- Forecast of 1996 Corn Crop Raised 109 Million Bushels
- Sorghum Crop Forecast Rises 30 Million Bushels; Barley Up 6 Million
- Corn Ending Stocks Up with Larger Crop, Cut in 1995/96 Exports
- Minor Revisions Made in Barley and Sorghum Food and Industrial Use


## HIGHER PRODUCTION BOOSTS 1996/97 FEED GRAIN SUPPLY

U.S. feed grain production in 1996 is forecast at 253.9 million metric tons, up 3.7 million from last month, due to increases in corn, sorghum, and barley crops. Coupled with a small increase in carryin stocks of corn and sorghum, this raises forecast feed grain supply by nearly 5 million tons to 271.1 million. With the demand outlook about unchanged, carryout stocks are slightly larger than anticipated a month ago. Feed grain ending stocks in 1996/97 are projected at 22.2 million tons, still very low by historical standards, but indicating some slight rebuilding.

Compared with 1995/96, feed grain production is forecast up 45 million metric tons or 21 percent. Because of very low carryin stocks, however, total supply is only forecast about 14 million tons higher or up 5 percent.

CORN PRODUCTION FORECAST AT 8.8 BILLION BUSHELS
Forecast 1996 corn production as of September 1 is up 1 percent from last month to 8,804 million bushels because of higher yields. This is an increase of 19 percent from 1995's 7,374 million bushels.

Average yields are forecast at 120.2 bushels per acre, up from 118.7 a month ago. There were numerous changes among individual States. Expected yields were reduced for Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Colorado. Among the largest producing States, yield forecasts were raised for Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa. Forecast yields in Indiana were not changed.

If realized, a national yield of 120.2 bushels would be the third highest historically, but still well below the 131.2 bushels achieved in 1992 and the record 138.6 in 1994. While crop development accelerated across the Midwest in August, the crop remains behind the normal pace of development in many areas. As of September 8, 52 percent of the crop had dented, compared with the average of 67 percent. The crop is farthest behind in Ohio, while crops in Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin are also well behind.

## SORGHUM PRODUCTION FORECAST AT 764 MILLION BUSHELS, BARLEY AT 394 MILLION

The U.S. sorghum crop is forecast at 764 million bushels, up 30 million from a month ago, also reflecting better yields. The average yield was forecast at 63.6 bushels per acre, an increase of 2.5 bushels from August. Kansas accounts for most of the increase, followed by Nebraska.

Conditions in Kansas, the largest producing State, have been excellent and record yields and production are expected. The Kansas crop is forecast at 331 million bushels, 20 million more than the previous high in 1986. In contrast, yield prospects in Texas are much weaker (although no changes were made in the Texas forecast this month). Sorghum yields are forecast at 47 bushels per
acre in Texas, the lowest since 1980. However, because of a huge increase in sorghum area, production in Texas is still forecast to rise 40 percent from 1995 to 183 million bushels.

## BARLEY PRODUCTION RAISED 2 PERCENT FROM AUGUST

Barley production in 1996 is forecast at 394 million bushels, up 6 million from August due to a small increase in yield prospects. In North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wyoming, expected yields were up from last month. This more than outweighed reductions in forecast yields in Montana and Oregon, due to hot, dry weather during July and August, and in Washington.

Barley production is forecast 35 million bushels higher than in 1995 because of an 8-percent increase in harvested acreage and a 2 -percent increase in yield from 1995's 57.2 bushels per acre. North Dakota, the largest barley producing State, increased expected harvested acreage by 13 percent from 1995, and 1996 yields are expected to be up 10 bushels from last year. As a result, the North Dakota crop is forecast up 38 percent from 1995 to 140 million bushels.

NO CHANGES IN 1996/97 CORN USE; BEGINNING AND ENDING STOCKS RAISED
Total disappearance of $1996 / 97$ corn is projected at 8,555 million bushels, unchanged from last month. With supplies boosted by a larger crop and a 35million bushel increase in carryin stocks, the projection of ending stocks is raised 145 million bushels to 668 million. This results in a stocks-to-use ratio of 7.8 percent, up from the extremely low ratio of 4.8 percent forecast in 1995/96.

The corn export forecast for $1995 / 96$ was reduced 35 million bushels to 2,215 million this month. Export shipments were very low in the last few weeks, while importers continued to cancel some previous purchases. The smaller exports are reflected in the larger forecast of ending stocks.

Final ending stocks for the 1995/96 marketing year will be reported September 30 in the Grain Stocks report. There will be very strong interest in the report because it provides an estimate of total disappearance for the summer quarter, when corn supplies were extremely tight and prices high.

## NEAR-RECORD FOREIGN COARSE GRAIN PRODUCTION EXPECTED

The forecast of foreign coarse grain crops in $1996 / 97$ was raised nearly 6 million tons this month to 611.1 million, because of sharp increases in barley crops in Canada and the European Union (EU). The coarse grain production forecast is just 400,000 tons under the 1993/94 record, despite low output in the former Soviet Union (FSU). Compared to 1993, FSU harvests are forecast to be 38 million tons lower in 1996.

The robust production outlook for coarse grains is a result of generally favorable weather and an increase in area--largely in response to high prices. The year-over-year production increase of more than 25 million tons would be the largest since 1990. Larger barley crops account for around half of these gains. Canada is expected to a have a record barley crop, while output in the EU will be the highest since 1991. A large barley crop is also expected in Australia. Barley production in North Africa has experienced a dramatic turnaround from drought problems in 1995, and the region's harvest is forecast up nearly 5 million tons to a record high.

Although the gains in corn from 1995 will be less dramatic than in barley, foreign production is expected to hit a record high for the second straight year. The forecast includes record corn crops for China and the EU, both potential exporters. Foreign oats production will also be up from 1995, led
by a jump of more than 60 percent in Canada's oats crop, forecast at a record 4.7 million tons.

## FEED GRAIN PRICES BEGIN TO DECLINE

U.S. market prices for corn began to decline in recent weeks as new-crop supplies started to come into the market. The amounts of corn involved are still small, reflecting harvests from the southern States, but in some cases supplies have been moving north into normally corn surplus areas because of very tight old-crop supplies. After an upward spike in mid-August, in reaction to the August crop report, Central Illinois cash prices sank to under $\$ 4.00$ per bushel by the end of August--the first time prices had been that low since late March--and they continued to move downward in early September.

The December futures contract for corn slipped from highs of near $\$ 3.50$ in August to the low $\$ 3.30$ range by the second week of September. This probably reflects a slight reduction in the risk premium as fears of frost damage have become less intense.

The forecast of the season average farm price of corn in 1996/97 was reduced by 15 cents at both ends of the range to $\$ 3.00-3.40$ a bushel, given bigger crop prospects. Farm prices for corn reported in August, however, continued to increase. The preliminary price of corn received by farmers in August was $\$ 4.50$ per bushel, up from $\$ 4.43$ in July, and the sixth consecutive monthly record.

Prices of sorghum also began to decline with the onset of the new-crop harvest, which starts earlier than that of corn. The farm price of sorghum, which had been running at more than 100 percent of corn for many months, began to fall in June and has continued to drop since then. In August, the preliminary price of sorghum of $\$ 3.67$ stood at just 82 percent of the corn price. The 1996/97 farm price forecast was reduced by 25 cents to $\$ 2.80-3.20$ per bushel, while the $1995 / 96$ forecast was trimmed by 5 cents to $\$ 3.20$.

Barley and oats prices also began to decline in recent weeks, reflecting the start of harvests as well as developments in the other feed grain markets. The preliminary farm price of all barley in August was $\$ 2.93$ per bushel, dropping below $\$ 3.00$ for the first time since last fall. The season average forecast price for 1996/97 was reduced by 30 cents to $\$ 2.70-3.10$ per bushel. Oats prices slipped 7 cents from July to a preliminary $\$ 2.05$ in August. The season average farm price forecast was cut by 10 cents to $\$ 1.85-2.25$ per bushel, reflecting the reduced price forecast for corn.

REVISIONS MADE IN CALCULATION OF FOOD AND INDUSTRIAL USES FOR BARLEY AND SORGHUM

Food and industrial use data for barley and grain sorghum were revised this month following a review of the various use categories. With publication of the final 1992 Census of Manufactures, changes have been made in estimates to reflect the numbers reported by Census. Historical food and industrial use data for barley and grain sorghum relied heavily on monthly data from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF). (Historical data are available from Auto Fax documents 12029 and 12030.)

The use of barley for malting (ultimately used in brewing beer) accounts for the major share of use, with smaller amounts for food and distilling purposes. Food, alcohol, and industrial uses of barley are primarily keyed off the ATF numbers plus the exports of malt. Comparison of these estimates with the use of barley reported by the Census of Manufacturers was slightly higher but the time periods are not identical. In addition, the volume of barley used by flour and other grain mill product producers was not reported and had to be estimated from the dollar value. The net impact on total food, seed, and
industrial (FSI) use of barley was about 9 million bushels in the most recent 2 years.

The net impact on total FSI use of grain sorghum was 4 million bushels or less in the current and most recent 2 years. The new series is much more variable, because sorghum use for alcohol is very small and depends on prices of sorghum and availability. Comparison of sorghum used by manufacturers is not available because so little sorghum is milled that the Census does not report it separately.

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Table 1--Feed Grains: Marketing year supply and disappearance 1/

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year/ } \\ & \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | Beg. stocks | Produc tion | $\begin{gathered} \text { Im- } \\ \text { ports } \end{gathered}$ | Supply | FSI | Feed \& resid. | ports | Total disp. | End. stks. | Farm price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CORN |  |  |  | -- | lion | bushels |  |  |  | \$/bu |
| 1993/94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 2,113 | 6,336 | 5 | 8,455 | 380 | 1,703 | 435 | 2,518 | 5,937 | 2.34 |
| Dec-Feb | 5,937 | 析 | 8 | 5,945 | 376 | 1,243 | 330 | 1,949 | 3,996 | 2.71 |
| Mar-May | 3,996 | --- | 6 | 4,002 | 418 | 955 | 270 | 1,642 | 2,360 | 2.67 |
| Jun-Aug | 2,360 | --- | 1 | 2,361 | 418 | 800 | 293 | 1,511 | 850 | 2.35 |
| Mkt. yr. | 2,113 | 6,336 | 21 | 8,470 | 1,591 | 4,700 | 1,328 | 7,620 | 850 | 2.50 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 850 | 10,103 | 2 | 10,955 | 406 | 2,019 | 449 | 2,874 | 8,080 | 2.05 |
| Dec-Feb | 8,080 | --- | 4 | 8,084 | 406 | 1,496 | 590 | 2,493 | 5,592 | 2.18 |
| Mar-May | 5,592 | --- | 3 | 5,595 | 445 | 1,167 | 568 | 2,180 | 3,415 | 2.35 |
| Jun-Aug | 3,415 | --- | 1 | 3,416 | 434 | 854 | 570 | 1,858 | 1,558 | 2.59 |
| Mkt. yr. | 850 | 10,103 | 9.56 | 10,962 | 1,691 | 5,537 | 2,177 | 9,405 | 1,558 | 2.26 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 1,558 | 7,374 | 4 | 8,935 | 409 | 1,760 | 660 | 2,830 | 6,106 | 2.78 |
| Dec-Feb | 6,106 | -- | 5 | 6,111 | 387 | 1,362 | 562 | 2,311 | 3,800 | 3.18 |
| Mar-May | 3,800 | --- | 5 | 3,805 | 406 | 1,071 | 610 | 2,086 | 1,718 | 3.83 |
| Jun-Aug | 1,718 | --- | 3 | 1,721 | 372 | 558 | 383 | 1,313 | 409 |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 1,558 | 7,374 | 17 | 8,949 | 1,575 | 4,750 | 2,215 | 8,540 | 409 | 3.25 |

Mkt. yr. 409 8,804 10 9,223 1, 655 4, 850 2,050 8,555 $668 \quad 3.00-3.40$

| SORGHUM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1993/94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 175 | 534 | 0 | 709 | 1 | 223 | 39 | 263 | 446 | 2.22 |
| Dec-Feb | 446 | --- | 0 | 446 | 1 | 109 | 60 | 170 | 276 | 2.59 |
| Mar-May | 276 | --- | 0 | 276 | 1 | 83 | 64 | 148 | 128 | 2.39 |
| Jun-Aug | 128 | --- | 0 | 128 | 1 | 41 | 38 | 81 | 48 | 2.10 |
| Mkt. yr. | 175 | 534 | 0 | 709 | 4 | 456 | 202 | 662 | 48 | 2.31 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 48 | 649 | 0 | 697 | 0 | 210 | 64 | 274 | 422 | 1.91 |
| Dec-Feb | 422 | --- | 0 | 422 | 1 | 80 | 61 | 142 | 281 | 2.02 |
| Mar-May | 281 | --- | 0 | 281 | 1 | 67 | 54 | 122 | 159 | 2.18 |
| Jun-Aug | 159 | --- | 0 | 159 | 1 | 43 | 43 | 87 | 72 | 2.64 |
| Mkt. yr. | 48 | 649 | 0 | 697 | 3 | 400 | 223 | 625 | 72 | 2.13 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 72 | 460 | 0 | 532 | 1 | 176 | 54 | 231 | 301 | 2.88 |
| Dec-Feb | 301 |  | 0 | 301 | 1 | 71 | 67 | 139 | 163 | 3.30 |
| Mar-May | 163 | --- | 0 | 163 | 1 | 55 | 36 | 92 | 70 | 4.00 |
| Jun-Aug | 70 | --- | 0 | 70 | 1 | -12 | 43 | 32 | 38 |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 72 | 460 | 0 | 532 | 4 | 290 | 200 | 494 | 38 | 3.20 |

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| Mkt. yr. | 38 | 764 | 0 | 802 | 4 | 500 | 225 | 729 | 73 | $2.80-3.20$ |
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Table 1--Feed Grains: Marketing year supply and disappearance, (cont.) 1/

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year/ } \\ & \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | Beg. stocks | Produc tion | $\begin{gathered} \text { Im- } \\ \text { ports } \end{gathered}$ | pply | FSI | Feed \& resid. | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Ex- } \\ \text { ports } \end{array}$ | Total disp. | End. stks. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Farm } \\ \text { price } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { BARLEY } \\ & 1993 / 94 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 151 | 398 | 3 | 552 | 43 | 92 | 15 | 150 | 403 | 1.91 |
| Sep-Nov | 403 | --- | 11 | 413 | 37 | 28 | 15 | 80 | 333 | 2.02 |
| Dec-Feb | 333 | --- | 24 | 357 | 34 | 87 | 12 | 133 | 224 | 2.19 |
| Mar-May | 224 | --- | 34 | 258 | 53 | 43 | 24 | 119 | 139 | 2.24 |
| Mkt. yr. | 151 | 398 | 71 | 621 | 166 | 250 | 66 | 482 | 139 | 1.99 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 139 | 375 | 24 | 538 | 44 | 122 | 20 | 186 | 352 | 2.00 |
| Sep-Nov | 352 | --- | 14 | 366 | 36 | 32 | 19 | 87 | 279 | 1.98 |
| Dec-Feb | 279 | --- | 14 | 292 | 36 | 53 | 11 | 99 | 193 | 2.05 |
| Mar-May | 193 | --- | 14 | 207 | 51 | 27 | 17 | 95 | 113 | 2.15 |
| Mkt. yr. | 139 | 375 | 66 | 580 | 166 | 235 | 66 | 467 | 113 | 2.03 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 113 | 359 | 12 | 484 | 42 | 112 | 17 | 171 | 313 | 2.53 |
| Sep-Nov | 313 | --- | 8 | 321 | 37 | 30 | 11 | 78 | 243 | 2.80 |
| Dec-Feb | 243 | --- | 8 | 251 | 34 | 19 | 20 | 73 | 178 | 3.18 |
| Mar-May | 178 | --- | 12 | 190 | 52 | 22 | 16 | 89 | 101 | 3.29 |
| Mkt. yr. | 113 | 359 | 41 | 512 | 166 | 183 | 62 | 412 | 101 | 2.89 |
| 1996/97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 101 | 394 | 45 | 540 | 166 | 225 | 35 | 426 | 114 | $2.70-3.10$ |
| OATS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1993/94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 113 | 207 | 17 | 337 | 32 | 84 | 1.5 | 118 | 219 | 1.35 |
| Sep-Nov | 219 | --- | 35 | 254 | 29 | 30 | 0.7 | 60 | 194 | 1.33 |
| Dec-Feb | 194 | --- | 31 | 225 | 27 | 51 | 0.5 | 79 | 147 | 1.42 |
| Mar-May | 147 | --- | 24 | 170 | 37 | 28 | 0.2 | 65 | 106 | 1.39 |
| Mkt. yr. | 113 | 207 | 107 | 427 | 125 | 193 | 3.0 | 321 | 106 | 1.36 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 106 | 229 | 20 | 355 | 32 | 103 | 0.2 | 135 | 220 | 1.19 |
| Sep-Nov | 220 | --- | 34 | 254 | 30 | 32 | 0.2 | 62 | 192 | 1.19 |
| Dec-Feb | 192 | --- | 23 | 215 | 28 | 38 | 0.4 | 66 | 149 | 1.21 |
| Mar-May | 149 | --- | 16 | 165 | 35 | 29 | 0.2 | 64 | 101 | 1.36 |
| Mkt. yr. | 106 | 229 | 93 | 428 | 124 | 202 | 1.0 | 327 | 101 | 1.22 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 101 | 162 | 28 | 290 | 32 | 78 | 0.4 | 110 | 180 | 1.48 |
| Sep-Nov | 180 | --- | 26 | 206 | 30 | 23 | 0.5 | 53 | 153 | 1.52 |
| Dec-Feb | 153 | --- | 18 | 171 | 27 | 30 | 0.3 | 58 | 113 | 1.94 |
| Mar-May | 113 | --- | 9 | 122 | 34 | 21 | 0.8 | 56 | 66 | 2.21 |
| Mkt. yr. | 101 | 162 | 81 | 343 | 123 | 152 | 2 | 277 | 66 | 1.68 |
| 1996/97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 66 | 158 | 85 | 309 | 120 | 125 | 2 | 247 | 62 | 1.85-2.25 |

Totals may not add due to rounding.
1/ Corn and sorghum are on a September 1 to August 31 marketing year. Barley and oats are on a June 1 to May 31 marketing year.

Table $2--$ Feed and residual use of wheat and coarse grains

| Year Beginning September 1 | Corn | Sorg. | Barley | Oats | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Feed } \\ \text { Grains } \end{array}$ | Wheat | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { grains } \end{aligned}$ | Animal Units | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feed/ } \\ \text { animal } \\ \text { unit } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ---- | --- | Million | metric | tons |  | ----- | Mil. | Tons |
| 1993/94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 43.2 | 5.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 50.1 | -1.0 | 49.0 |  |  |
| Dec-Feb | 31.6 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 37.1 | 1.1 | 38.1 |  |  |
| Mar-May | 24.2 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 27.8 | -0.7 | 27.1 |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 20.3 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 25.6 | 10.2 | 35.8 |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 119.4 | 11.6 | 6.1 | 3.4 | 140.4 | 9.6 | 150.0 | 84.0 | 1.79 |
| \% Change | -10.7 | -3.1 | 58.1 | 7.1 | -8.0 | 145.2 | -4.2 | 1.5 | -5.6 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 51.3 | 5.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 57.9 | -0.8 | 57.1 |  |  |
| Dec-Feb | 38.0 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 41.8 | 0.7 | 42.5 |  |  |
| Mar-May | 29.6 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 32.4 | -0.8 | 31.6 |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 21.7 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 26.4 | 8.4 | 34.8 |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 140.6 | 10.2 | 4.90 | 2.8 | 158.5 | 7.5 | 166.0 | 84.6 | 1.96 |
| \% Change | 17.8 | -12.4 | -19.6 | -15.8 | 12.9 | -21.6 | 10.7 | 0.7 | 9.9 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 44.7 | 4.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 50.2 | -2.7 | 47.5 |  |  |
| Dec-Feb | 34.6 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 37.3 | 0.3 | 37.7 |  |  |
| Mar-May | 27.2 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 29.4 | -1.8 | 27.6 |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 14.2 | -0.3 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 16.8 | 10.9 | 27.6 |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 120.7 | 7.4 | 3.6 | 2.0 | 133.7 | 6.8 | 140.4 | 85.3 | 1.65 |
| \% Change | -14.2 | -27.5 | -26.2 | -28.1 | -15.7 | $-10.0$ | -15.4 | 0.9 | -16.2 |
| 1996/97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 123.2 | 12.7 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 143.1 | 6.8 | 149.9 | 84.0 | 1.79 |
| \% Change | 2.1 | 72.4 | 35.5 | 15.0 | 7.1 | 0.7 | 6.8 | -1.6 | 8.5 |

Table 3--Grain shipments and rates

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 993 / 94 \\ & \text { E. Yr. } \end{aligned}$ | Yr. | $\begin{aligned} & 94 / 95 \\ & p-J u l \end{aligned}$ | Jul | $\begin{aligned} & ---19 \\ & \text { ep-Jul } \end{aligned}$ | $96----$ <br> Jul |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Barge shipments 1/ <br> (Million ton/month | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| Barge rate index 2/ <br> (Dec $1990=100$ ) | 93.6 | 160.8 | 155.0 | 169.9 | 158.0 | 92.3 |
| Railcar loadings 3/ (1,000 cars/week) | 25.3 | 28.5 | 28.2 | 28.8 | 27.7 | 23.2 |
| Rail rate index 2/ <br> (Dec $1984=100$ ) | $115.2$ | 116.6 | 116.8 | 114.9 | 116.7 | 115.1 |
| 1/ Illinois \& Mississippi |  | Includes soybeans and all grains. |  |  |  |  |
| Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2/ Source: Bureau | Bureau of Labor Statistics |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3/ Includes soybean | soybeans and all grains. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Source: Association of American Railroads. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 4--Cash feed grain prices

|  | Corn, No. 2, Yel, Ctrl. IL $1 /$ | Corn, No. 2, Yel, Gulf ports 1 / | Sorghum, No. 2, Yel Texas South Panhandle 1/ | Sorghum, No. 2, Yel, Gulf ports 1 / | Barley, No. 2, feed, Duluth 2 / | Barley, No. 3 or better, Malting, Minn. 2 / | Oats, No. 2, Heavy white, Minn. 2 / |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mkt. yr. | \$/bu | \$/bu | \$/cwt | \$/cwt | \$/bu | \$/bu | \$/bu |
| 92/93 | 2.12 | 2.46 | 4.06 | 4.27 | 2.11 | 2.37 | 1.58 |
| 93/94 | 2.54 | 2.85 | 4.95 | 3/4.90 | 2.05 | 2.48 | 1.55 |
| 94/95 | 2.34 | 2.78 | 4.75 | 3/4.62 | 2.02 | 2.75 | 1.36 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Monthly: } \\ \text { 1995: } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr | 2.41 | 2.79 | 4.68 | 4.08 | 1.97 | NQ | 1.62 |
| May | 2.50 | 2.84 | 4.93 | 4.27 | 2.11 | NQ | 1.76 |
| Jun | 2.65 | 3.04 | 5.26 | 4.97 | 2.22 | 3.15 | 1.73 |
| Jul | 2.79 | 3.23 | 5.61 | 5.41 | 2.25 | 3.69 | 1.92 |
| 1996: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr | 4.47 | 4.80 | 8.16 | 8.44 | 2.99 | NQ | 2.56 |
| May | 4.86 | 5.17 | 8.88 | 8.46 | 3.20 | 4.11 | 2.68 |
| Jun | 4.74 | 4.99 | 8.57 | 7.95 | 3.22 | 3.28 | 2.11 |
| Jul | 4.70 | 5.07 | 8.36 | 7.38 | 2.79 | 3.74 | 2.48 |

1/ Marketing year beginning September 1.
2/ Marketing year beginning June 1.
3/ Revised. $\mathrm{NQ}=\mathrm{No}$ quote.
Table 5--Selected feed and feed by-product prices

|  | Soybean meal 44\% slv. Decatur, IL $1 /$ | Cottonseed meal, 41\% slv. Memphis $1 /$ | Corn <br> gluten <br> feed, <br> IL <br> pts. <br> 1/ | Corn gluten meal, IL pts. 1/ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Meat \& } \\ \text { bone } \\ \text { meal, } \\ \text { Central } \\ \text { U.S. } \\ 1 / \end{gathered}$ | Dists.' dried grains, Lawrenceburg, IN 1/ | Wheat midlgs, Kansas City <br> $1 /$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Alfalfa } \\ \text { farm } \\ \text { price } \end{array} \\ \text { 2/ } 3 / \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mkt. yr. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 92/93 | 180.80 | 159.22 | 95.95 | 284.60 | 220.93 | 122.84 | 69.69 | 78.20 |
| 93/94 | 181.82 | 168.36 | 88.62 | 286.61 | 206.81 | 123.79 | 81.51 | 89.30 |
| 94/95 | 151.77 | 112.64 | 82.77 | 221.95 | 170.51 | 106.70 | 65.04 | 92.10 |
| Monthly: 1995: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr | 151.00 | 98.10 | 77.40 | 206.25 | 160.60 | 93.50 | 55.75 | 89.40 |
| May | 148.10 | 92.75 | 78.50 | 196.50 | 159.60 | 98.00 | 49.70 | 95.30 |
| Jun | 149.10 | 108.75 | 79.90 | 208.10 | 161.60 | 98.90 | 63.61 | 91.60 |
| Jul | 160.10 | 116.90 | 81.90 | 218.75 | 159.80 | 101.00 | 61.80 | 89.60 |
| 1996: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr | 237.90 | 206.25 | 127.40 | 336.50 | 212.90 | 156.60 | 148.00 | 94.50 |
| May | 232.30 | 191.25 | 138.40 | 343.10 | 220.20 | 186.50 | 114.70 | 102.40 |
| Jun | 227.90 | 192.20 | 122.10 | 315.00 | 231.80 | 190.00 | 127.80 | 96.90 |
| Jul | 242.30 | 201.75 | 109.30 | 308.50 | 239.60 | 175.40 | 112.70 | 92.90 |

1/ Marketing year beginning September 1.
2/ Marketing year beginning May 1.
3/ Includes monthly \& marketing year revisions from 1994/95.

Table 6--Corn: Food, and industrial uses

| Year | HFCS | ```Glucose and dex.``` | Starch | ---Alc <br> Fuel | Bev. <br> \& Mfg | Cereals \& other products | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { F\&I } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Million bushels |  |  |  |  |
| 1993/94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 98.5 | 55.8 | 56.4 | 112.2 | 27.7 | 29.4 | 380.1 |
| Dec-Feb | 95.3 | 49.6 | 52.7 | 119.3 | 29.9 | 29.1 | 375.8 |
| Mar-May | 118.0 | 56.7 | 56.3 | 112.4 | 24.9 | 29.7 | 398.2 |
| Jun-Aug | 131.8 | 60.8 | 57.3 | 114.3 | 23.2 | 29.7 | 417.1 |
| Mkt year | 443.6 | 222.9 | 222.7 | 458.3 | 105.8 | 118.0 | 1571.3 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 104.6 | 58.8 | 57.3 | 134.4 | 21.2 | 29.4 | 405.8 |
| Dec-Feb | 100.5 | 51.5 | 55.0 | 141.5 | 28.2 | 29.1 | 405.8 |
| Mar-May | 123.8 | 58.4 | 56.2 | 137.7 | 24.2 | 29.7 | 430.1 |
| Jun-Aug | 135.6 | 62.3 | 57.3 | 119.1 | 26.7 | 29.7 | 430.8 |
| Mkt year | 464.6 | 231.1 | 225.7 | 532.8 | 100.3 | 118.0 | 1672.4 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 110.1 | 60.7 | 55.8 | 121.1 | 32.3 | 29.4 | 409.4 |
| Dec-Feb | 105.1 | 52.9 | 51.5 | 120.8 | 28.0 | 29.1 | 387.4 |
| Mar-May | 130.8 | 60.7 | 54.9 | 91.8 | 20.0 | 29.7 | 388.1 |
| Jun-Aug | 139.0 | 60.7 | 57.7 | 61.3 | 21.3 | 29.7 | 369.8 |
| Mkt year | 485.0 | 235.0 | 220.0 | 395.0 | 101.6 | 118.0 | 1554.6 |
| 1996/97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mkt year | 505.0 | 245.0 | 230.0 | 425.0 | 110.0 | 120.0 | 1635.0 |

Table 7--Wholesale corn milling product and by-product prices

|  | Corn meal, yellow, New York | Brewers' grits, Chicago | Sugar, destrose, Midwest | HFCS, 42\% tank cars, Midwest | Corn starch, fob Midwest |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$/cwt | \$/cwt | cents/lb | cents/lb | \$/cwt |
| Mkt.yr. 1/ \$/cwt |  |  |  |  |  |
| 92/93 | 13.39 | 9.68 | 24.50 | 13.30 | 10.70 |
| 93/94 | 14.49 | 10.98 | 25.44 | 14.63 | 12.61 |
| 94/95 | 13.22 | 10.67 | 25.62 | 12.27 | 12.43 |
| 95/96 2/ | 17.79 | 14.21 | 25.50 | 13.01 | 15.98 |
| Monthly |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1995: |  |  |  |  |  |
| May | 13.22 | 10.67 | 25.50 | 11.80 | 12.89 |
| Jun | 13.59 | 11.04 | 25.50 | 11.80 | 13.22 |
| Jul | 13.85 | 11.30 | 25.50 | 11.70 | 13.64 |
| Aug 2/ | 13.80 | 11.25 | 25.50 | 11.80 | 13.85 |
| 1996: |  |  |  |  |  |
| May | 20.28 | 16.19 | 25.50 | 13.15 | 17.45 |
| Jun | 20.18 | 16.08 | 25.50 | 13.15 | 18.65 |
| Jul | 20.45 | 16.35 | 25.50 | 13.15 | 18.65 |
| Aug $2 /$ | 21.72 | 17.62 | 25.50 | 13.15 | 19.19 |

1/ Marketing year beginning September 1.
2/ Preliminary

Table 8--U.S. feed grain exports by selected destinations 1/

| Country/region | ------1 <br> Mkt. yr. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3/94------ } \\ & \text { Sep-June } \end{aligned}$ | Mkt. yr. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { /95------ } \\ & \text { Sep-June } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1995 / 96 \\ & \text { Sep-June } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CORN |  |  |  |  |  |
| Japan | 12,322 | 10,689 | 15,849 | 13,174 | 12,857 |
| Taiwan | 5,077 | 4,484 | 6,027 | 5,130 | 5,024 |
| Former USSR | 2,909 | 2,857 | 140 | 140 | 27 |
| South Africa | 12 | 12 | 187 | 161 | 347 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 394 | 309 | 449 | 386 | 317 |
| EU | 1,765 | 1,599 | 2,836 | 2,445 | 2,791 |
| Egypt | 1,553 | 1,086 | 2,569 | 2,112 | 1,933 |
| Canada | 603 | 423 | 1,096 | 799 | 578 |
| China | 0 | 0 | 3,240 | 2,166 | 2,207 |
| East Europe | 48 | 48 | 112 | 67 | 188 |
| Algeria | 1,176 | 866 | 1,000 | 867 | 413 |
| S. Korea | 508 | 143 | 8,005 | 6,461 | 7,521 |
| Mexico | 1,468 | 935 | 2,985 | 2,526 | 5,486 |
| Others | 5,813 | 4,956 | 10,723 | 8,582 | 10,259 |
| Total | 33,649 | 28,407 | 55,218 | 45,015 | 49,947 |
| SORGHUM |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mexico | 2,972 | 2,490 | 2,557 | 2,158 | 1,365 |
| Japan | 1,640 | 1,401 | 2,050 | 1,805 | 1,432 |
| Others | 432 | 427 | 1,008 | 938 | 1,368 |
| Total | 5,044 | 4,317 | 5,615 | 4,901 | 4,165 |
|  | ---- | 994/95--- | ------19 | /96------ | 1996/97 |
|  | Mkt. yr. | June | Mkt. yr. | June | June |
| BARLEY ------- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Saudi Arabia | 203 | 0 | 373 | 0 | 0 |
| Israel | 468 | 26 | 42 | 19 | 7 |
| Jordan | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 671 | 5 | 932 | 74 | 55 |
| Total | 1,392 | 31 | 1,347 | 93 | 62 |

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding. Source: Bureau of the Census
Table 9--U.S. imports by country of origin

| Country/region | Mkt. yr. | 95-- <br> June | Mkt. yr. | June | $\begin{array}{r} 1996 / 97 \\ \text { June } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OATS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 1,161 | 94 | 1,302 | 157 | 31 |
| Finland | 374 | 29 | 22 | 8 | 0 |
| Sweden | 70 | 26 | 62 | 62 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total 1/ | 1,605 | 149 | 1,387 | 227 | 31 |
| BARLEY, MALTING 715 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total 1/ | 716 | 89 | 740 | 88 | 77 |
| BARLEY, OTHER $2 /$ <br> Canada <br> $\begin{array}{lllll}702 & 141 & 141 & 13 & 24\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada <br> Other | 702 16 | 141 10 | 141 | 13 0 | 24 0 |
| Total 1/ | 719 | 151 | 147 | 13 | 24 |

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.
2/ Mainly consists of barley for feeding, and also includes seed barley.
Source: Bureau of the Census

