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Report Highlights:

MY 2004 sunflower seed production is now estimated at about 650,000 MT, slightly higher than earlier projections. Optimum weather conditions helped to increase yields although total area declined. Sunflower seed imports are expected to reach 600,000 MT due to insufficient domestic supplies. Sunflower seed meal imports increased significantly in MY 2003 due to abundant regional supplies and lower prices compared to soybean meal. The Turkish government recently increased sunflower seed duties to 27 percent to promote the use of local seeds.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes
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GENERAL SUMMARY

Turkey's MY 2004 sunflower seed crop is expected to reach 650,000 MT, slightly higher than earlier projections despite a decrease in planted area. Optimum weather conditions and timely rains during the year helped to increase yields while area declined due to increased planting of confectionary pumpkin seed and sorghum in the Thrace region where seventy percent of sunflower seeds are grown. MY 2003 and 2004 sunflower seed imports are expected to reach 600,000 MT the highest in recent years. Neighboring Black Sea countries are the leading suppliers.

While a large crop is expected, Trakya Birlik and Karadeniz Birlik, (farmers' coops), have not announced purchase prices. Last year, these coops procured 420,000 MT of sunflower seed, which was about seventy percent of the crop. Coops paid 485,000 TL per kilo in 2003, or about US\$ 330 per MT. Due to higher costs, particularly for fuel, Turkish prices are higher than Bulgarian sunflower seed that is quoted at US\$ 250 per ton C&F Turkey. Large sunflower seed production is also expected in Bulgaria this year, of which half may be exported. In order to discourage imports of low cost imported sunflower seed, the government of Turkey (GOT) increased the tariff on sunflower seeds from 20 to 27 percent for a period of four months.

The GOT has not paid production bonuses for last year's crop and no schedule has been announced for the 2004 crop. It is also not known what bonus the GOT will announce for MY 2004 crop. Industry sources commented that it is crucial for the future of Turkish sunflower seed production that coops and the GOT announce appropriate purchase prices and bonus payments and that these are paid in a timely manner.

Sunflower seed and meal imports increased in MY 2003 due to abundant supplies in the region and lower world prices compared to soybeans and soybean meal. MY 2003 imports are expected to be about 600,000 MT for sunflower seed and 280,000 MT for sunflower seed meal. Sunflower seed meal consumption also increased significantly during MY 2003 due to an increase in total feed production and higher utilization in poultry rations. Sunflower seed meal replaced soy meal in rations due to the relative costs.

Turkish sun oil production increased last year due to higher crushing. However, sun oil imports and exports declined due to increased domestic oil production and increased crushing in export markets. Domestic consumption increased about fifteen percent benefiting from declines in imports of corn and soy oil due to higher prices.

Policy

This past week, the GOT increased tariffs for sunflower seed, for both crushing and confectionary use, to 27 percent from 20 percent. The new tariff for sunflower seed for crushing will be effective until January 2005, but the increase will be permanent for confectionary sunflower seed. The decree also increased tariffs for palm oil from 12 to 31.2 percent. However, if the importer can prove that imported oil will be used to produce export items, the tariff will only be 15 percent. The GOT hopes to stop illegal mixing of palm oil with other oils. The new tariff is the maximum allowed under Turkey's WTO commitments.

Turkey Oilseed, Sunflower seed (1000 HA)(1000 MT)							
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		09.2002		09.2003		09.2004	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	520	0	(1000 HA)
Area Harvested	550	550	500	500	520	480	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	10	10	10	10	20	20	(1000 MT)
Production	820	820	600	600	625	650	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	350	225	450	600	415	600	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	4	0	0	8	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	1180	1055	1060	1210	1060	1270	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Crush Dom. Consumption	1159	1035	1030	1180	1030	1240	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Consump.	6	8	6	6	6	6	(1000 MT)
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	5	2	4	4	4	4	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1170	1045	1040	1190	1040	1250	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	10	10	20	20	20	20	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1180	1055	1060	1210	1060	1270	(1000 MT)
Calendar Year Imports	250	129	300	484	300	550	(1000 MT)
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	3	9	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)

Import Trade Matrix

Country Turkey

Commodity Oilseed, Sunflowerseed

Time Period **CY 2003** Units: **CY 2004**
 Imports for: **Jan/Dec** **Jan/June**
 U.S. **7117** U.S. **4468**

Others		Others	
Ukraine	169474	Ukraine	127573
Bulgaria	151701	Bulgaria	83004
Russia	83258	Russia	49728
Uruguay	67325	Moldova	17750
Romania	35230	Romania	7904
Makedonia	2071	Kyrgyzstan	2132
Moldova	1739	Kazakhstan	1288
Argentina	745	Syria	904
Kazakhstan	411	Uzbekistan	624
Canada	375	Canada	440
Total for Others	512329		291347
Others not Listed	294		196
Grand Total	512623		296011

Turkey							
Meal, Sunflowerseed							
(1000 MT) (PERCENT)							
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		09.2002		09.2003		09.2004	MM/YYYY
Crush	1159	1035	1030	1180	1030	1240	(1000 MT)
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0,3805	0,3816	0,3815	0,3813	0,3815	0,3790	(PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	50	(1000 MT)
Production	441	395	393	450	393	470	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	100	64	110	280	110	285	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	541	459	503	730	503	805	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	5	5	5	0	5	10	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	536	454	498	680	498	745	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	536	454	498	680	498	745	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	50	0	50	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	541	459	503	730	503	805	(1000 MT)
Calendar Year Imports	100	50	150	113	150	250	(1000 MT)
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calendar Year Exports	5	5	5	0	5	0	(1000 MT)
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)

Import Trade Matrix

Country Turkey

Commodity Meal, Sunflowerseed

Time Period Units:

Imports for:

U.S. U.S.

Others Others

Russia	45657	Russia	120198
Ukraine	37131	Ukraine	60088
Bulgaria	12929	Romania	11393
Moldova	8352	Moldova	10280
Romania	6642	Bulgaria	6117
Belarus	2829		

Total for Others 262047 208078

Others not Listed

Grand Total 262047 208078