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## **Paraguay**

### **Oilseeds and Products**

### **Soybean Production Update**

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**Report Highlights:**

**Dry weather and reduced planted area will combine to reduce soybean production in Paraguay for the next marketing year.**

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Includes Trade Matrix: No  
Unscheduled Report  
Buenos Aires [AR1], PA

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**Executive Summary**

Over the last few months, agriculture in Paraguay has suffered from a severe drought, reducing production prospects for cotton and oilseeds. Although Paraguay’s soybean output had been moving upward over the last few years due to the adaption of advanced production methods and expanding area, the current unfavorable situation is now expected to reverse that trend.

For beans planted in the earlier part of the season, primarily in November, the crop’s status is better than that for those seeded later, as they were able to take advantage of rainfall in December to advance their development. As the former represent about 80 percent of total seeded area, the overall crop will not be a disaster as might be indicated by the degraded aspect of later planted beans. However, the entire crop is suffering from high temperatures, and yields could be further reduced if the situation continues.

Based on the above factors and industry information, post reduces its production estimate to 2.5 million metric tons (mmt) from a planted area of just over 1.0 million hectares. As in many years, crushing is expected to take only a minor share of production, with the remainder exported as whole beans, primarily to Brazil, Europe, and Argentina.

**Table 1. Soybean Supply and Demand**

PSD Table						
Country	Paraguay					
Commodity	Oilseed, Soybean					
					(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1997	Preliminary	1998	Forecast	1999
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		03/1998		03/1999		03/2000
Area Planted	1100	1000	1000	1000	1150	1050
Area Harvested	1200	950	1200	1000	1200	1000
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	14	0	14
Production	2988	2988	3000	3000	3000	2500
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	2988	2988	3000	3014	3000	2514
MY Exports	2390	2294	2400	2300	2400	1800
MY Exp. to the EC	700	700	700	700	700	700
Crush Dom. Consumption	500	641	500	650	500	650
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	98	39	100	50	100	50
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	598	680	600	700	600	700
Ending Stocks	0	14	0	14	0	14
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2988	2988	3000	3014	3000	2514
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	1950	2150	2000	2294	0	2000
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0