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## HIGHLIGHTS

The screws turned a little tighter in the past month for the wheat, rice, and cotton supply-demand situations, but the feed grain picture remained essentially unchanged. For soybeans, export estimates were shaded, due to a softening in foreign demand. Figures on cotton production and carryover were eased a little, while the estimate of domestic mill use was nudged upward. A possible tightening of shipping availability due to the fuel crunch would influence all the export movements.

## WHEAT SITUATION TIGHTENS

The December crop report lowered 1973 crop wheat production to 1,711 million bushels, down 16 million bushels from November. This change, together with a 25 million bushel increase in projected exports due to very strong demand, further lowers projected carryover next July to 210 million bushels. Continued strong prices and tight supplies early in the season beginning next summer may result in less wheat feeding in 1974/75. This accounts for a reduction in projected domestic use for 1974/75.

## RICE OUTPUT FIGURE SHAVED, TRIMMING EXPORT PROSPECTS

Rice supply-use data for 1973/74 are adjusted to reflect a decline from last month in the production estimate. That translates into a reduction in estimated exports. The indicated carryover is considered as the working minimum.

## REDUCE SOYBEAN EXPORTS, ADD TO CARRYOVER

The 1973/74 soybean export estimate is reduced by 25 million bushels and soybean meal by 225 thousand tons (the meal equivalent of 10 million bushels). Anticipated soybean carryover as of September 1, 1974, is thus increased by 35 million to a total of 260 million bushels. Related to the reduced 1973/74 crush, oil production is reduced by about 100 million pounds. With the soybean oil domestic use estimate increased by 50 million, carryover oil stocks are accordingly reduced by 150 million to 710 million pounds.

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LARGER COTTON  
SUPPLY, LESS  
CARRYOVER

Upland cotton production for 1973 is forecast at 13 million bales as of December 1. This is marginally below the previous indication. Despite the smaller crop, the total supply of 17 million bales will be slightly larger this season, reflecting increased beginning stocks. With strong foreign demand for U.S. cotton, disappearance also is increasing and will probably exceed the 1973 crop. Mill use is estimated at about 7.4 million bales and exports at 6 million. Thus, the carryover next summer may total about 3.6 million bales, down from 4 million on August 1, 1973, but well above the 3.2 million bales on August 1, 1972.

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WHEAT

Item	1972/73	1973/74 Based on		Projected
	Preliminary	November	December	1974/75*
<b>Acreage (Mil. Acres)</b>				
Set-aside	20.1	7.4	7.4	0
Planted	54.9 <sup>1/</sup>	58.8	59.0	66.0
Harvested	47.3	53.7	53.7	58.1
<b>Yield Per Harvested Acre (Bu.)</b>				
	32.7	32.1	31.8	32.6
(Million Bushels)				
<b>Supply</b>				
Beginning Stocks	863	430	430	210
Production	1,545	1,727	1,711	1,894
Imports	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,409</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>2,105</b>
<b>Disappearance</b>				
Domestic	795	758	757	740
Exports	1,184	1,150	1,175	950
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,690</b>
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	<b>430 <sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>250</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>415</b>

1/ Includes 2.6 million acres planted and subsequently designated as voluntary set-aside.

2/ Excludes grain in transit, the volume of which was abnormally large as of the survey date.

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RICE

	1971-72	1972-73 Estimated	1973-74 Based on --	
			November Indications	December Indications
<b>Acreage</b>				
Allotment (1,000 A)	1,836.5	1,836.5	2,222.1	2,222.1
Planted (1,000 A)	1,826.0	1,824.0	2,178.8	2,181.3
Harvested (1,000 A)	1,817.9	1,817.9	2,168.6	2,170.2
<b>Yield per harvested acre</b> (lb.)	<b>4,718</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>4,390</b>	<b>4,277</b>
<b>Supply (Million Cwt.)</b>				
Beginning stocks, August 1	18.6	11.4	5.1	5.1
Production	85.8	85.4	95.2	92.8
Imports	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>98.4</b>
<b>Disappearance</b>				
Domestic	35.4	35.8	38.3	38.3
Exports	56.9	54.0	57.8	55.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>89.8</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>93.7</b>
Ending stocks, July 31	11.4	5.1	4.7	4.7
Difference unaccounted	+1.8	+2.4	---	---

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FEED GRAINS 1/  
(Includes Corn, Sorghum, Oats, and Barley)

Item	1972/73 Preliminary	1973/74 Based on		Projected 1974/75*
		Nov. Crop Indications	Dec. Crop Indications	
<u>Acres (Mil. acres)</u>				
Set Aside	36.6	9.1	9.1	-0-
Planted	115.2	121.7	121.4	126.0
Harvested	94.0	102.4	102.0	106.2
<u>Yield Per Harvested Acre (Tons)</u>				
	2.12	2.03	2.03	2.15
(Million Short Tons)				
<u>Supply</u>				
Beginning stocks	48.4	32.4	32.4	28.3
Production	199.7	207.7	207.0	226.4
Imports	.4	.4	.4	.4
Total	248.5	240.5	239.8	257.1
<u>Disappearance</u>				
Domestic	173.0	171.8	171.8	181.1
Exports	43.1	39.7	39.7	36.7
Total	216.1	211.5	211.5	217.8
<u>Ending Stocks</u>	32.4	29.0	28.3	39.3

1/ Marketing year beginning October 1 for corn and sorghum, July 1 for barley and oats.

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CORN

Item (Mktg. year beginning Oct. 1)	1972/73 Preliminary	1973/74 Based on		Projected 1974/75*
		Nov. Crop Indications	Dec. Crop Indications	
<u>Acres (Mil. acres)</u>				
Set Aside	24.4	5.7	5.7	-0-
Planted	66.8	71.3	71.3	75.5
Harvested	57.3	61.5	61.5	65.5
<u>Yield Per Harvested Acre (Bu.)</u>				
	96.9	92.4	92.4	97.0
(Million Bushels)				
<u>Supply</u>				
Beginning Stocks	1,126	707	707	626
Production	5,553	5,678	5,698	6,354
Imports	1	1	1	1
Total	6,680	6,386	6,386	6,981
<u>Disappearance</u>				
Domestic	4,715	4,635	4,635	5,000
Exports	1,258	1,125	1,125	1,050
Total	5,973	5,760	5,760	6,050
<u>Ending Stocks</u>	707	626	626	921

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SOYBEANS

Item	1972/73	1973/74 Based on		Projected * 1974/75
		Nov. 1 Indica- tions	Dec. 1 Indica- tions	
<u>Acreage</u>				
Planted (mil. A)	47.0	57.2	57.2	54.0
Harvested (mil. A)	45.8	56.2	56.2	53.0
<u>Yield Per Harvested Acre (Bu.)</u>				
	28.0	28.0	28.0	29.0
<u>Supply</u> (Million Bushels)				
Carryin, Sept. 1	72.0	60	60	260
Production	1,282.9	1,575	1,575	1,535
Total	1,354.9	1,635	1,635	1,795
<u>Disappearance</u>				
Crushings	722	775	765	825
Exports	480	550	525	575
Seed, Feed and Residual	93	85	85	85
Total	1,295	1,410	1,375	1,485
Carryover, Aug. 31	60	225	260	310

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SOYBEAN OIL

Item	1972/73	1973/74 Based on		Projected * 1974/75
		Nov. 1 Indica- tions	Dec. 1 Indica- tions 1/	
<u>Supply</u> (Million Pounds)				
Carryin, Oct. 1	785	512	516	710
Production	7,501	8,450	8,344	8,825
Total	8,286	8,962	8,860	9,535
<u>Disappearance</u>				
Domestic	6,702	7,000	7,050	7,300
Exports	1,068	1,100	1,100	1,200
Total	7,770	8,100	8,150	8,500
Carryover, Sept. 30	516	862	710	1,035

SOYBEAN MEAL

Item	1972/73	1973/74 Based on		Projected * 1974/75
		Nov. 1 Indica- tions	Dec. 1 Indica- tions 1/	
<u>Supply</u> (1,000 Short Tons)				
Carryin, Oct. 1	192	182	183	208
Production	16,709	18,725	18,500	19,550
Total	16,901	18,907	18,683	19,758
<u>Disappearance</u>				
Domestic	11,973	13,000	13,000	14,000
Exports	4,745	5,700	5,475	5,600
Total	16,718	18,700	18,475	19,600
Carryover, Sept. 30	183	207	208	158

1/ Based on an October 1 marketing year crush of 780 million bushels.

UPLAND COTTON

Item	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74 based on --	
			November	December
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<u>Acreage (Thousand Acres)</u>				
Planted	12,253	13,903	13,029	13,029
Harvested	11,370	12,828	12,288	12,254
Set-aside	2,061	2,049	0	0
<u>Yield Per Harvested Acre (Pounds)</u>				
	438	507	512	509
		(Thousand 480-lb. Bales)		
<u>Supply</u>				
August 1 Beginning				
Stocks <u>1/</u>	4,223	3,238	3,999	3,999
Production <u>2/</u>	10,295	13,567	13,108	12,983
Imports and City Crop	83	32	50	50
Total <u>3/</u>	14,601	16,838	17,157	17,037
<u>Disappearance</u>				
Mill Consumption	8,082	7,670	7,300	7,400
Exports	3,378	5,303	6,000	6,000
Total <u>3/</u>	11,461	12,989	13,300	13,400
<u>Ending Stocks</u>	<u>1/</u> 3,238	<u>1/</u> 3,999	3,857	3,637

- 1/ Based on Census Bureau data.
- 2/ In season ginnings.
- 3/ May not add due to rounding.

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