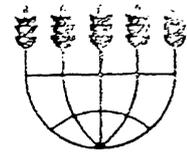


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HIGHLIGHTS

Minor changes in estimates of 1974 crop production, since the November indications, are reflected in this report. Indicated feed grain production has been raised a little and cotton and soybean output lowered a little. Also, we have lowered the 1974/75 crush and export estimates for soybeans, and boosted the rice export number. Changes in utilization estimates for feed grains will await release of the quarterly grain stocks report and be reflected in our next AS&D report, for release January 27. Furthermore, any change in wheat disappearance will be reflected then; meanwhile, supply-utilization data for wheat remain unchanged since our last report.

Corn and Sorghum: A Little More

The final estimate of the 1974 corn crop was 4.65 billion bushels, a billion bushels less than the 1973 crop, but 30 million bushels more than the November estimate. The 1974 yield estimate was down 1.2 bushels per acre from the November estimate. But the estimate of harvested acreage was raised 1-1/2 million to 65.2 million acres. The sorghum crop was estimated at 628 million bushels, 19 million more than the forecast on November 1 but substantially under the record 1973' crop of 930 million bushels. No changes have been made in estimates of domestic use and exports pending issuance of the quarterly grain stocks report which will permit a more detailed appraisal of use during October-December 1974. However, minor adjustments have been made in carryover stocks to reflect yesterday's crop estimates.

Soybean Demand Sluggish

Soybean production for 1974 totaled a bit below the November estimate and 314 million bushels below 1973. Yields per acre were down 4.2 bushels from 1973.

The 1974/75 soybean crush estimate has been lowered by 15 million bushels since our last report. This reflects the slowdown in use of soybean meal. The processing industry is currently running at about two-thirds of estimated capacity. Domestic use of soybean oil has declined, but soybean oil export estimates have been raised

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by 250 million pounds, reflecting strong foreign demand and lower than expected soybean exports. Estimated soybean exports for 1974/75 have been lowered by 25 million bushels due mainly to the larger new-crop supplies expected from Brazil in May.

Soybean carryover September 1 is expected to total around 100 million bushels. This is 40 million bushels above our last estimate.

Foreign Demand For Rice Builds,
Cutting Predicted Stocks

The final 1974 crop estimate, unchanged from the December estimate, represents a record crop. The 1974/75 supply also totals a record, 121.9 million cwt. (rough rice). The domestic use estimate has been lowered slightly while the export estimate has been increased. The changes would result in ending stocks ranging from 9.2 to 12.5 million cwt. That compares with our last projection of 11.4-17.4 million cwt.

Cotton Stocks on Rise

The current cotton situation is highlighted by weather-reduced production and extremely weak demand for U.S. cotton, both here and abroad. The 1974 crop estimate now is 0.2 million below December indications, and well over a million below 1973 output. However, the total cotton use projection for 1974/75 is down even more. Prospective domestic mill use and exports add up to only 9.3 to 10.3 million bales compared with 13.6 million during 1973/74. So year-end inventories this summer may total 5.3 to 6.3 million bales, up from 3.9 million at the beginning of the season, and 0.3 million above the respective ranges we projected in December.

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

Item	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
	Indications	Indications	Projected*
Area (Mil. Ac.)			
Set aside	36.6	9.4	--
Planted	115.1	121.4	122.6
Harvested	94.6	103.4	100.7
Yld. Per Harvested Acre (Tons)			
	2.13	2.00	1.64
		<u>(Million Short Tons)</u>	
Supply			
Beginning Stocks	49.4	32.4	22.2
Production	199.9	205.0	165.1
Imports	0.4	0.3	0.4
Total	248.7	237.7	187.7
Disappearance			
Feed	156.2	153.6	125.5 - 126.2
Food, Ind. and Seed	17.0	17.5	17.8 - 18.2
Total domestic	173.2	171.1	143.3 - 144.4
Exports	43.1	44.4	32.1 - 29.8
Total	216.3	215.5	175.4 - 174.2
Ending Stocks	32.4	22.2	12.3 - 13.5

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

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CORN

Item	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
	(Marketing year beginning Oct. 1)	Indications	Projected
Area (Mil. Ac.)			
Set aside	24.4	6.0	--
Planted	67.0	71.9	77.7
Harvested	57.4	61.9	65.2
Yld. Per Harvested Acre (Bu)			
	97.1	91.2	71.3
		<u>(Million Bushels)</u>	
Supply			
Beginning Stocks	1,126	709	481
Production	5,573	5,647	4,691
Imports	1	1	1
Total	6,700	6,357	5,133
Disappearance			
Feed	4,310	4,198	3,408 - 3,423
Food, Ind. and Seed	423	435	445 - 455
Total domestic	4,733	4,633	3,913 - 3,943
Exports	1,258	1,243	925 - 871
Total	5,991	5,876	4,839 - 4,613
Ending Stocks	709	481	295 - 315

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SOYBEANS

Item	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75 Projected
Area Harvested (Mil. A.)	46.9	56.7	53.6
Harvested (Mil. A.)	45.7	55.8	52.5
Yield Per Harvested Acre (Bu.)	27.8	27.7	23.5
Supply		(Million Bushels)	
Carryin, Sept. 1	72	60	172
Production	1,271	1,547	1,233
Total	1,343	1,607	1,405
Disappearance			
Exports	722	521	765 - 735
Seed, Feed and Residual	479	542	450 - 460
	82	72	80 - 80
Total	1,283	1,435	1,335 - 1,275
Carryover, Aug. 31	60	172	70 - 130

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SOYBEAN OIL

Item	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75 Projected
Supply		(Million Pounds)	
Carryin, Oct. 1	785	516	790
Production	7,501	8,995	7,765
Total	8,286	9,511	8,559
Disappearance			
Domestic	6,705	7,281	6,800
Exports	1,065	1,436	1,200
Total	7,770	8,717	8,000
Carryover, Sept. 30	516	794	559

SOYBEAN MEAL

Item	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75 Projected
Supply		(1,000 Short Tons)	
Carryin, Oct. 1	192	183	507
Production	16,709	19,674	17,463
Total	16,901	19,857	17,970
Disappearance			
Domestic	11,973	13,853	12,100
Exports	4,745	5,497	5,400
Total	16,718	19,350	17,500
Carryover, Sept. 30	183	507	467

RICE

Item	1972-73	1973-74 Indica- tions	1974-75 Projected
ACRES			
Allotment (Million A.)	1.84	2.22	2.10
Planted (Million A.)	1.82	2.18	2.59
Harvested (Million A.)	1.82	2.17	2.57
Yield Harvested Acre (lb.)	4,700	4,274	4,441
EMERGENCY			
Ending Stocks Aug. 1	11.4	5.1	7.8
Production	85.4	92.8	114.1
Imports	0.5	0.2	---
Total	97.3	98.1	121.9
DISAPPEARANCE			
Domestic	35.8	36.7	36.8 ---- 36.3
Exports	54.0	49.7	75.9 ---- 73.1
Total	89.8	86.4	112.7 ---- 109.4
Ending Stocks (July 31)	5.1	7.8	9.2 ---- 12.5
Difference unaccounted	+2.4	+3.9	

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COTTON

	1972/73	1973/74 INDIC.	1974/75 PROJECTED
ACREAGE (MILL. AC.)			
PLANTED.....	14.0	13.5	14.7
HARVESTED.....	13.0	12.7	13.8
SET-ASIDE.....	2.0	0.0	0.0
YIELD: LB/HAY AC	507.	520.	483.
(Million 480-lb. Bales)			
SUPPLY			
BEG. STKS. 8/1	1/ 3.3	1/ 4.1	1/ 3.0
IN-SEAS. COTTON	13.7	13.2	11.7
IMP & CITY CROP	17.0	17.2	14.6
TOTAL.....	34.0	34.5	29.3
DISAPPEARANCE			
MILL USE.....	7.8	7.5	6.3 to 5.7
EXPORTS.....	5.3	6.1	4.0 to 3.0
TOTAL.....	13.1	13.6	10.3 to 8.7
ENDING STOCKS..	1/ 4.1	1/ 3.9	4.1 to 3.0

1/ Based on Census Bureau data.
Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

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