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French Rapeseed Production up 17%

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Report Highlights:

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Executive Summary

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Section I: Situation and Outlook

2002 French rapeseed, sunflowerseed and soybean production were revised according to recent estimates published by the Office of Statistics (SCEES) of the French Ministry of Agriculture and the French oilseeds board (ONIOL).

Rapeseed:

French rapeseed production in 2002 was revised up to 3.39 million MT, due to higher than expected yields, resulting from favorable weather conditions. Although the area planted to rapeseed declined from 2001 to 2002, rapeseed production increased by almost 17 percent. At the same time, yields increased from 2.64 MT/ha to 3.21 MT/ha. Yields were abnormally low in 2001. Increased production in 2002 is expected to result in an increase in exports of rapeseed, back to 2000/01 levels, or about 1.85 million MT.

Sunflowerseed:

Sunflowerseed production in 2002 was revised down to 1.55 million MT, due to lower acreage than expected. This results in a slight decline in sunflowerseed production from 2001 to 2002. As a result, sunflowerseed exports and crush in 2002 were revised down from previous estimates.

Soybeans:

Soybean production in 2002 was revised down to 220,000 MT, due to reduced acreage. French soybean production is estimated to decline by 24 percent from 2001 to 2002. This drop is due in part to the phasing out of the non-biotech "Soja de Pays" special support program.

Industrial Production:

Industrial rapeseed and sunflowerseed production continues to account for a significant part of total production, as indicated in the table below:

		2000/01		2001/02		2002/03 (forecast)	
		Area (1,000 ha)	Production (1,000 MT)	Area (1,000 ha)	Production (1,000 MT)	Area (1,000 ha)	Production (1,000 MT)
Rapeseed	Industrial	311	895	270	713	275	886
	Food/Feed	914	2,674	826	2,182	781	2,500
	Total	1,225	3,569	1,096	2,895	1,056	3,386
Sunflower seeds	Industrial	66	159	50	111	50	110
	Food/Feed	644	1,654	659	1,468	595	1,440
	Total	710	1,813	709	1,579	645	1,550
Soybeans	Food/Feed	79	207	119	291	90	220
Total Oilseeds	Industrial	377	1,054	320	824	325	996
	Food/Feed	1,637	4,535	1,604	3,941	1,466	4,160
	Total	2,014	5,589	1,924	4,765	1,791	5,156

In 2002/03, the area planted to oilseeds for food and feed is not expected to exceed the French maximum guaranteed area of 1,557,000 ha set by the EU in 1999/00.

Section II: Statistical tables

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Oilseed, Rapeseed					
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/2000		07/2001		07/2002
Area Planted	1225	1225	1096	1096	1063	1056
Area Harvested	1225	1225	1096	1096	1062	1056
Beginning Stocks	85	83	121	121	91	152
Production	3569	3569	2890	2895	3300	3386
MY Imports	28	28	30	30	30	30
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	15	15	15	15	15	15
TOTAL SUPPLY	3682	3680	3041	3046	3421	3568
MY Exports	1828	1828	1340	1360	1590	1850
MY Exp. to the EC	1506	1506	1210	1210	1400	1500
Crush Dom. Consumption	1288	1288	1330	1268	1470	1300
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	445	443	280	266	260	280
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1733	1731	1610	1534	1730	1580
Ending Stocks	121	121	91	152	101	138
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	3682	3680	3041	3046	3421	3568
Calendar Year Imports	30	30	30	30	30	30
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	1017	1017	1200	1200	1200	1200
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: ONIOL, SCEES, Eurostat

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Oilseed, Sunflowerseed			(1000 HA)(1000 MT)		
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/2000		07/2001		07/2002
Area Planted	710	710	710	709	680	645
Area Harvested	710	710	709	709	680	645
Beginning Stocks	301	342	292	312	104	77
Production	1813	1813	1579	1579	1600	1550
MY Imports	178	178	51	48	50	100
MY Imp. from U.S.	1	1	1	1	1	1
MY Imp. from the EC	10	10	6	8	5	10
TOTAL SUPPLY	2292	2333	1922	1939	1754	1727
MY Exports	450	450	475	480	480	420
MY Exp. to the EC	425	425	450	450	450	400
Crush Dom. Consumption	1379	1379	1175	1201	1090	1100
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	171	192	168	181	130	130
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1550	1571	1343	1382	1220	1230
Ending Stocks	292	312	104	77	54	77
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2292	2333	1922	1939	1754	1727
Calendar Year Imports	117	117	50	50	50	50
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Calendar Year Exports	556	556	480	480	450	450
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: ONIOL, SCEES, Eurostat

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Oilseed, Soybean			(1000 HA)(1000 MT)		
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Area Planted	79	79	119	119	100	90
Area Harvested	79	79	119	119	100	90
Beginning Stocks	51	51	228	228	217	217
Production	207	207	291	291	250	220
MY Imports	899	899	910	910	950	950
MY Imp. from U.S.	240	240	260	260	260	260
MY Imp. from the EC	111	111	110	110	110	110
TOTAL SUPPLY	1157	1157	1429	1429	1417	1387
MY Exports	5	5	5	5	5	5
MY Exp. to the EC	3	3	3	3	3	3
Crush Dom. Consumption	543	543	800	800	810	800
Food Use Dom. Consump.	97	97	97	97	97	97
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	284	284	310	310	320	300
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	924	924	1207	1207	1227	1197
Ending Stocks	228	228	217	217	185	185
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1157	1157	1429	1429	1417	1387
Calendar Year Imports	964	964	900	900	900	900
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	305	305	260	260	260	260
Calendar Year Exports	5	5	5	5	5	5
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

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