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## Argentina

### Grain and Feed

### Update

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**Report Highlights:**

The following is from the Argentine Secretary of Agriculture (SAGPyA) monthly agricultural estimates publication:

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Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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**Wheat** - Initial planting estimates in the southern Buenos Aires and Central Western La Pampa areas are reduced due to inadequate precipitation. In the northern wheat region (Chaco, Tucuman, Santiago del Estero), planted area is also reduced due to a lack of precipitation. Yields on fields previously planted in these areas will also be affected.

Areas already planted in central and northern La Pampa and throughout Cordoba have also been affected by reduced precipitation and will probably mean reductions in yields.

On the other hand, center southern Santa Fe, eastern Cordoba, Entre Rios, and southern central Buenos Aires are enjoying favorable precipitation and soil humidity, which allow normal development of the crop.

Total estimated planted area is 5.3 MHAS.

**Barley** – Area is forecast to increase 10 percent over last year to 300,000 HAS due to increased interest by brewers, which resulted in an increase in the number of planting contracts. Barley is traditionally planted under contracts.

**Corn** – Forecast increased planted area in La Pampa and northern Buenos Aires and decreases in Cordoba and Santa Fe place total corn area (grain and forage) around 3.3 MHAS.

SAGPYA Estimates	MHAS
Wheat	5.3
Barley	0.3
Corn (grain and forage)	3.3