mendoza and the southwest of La Pampa; The rest of the agricultural area will observe scarce precipitations (less than 10 mm). As the front expands towards the northeast, there will be an entrance of a cold air mass which will lead to a significant drop in temperatures over most of the national agricultural area, with frost risks in the center and south as well as in mountainous areas.

*Buenos Aires, June 28, 2012*

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## WHEAT

The rapid seeding has incorporated 540,000 hectares during the last seven days. Consequently, we were able to add 14.3 percentage points to our previous report, increasing the national seeding progress to 46.8%, in an area projected as **3,800,000 hectares** for the ongoing season. The seeding progress reports an annual decrease of -9.2 % due to a lack of moisture in areas of the North-center and South of Cordoba, and on the other hand due to a reduction of surface hampering the advance of machinery in areas of Buenos Aires. Overall, seeding accounts for 1.77 million hectares.

In addition, the northern provinces are finishing the incorporation of plots, significantly ahead of the NE region provinces. Over the NW region, early plots are going through tillering stage, in regular to low hydric conditions in some cases. In the North of the belt, plots hydric conditions range from good to optimal (80%-20% respectively); most of the plots are phasing leave differentiation, and only a few are going through tillering stages. Finally, over the East-center of Entre Rios, hydric conditions are optimal in plots phasing birth or leave differentiation stages.

## SOYBEAN

After collecting 99.5% of the harvestable area, the national average yield finished at 2.19 Tn/ha, and the volume accrued totals 39.65 MTn. 100 MHAS remain to be collected, which are grouped entirely over the Buenos Aires region. The harvest of this surface is expected to accumulate the remaining 250 MTN to reach a national volume of 39,900,000 tons (-19% vs 2010/11).

Up to the current report, posting a weekly progress of 0.9 percentage points, the harvest progress shows no differences from the same period in the last season. However, the closing of the current cycle might be delayed due to the lack of surface and the floods on many of the plots in the Buenos Aires region.

Finally, during the last seven days harvest finished in the NW, North-center of Santa Fe and Cuenca del Salado regions, reporting significant drops of average yield at the close of the cycle, compared to the previous season (-51%, -19% and -19 respectively).

## SOYBEAN HARVEST

2011/12 SEASON

As of: Jun. 28, 2012

Zone	Hectareage (ha)			Percentage harvested	Hectares harvested	Yeld (1) (qq/ha)	Production (Tm)	
	Sown	Lost	Harvestable					
I	NOA	1.260.000	25.000	1.235.000	100,0	1.235.000	15,2	1.871.381
II	NEA	1.930.000	350.000	1.580.000	100,0	1.580.000	9,4	1.481.936
III	Ctro N Cba	2.330.000	21.200	2.308.800	100,0	2.308.800	20,5	4.729.225
IV	S Cba	1.400.000	41.000	1.359.000	100,0	1.359.000	15,5	2.101.250
V	Ctro N SFe	1.116.000	7.500	1.108.500	100,0	1.108.500	21,3	2.366.370
VI	Núcleo Norte	3.410.000	1.000	3.409.000	100,0	3.409.000	28,1	9.574.235
VII	Núcleo Sur	2.670.000	16.000	2.654.000	100,0	2.654.000	25,7	6.812.862
VIII	Ctro E ER	1.140.000	2.000	1.138.000	100,0	1.138.000	21,2	2.414.456
IX	N LP-OBA	1.550.000	110.000	1.440.000	98,6	1.419.368	28,8	4.084.201
X	Ctro BA	565.000	67.000	498.000	95,1	473.582	27,6	1.308.085
XI	SO BA-S LP	328.000	11.000	317.000	98,9	313.429	20,1	631.319
XII	SE BA	740.000	1.800	738.200	93,1	687.557	22,1	1.518.687
XIII	SL	137.000	4.000	133.000	100,0	133.000	13,0	172.508
XIV	Cuenca Sal	222.000	1.500	220.500	100,0	220.500	22,0	484.832
XV	Others	52.000	1.000	51.000	100,0	51.000	19,4	99.055
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18.850.000</b>	<b>660.000</b>	<b>18.190.000</b>	<b>99,5</b>	<b>18.090.735</b>	<b>21,9</b>	<b>39.650.402</b>

## CORN

The harvest of commercial corn grains has progressed steadily in the last seven days, aided by the good weather conditions over the national agricultural area. Up to date, 76.4% of the suitable area has been collected, for an overall of 2.67 million hectares, producing a partial volume of 13.3 million tons, and a national average yield of 5.0 Tn/ha. The weekly progress accounted for 4.4%, and 9% YOY.

Late and second plots continue threshing, as collection of early plots nears the end over the North of La Pampa, West and South of Buenos Aires, and in the northern provinces. In addition, good yields reported on late plots in the North-center and South of Cordoba, West of Buenos Aires and Entre Rios, increase the regional as well as the national averages. At the same time, several plots maintain a high grain moisture over the West-center of Buenos Aires, which significantly slows down collection in the region. In view of these conditions, we maintain our final production estimate at 19.3 million tons.

# CORN HARVEST

2011/12 SEASON

As of: Jun. 28, 2012

Zone		Hectareage (ha)			Percentage harvested	Hectares harvested	Yield (1) (qq/ha)	Production (Tn)
		Sown	Lost	Harvestable				
I	NOA	255.000	15.000	240.000	42	100.361	46,5	466.784
II	NEA	270.000	20.000	250.000	48	120.250	41,4	497.595
III	Ctro N Cba	475.000	16.000	459.000	68	311.156	58,2	1.810.893
IV	S Cba	500.000	67.500	432.500	81	349.375	37,1	1.295.570
V	Ctro N SFe	160.000	28.000	132.000	77	101.616	49,4	501.846
VI	Núcleo Norte	527.000	14.500	512.500	99	507.441	60,6	3.077.061
VII	Núcleo Sur	460.000	40.500	419.500	98	409.564	48,4	1.981.173
VIII	Ctro E ER	165.000	20.000	145.000	94	136.684	47,5	648.774
IX	N LP-OBA	535.000	69.000	466.000	71	332.580	49,8	1.656.335
X	Ctro BA	136.000	30.000	106.000	64	67.692	49,3	333.758
XI	SO BA-S LP	107.000	22.000	85.000	53	45.222	39,1	176.628
XII	SE BA	85.000	3.500	81.500	59	48.014	63,8	306.298
XIII	SL	115.000	15.000	100.000	82	82.405	41,5	341.753
XIV	Cuenca Sal	60.000	4.000	56.000	99	55.700	42,3	235.568
XV	Others	20.000	0	20.000	51	10.240	47,3	48.480
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3.870.000</b>	<b>365.000</b>	<b>3.505.000</b>	<b>76,4</b>	<b>2.678.300</b>	<b>50,0</b>	<b>13.378.516</b>

## MALTING BARLEY

So far, 28 % of the national barley area has been planted. Seeding is almost over in Cordoba and the North-center of Santa Fe, and the covering labor concentrates in the central and south regions of the national agricultural area. The seeding moisture is good in these areas, which leads to predicting good progress in the next two weeks.

In the South of La Pampa and SW of Buenos Aires, 83 % of the plots have an adequate moisture level, while the remaining 17 % present only regular moisture conditions for seeding. Finally, over the SW of Buenos Aires, which comprises more than half of the planted area nationwide, seeding moves at slow pace.

Under these circumstances, we keep the projected area at 1,500,000 HAS for the ongoing cycle, which is 27 % up from the previous cycle 2011/2012 (1,180,000 HAS).