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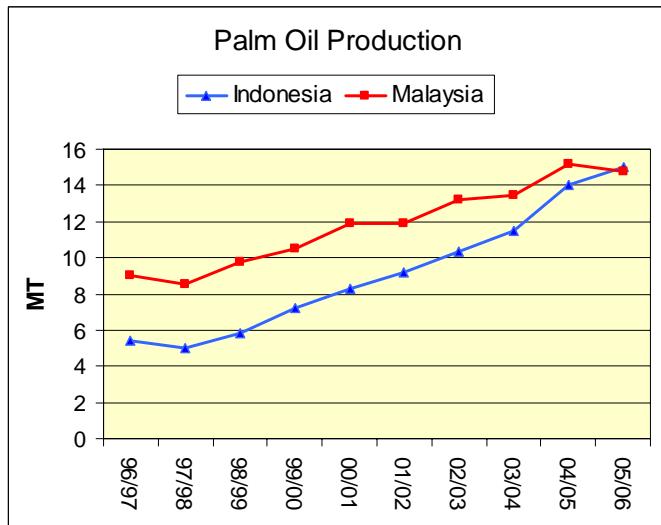
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Indonesia Overtakes Malaysia as The World's Largest Producer of Palm Oil

Palm oil production in Malaysia and Indonesia has been rising steadily for at least a decade, with production in Indonesia rising at a faster rate. Production in 1996/97 was about 3.6 million tons higher in Malaysia than in Indonesia, but this gap gradually narrowed over the years. In 2004/05, palm oil production reached a record 15.2 million tons in Malaysia, with Indonesia close behind at 14.0 million tons. This year, however, Malaysia palm oil production is expected to drop to 14.8 million, while Indonesia production is expected to reach 15.0 million tons, exceeding Malaysia for the first time in history.



Monthly palm oil production in Malaysia was lower than last year from November through February as plants experienced a biological stress after a strong surge in production in 2005. The reduction in yields may also be connected to a delayed response to drought in 2004 and recent heavy rain that hampered the harvesting of palm fruits. Production is expected to recover in the second half of 2006 as trees recover and normal weather returns. In Indonesia, yields have been increasing as recently planted trees reach maturity and oil extraction rates and productivity improve.

Indonesia is expected to continue its rapid area expansion efforts, which include plans to establish the world's largest palm plantation (1.8 million hectares) in Kalimantan on the island of Borneo. Malaysia is also expected to increase palm area in eastern Malaysia, although a shortage of available land may hinder further area expansion in western Malaysia. (*For more information, contact Paulette Sandene at 202-690-0133.*)

Foreign Corn: Smaller Crops for Major Competitors in 2005/06

Foreign corn production in 2005/06 is estimated at 401.6 million tons, similar to last month, but down by 7.5 million from last year due to reduced production from major countries/regions such as European Union (EU), Argentina, and South Africa. For 2005/06, EU output decreased by 5.3

million tons to a total of 48.2 million, due to lower area and drought-reduced yields in France--largest producer in the EU. In Argentina and South Africa, below-average crops of 15.5 million tons and 7.5 million are expected this year, 5 million and 4 million lower than last year's record crops, respectively. The drop in Argentina's crop is due to lower area and unfavorable growing conditions, while in South Africa it is due entirely to lower area. The decrease in area in South Africa is attributable to lower prices, higher stocks, and reduced credit from banks and cooperatives.

For this month, increases for India and Romania were almost completely offset by smaller crops in Brazil and Mexico. Larger harvested area in India and higher yields due to better weather in both India and Romania have been major contributors to the increase in production. (*For more information, contact Michelle Greenberg at 202-720-7339.*)

Brazil Corn: Southern Dryness Reduces Corn Yield

Brazil's corn production for 2005/06 is estimated at 41.0 million tons, down 1.5 million from last month, but up 6 million from last year's drought-affected crop. Harvested area is estimated at 12.8 million hectares, unchanged from last month, but up 1.2 million from last year. Crop yield is estimated at 3.20 tons per hectare, matching the 5-year average.

Based on recent FAS personnel travel through major production regions in January and February (observed crops ranged in development from newly planted winter corn to harvested summer corn), the summer corn outlook is mixed due to highly variable rainfall and strong drought in two of the three main southern producing states. Crops in both Paraná and Santa Catarina were seriously affected by dryness that occurred during mid-December to mid-January when summer corn was in the reproductive growth stage. National summer corn yield is expected to be below average but slightly improved over last year, as timely rainfall in major Center-West and Southeast states bolstered crop yields and offset some of the southern losses. Summer corn harvesting and winter corn planting progress will both be over 45 percent complete by March 10.

Producers were expected to reduce overall national acreage sown to field crops, with the exception of corn, due to substantial financial losses in 2004/05, strengthening exchange rates, and declining commodity prices. At planting time in October 2006, corn was the only major summer crop that had generally favorable potential profitability. Recent Brazilian government crop surveys confirmed that expectation, indicating farmers substantially reduced acreage sown to soy (4 percent), rice (20 percent), and cotton (27 percent) while increasing summer corn area by 11-13 percent.

The winter corn crop is being planted now, and there are mixed expectations about the scope of total planted area. Major forecast organizations from the Brazilian government and private sector are indicating either an 8-9 percent increase in area, or no change whatsoever. FAS/W is currently forecasting that winter corn area will increase 9 percent. Corn is the most profitable winter grain crop, and domestic corn prices have been strengthening in recent months. Farmers, cooperatives, and government agencies visited in southern Brazil all indicated that winter corn acreage would increase at the expense of wheat this year. (*For more information, contact Michael Shean at 202-720-7366.*

India Corn: Monsoon Boosts Corn Production

India's 2005/06 corn output is estimated at 14.5 million tons, up 1.0 million from last month and up 0.9 million from last year. Area is estimated at 7.4 million hectares, up 0.2 million from last month and up 0.4 million from last year. The 2005/06 kharif, fall harvested corn crop, contributes approximately 85 percent of the total crop and the rabi, summer harvested corn crop, is normally about 15 percent of the total. A late monsoon arrival delayed sowing operations in some regions; however, a mid-monsoon season revival allowed sowing to continue later than normal for the kharif crop. Higher prices and strong demand have contributed to an increase in rabi production. (*For more information, contact Jim Crutchfield at 202-690-0135.*)

Romania Corn: Higher Precipitation Brings Higher Yield

Romania's corn production for 2005/06 is estimated at 10.3 million tons, up 1.3 million from last month, but down 1.7 million from last year's 12-million-ton crop. Area is estimated at 3 million hectares, unchanged from last month and from last year. The estimated yield of 3.43 tons per hectare is up 14 percent from last month, but down 14 percent from last year. This year's yield is well above the 5-year average of 2.74 tons per hectare.

A cool, rainy summer and early fall delayed the 2005/06 summer crop harvest. Initially, there were concerns about excessive precipitation damaging the corn and sunflower crops and delaying the harvest. While it indeed delayed the harvest, the rains slowed during October, allowing fields to dry and harvest activities to resume. Now, industry and government sources believe the crop is larger because the high precipitation totals enhanced yields. (*For more information, contact Bryan Purcell at 202-690-0138.*)

Australia Barley: Output Up, Late Rains Force Farmers To Plant More Barley

Australia's 2005/06 barley production is estimated at 9.9 million tons, up 1.4 million from last month and 2.2 million from last year. Harvested area is estimated at 4.7 million hectares, up 0.6 million from last month and 0.1 million from last year. Later than normal sowing rainfall is believed to have resulted in some area shifting away from canola and wheat to barley this season. In addition, area has increased due to a growing demand by beer manufacturers in China.

The yield estimate of 2.11 tons per hectare is only slightly above the average (excluding the 2002 season's 100-year drought). Winter rainfall was near normal for most of the barley areas of Western Australia, and the crop condition was reported as good after an excellent start to the season. There were some dry pockets in the state, but for the most part the conditions were positive in Australia's second largest barley producing state. In eastern Australia, seasonal conditions were variable across the major cropping regions. An unusually dry May significantly delayed sowing operations until June's exceptionally heavy precipitation allowed sowing operations to be completed later than normal. This was followed by a very dry July for many growing areas. August and September had normal to above normal rainfall in most eastern barley areas. (*For more information, contact Jim Crutchfield at 202-690-0135.*)

India Millet: Monsoon Rains Increase Crop Output

India's 2005/06 millet output is estimated at 10.3 million tons, up 1.3 million from last month and up 0.9 million from last season's crop. Area is estimated at 12.0 million hectares, up 2.2 million from both last month and last year. The 2005/06 millet crop, also known as bajra, is predominantly grown during the monsoon or kharif season. A late monsoon arrival delayed sowing operations in some regions; however the revival of the monsoon later in the season spurred additional sowing. The four states of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, and Maharashtra account for nearly 80 percent of India's total production. Millet is an important food grain in some parts of India. (*For more information, contact Jim Crutchfield at 202-690-0135.*)

Bangladesh Rice: High-Yielding Varieties Increase Production

The 2005/06 Bangladesh rice crop is estimated at 27.4 million tons on a milled basis. Production is up 0.7 million from last month and up 1.8 million from last year's flood-damaged crop. Area is forecast at 11.1 million hectares, unchanged from last month, but up 0.1 million from last year due to higher domestic rice prices. Yield is higher this season as farmers reportedly shifted from traditional low-yielding varieties to high-yielding varieties (HYVs) and hybrids. The first crop, Aus, is sown March and April and harvested in June and July. The Aus crop accounts for roughly 5 percent of the total production. The second crop, Aman, is sown July and August and harvested in November and December and accounts for 40 percent of total production. The third crop, Boro, is sown December and January and harvested in April and May and it accounts for 50 percent of Bangladesh's total rice production. The 2005/06 Boro crop is currently in the vegetative stage and benefiting from generally favorable conditions. (*For more information, contact Jim Crutchfield at 203-690-0135.*)

China Rapeseed: Up Due to Larger Crops in Henan, Guizhou, and Shaanxi

China's rapeseed output for 2005/06 is estimated at 13.05 million tons, up 1.65 million tons from last month, but down 132,000 tons from last year's record crop. The revision is based on official data published by China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in February. The estimated area of 7.25 million hectares is down slightly from last month and last year, but the estimated yield of 1.8 tons per hectare is nearly equal to last year's record yield. Production data for 2005/06 have now been published by NBS for six provinces, representing almost 60 percent of national output. The data show that rapeseed output declined in Jiangsu (-5 percent), Anhui (-4 percent), and Hubei (-7 percent) in 2005/06. Unusually wet and cool spring weather caused yield losses in these provinces, but the damage was apparently less than most analysts expected. These losses were partially offset by larger crops in Henan (+12 percent), Guizhou (+4 percent), and Shaanxi (+3 percent). Provincial data from other major rapeseed provinces such as Sichuan, and Hunan are not yet available. (*For more information, contact Paulette Sandene at 202-690-0133.*)

China Soybeans: Record Crop Estimated in 2005/06

China's soybean output for 2005/06 is estimated at a record 18.3 million tons, up 1.3 million or 8 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. Soybean area for 2005/06 was raised this month to 10.0 million hectares, up 0.4 million from last month and last year. The estimated

yield of 1.83 tons per hectare is slightly higher than last year but below the record set in 2002/03. According to provincial statistics, soybean output declined in Liaoning but increased to a record 7.5 million tons in Heilongjiang, China's largest soybean province. Soybean production estimates for 2005/06 are not yet available for other provinces, but higher total grain output for Jilin, Henan, Shandong, and Hebei suggest higher soybean output in these provinces as well (soybeans are counted as grain in Chinese statistics). In Anhui and Jiangsu, excessive wetness in late summer had a negative yield effect on all 2005/06 autumn crops, including soybeans.

According to the Foreign Agricultural Service's office in Beijing, the unexpectedly large year-to-year increase in soybean production may be the result of policy decisions by the Chinese government. Before 2004, China's area-based agricultural tax system resulted in serious under reporting of planted area and output, particularly in Heilongjiang. The abolition of the tax in 2004 and the start of an area-based subsidy in 2005 resulted in an additional 600,000 to 1 million hectares of reported soybean area in Heilongjiang. (*For more information, contact Paulette Sandene at 202-690-0133.*)

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Conversion Table

Metric tons to bushels

Wheat, soybeans	=	MT * 36.7437
Corn, sorghum, rye	=	MT * 39.36825
Barley	=	MT * 45.929625
Oats	=	MT * 68.894438

Metric tons to 480-lb bales

Cotton	=	MT * 4.592917
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Metric tons to hundredweight

Rice	=	MT * 22.04622
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Area & weight

1 hectare	=	2.471044 acres
1 kilogram	=	2.204622 pounds

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TABLE 7
Rye Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel. 2003/04	2004/05	2005/06 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	Prel. 2003/04	2004/05	2005/06 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	Prel. 2003/04	2004/05	2005/06 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	From last month	From last year		
			Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	6.68	6.91	6.88	6.88	2.09	2.46	2.11	2.11	13.98	17.00	14.54	14.54	0.00	0.00	-2.46	-14.45
United States	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.11	1.70	1.74	1.69	1.69	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-9.05
Total Foreign	6.55	6.79	6.77	6.77	2.10	2.47	2.12	2.12	13.76	16.79	14.35	14.35	0.00	0.00	-2.44	-14.51
North & South America																
Canada	0.15	0.16	0.15	0.15	2.22	2.68	2.40	2.40	0.33	0.42	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-14.29
Europe																
EU-25	2.57	2.75	2.51	2.51	2.69	3.62	3.06	3.06	6.91	9.97	7.67	7.67	0.00	0.00	-2.29	-23.01
EU-15	0.86	0.95	0.85	0.85	3.71	5.13	4.32	4.32	3.19	4.85	3.66	3.66	0.00	0.00	-1.20	-24.62
Denmark	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	4.83	4.81	4.80	4.80	0.17	0.15	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-22.08
France	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	4.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.11	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-9.09
Germany	0.53	0.63	0.56	0.56	4.29	6.13	5.09	5.09	2.28	3.83	2.85	2.85	0.00	0.00	-0.98	-25.59
Spain	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.09	1.64	1.82	1.11	1.11	0.18	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-39.76
Austria	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	3.33	4.63	4.25	4.25	0.13	0.21	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-20.19
Sweden	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	4.92	5.36	5.50	5.50	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-17.91
NMS-10	1.71	1.81	1.66	1.66	2.18	2.83	2.42	2.42	3.72	5.11	4.02	4.02	0.00	0.00	-1.10	-21.47
Hungary	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	1.34	2.70	1.84	1.84	0.07	0.14	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-31.85
Poland	1.48	1.55	1.42	1.42	2.14	2.76	2.39	2.39	3.17	4.28	3.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	-0.88	-20.58
Czech Rep.	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.06	3.79	5.32	3.64	3.64	0.16	0.31	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	-0.11	-36.31
Lithuania	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	2.45	2.52	2.42	2.42	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.84
Other Europe																
Russia	2.35	2.00	2.40	2.40	1.79	1.43	1.50	1.50	4.20	2.85	3.60	3.60	0.00	0.00	0.75	26.32
Ukraine	0.40	0.73	0.62	0.62	1.56	2.21	1.71	1.71	0.63	1.60	1.05	1.05	0.00	0.00	-0.55	-34.38
Belarus	0.70	0.75	0.70	0.70	1.71	1.87	1.64	1.64	1.20	1.40	1.15	1.15	0.00	0.00	-0.25	-17.86
Turkey	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	1.63	1.60	1.60	1.60	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.24	0.26	0.24	0.24	1.10	1.22	1.15	1.15	0.26	0.31	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-10.86

TABLE 12
Cottonseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2005/06 Proj.		Prel.		2005/06 Proj.		Prel.		2005/06 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	2003/04	2004/05	Feb.	Mar.	2003/04	2004/05	Feb.	Mar.	2003/04	2004/05	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	31.10	34.61	33.69	33.61	1.14	1.31	1.26	1.26	35.57	45.23	42.49	42.31	-0.19	-0.44	-2.92	-6.46
United States	4.86	5.28	5.55	5.55	1.24	1.42	1.39	1.39	6.05	7.48	7.71	7.71	0.00	0.00	0.23	3.14
Total Foreign	26.24	29.32	28.14	28.06	1.13	1.29	1.24	1.23	29.52	37.75	34.78	34.59	-0.19	-0.53	-3.15	-8.36
China	5.11	5.69	5.10	5.06	1.74	2.02	2.01	2.03	8.87	11.50	10.27	10.27	0.00	0.00	-1.23	-10.70
India	7.63	8.92	8.90	8.85	0.78	0.90	0.89	0.88	5.94	8.07	7.90	7.80	-0.10	-1.27	-0.27	-3.35
Pakistan	3.09	3.19	3.15	3.15	1.06	1.50	1.31	1.31	3.29	4.80	4.14	4.14	0.00	0.00	-0.66	-13.70
Central Asia	2.48	2.59	2.78	2.78	1.14	1.29	1.28	1.28	2.83	3.35	3.54	3.54	0.00	0.00	0.19	5.70
Uzbekistan	1.43	1.46	1.45	1.45	1.26	1.55	1.69	1.69	1.80	2.25	2.45	2.45	0.00	0.00	0.20	8.89
Tajikistan	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.28	1.07	1.09	0.88	0.88	0.31	0.32	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-22.22
Turkmenis	0.48	0.50	0.70	0.70	0.77	0.72	0.54	0.54	0.37	0.36	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.02	5.56
Kazakhstan	0.19	0.22	0.20	0.20	1.16	1.23	1.33	1.33	0.22	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
African Fran	2.23	2.53	2.40	2.38	0.63	0.60	0.66	0.64	1.40	1.51	1.59	1.53	-0.06	-3.79	0.01	0.93
Mali	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.54	0.66	0.58	0.60	0.60	0.34	0.31	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.01	4.50
Burkina	0.46	0.55	0.58	0.58	0.56	0.49	0.66	0.66	0.26	0.27	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.11	41.26
Benin	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.67	0.74	0.66	0.58	0.21	0.22	0.20	0.17	-0.03	-16.67	-0.06	-25.34
Brazil	1.10	1.17	0.85	0.85	2.04	1.96	1.98	1.98	2.24	2.30	1.68	1.68	0.00	0.00	-0.62	-26.96
Turkey	0.71	0.70	0.60	0.60	1.88	1.99	1.88	1.88	1.33	1.39	1.13	1.13	0.00	0.00	-0.26	-18.71
Greece	0.37	0.38	0.36	0.36	1.34	1.57	1.80	1.80	0.49	0.60	0.64	0.64	0.00	0.00	0.04	7.39
Australia	0.20	0.31	0.31	0.31	2.45	2.90	2.48	2.48	0.48	0.91	0.77	0.77	0.00	0.00	-0.14	-15.57
Syria	0.20	0.23	0.24	0.24	2.85	3.01	3.02	2.89	0.57	0.71	0.71	0.68	-0.03	-4.23	-0.02	-3.55
Egypt	0.22	0.31	0.27	0.27	1.41	1.41	1.25	1.25	0.31	0.43	0.34	0.34	0.00	0.00	-0.09	-21.66
Others	2.91	3.30	3.20	3.22	0.61	0.66	0.65	0.65	1.77	2.19	2.08	2.08	0.00	0.19	-0.11	-4.85

TABLE 13
Peanut Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2005/06 Proj.		Prel.		2005/06 Proj.		Prel.		2005/06 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	2003/04	2004/05	Feb.	Mar.	2003/04	2004/05	Feb.	Mar.	2003/04	2004/05	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	22.66	22.68	22.83	22.62	1.44	1.46	1.43	1.46	32.61	33.12	32.62	33.09	0.47	1.44	-0.03	-0.10
United States	0.53	0.56	0.66	0.66	3.54	3.45	3.32	3.32	1.88	1.95	2.19	2.19	0.00	0.00	0.24	12.44
Total Foreign	22.13	22.12	22.18	21.96	1.39	1.41	1.37	1.41	30.73	31.17	30.43	30.90	0.47	1.54	-0.27	-0.88
China	5.06	4.75	4.90	4.70	2.65	3.02	2.82	3.05	13.42	14.34	13.80	14.34	0.54	3.91	0.00	0.00
India	8.00	8.00	7.80	7.80	0.96	0.85	0.85	0.85	7.70	6.80	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-2.94
Africa	6.88	7.09	7.22	7.22	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	6.08	6.23	6.38	6.38	0.00	0.00	0.15	2.39
Nigeria	1.23	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.51	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Senegal	0.53	0.75	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.77	0.82	0.82	0.45	0.57	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.13	22.16
Chad	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sudan	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Congo, DR	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.36	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27
Burkina Fas	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ghana	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Guinea	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Egypt	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	3.17	3.17	3.17	3.17	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mali	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.74	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indonesia	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.74	1.61	1.60	1.58	1.58	1.13	1.15	1.17	1.17	0.00	0.00	0.02	1.74
Burma	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.23	0.71	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vietnam	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Argentina	0.17	0.21	0.16	0.16	2.51	2.79	2.38	2.38	0.42	0.59	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	-0.21	-35.04
Brazil	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.12	2.17	2.28	2.46	2.17	0.22	0.29	0.32	0.25	-0.07	-21.88	-0.04	-12.89
Mexico	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	1.43	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	1.66	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.17

TABLE 14
Sunflowerseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.	2005/06 Proj.	Prel.	2005/06 Proj.	Prel.	2005/06 Proj.	Prel.	2005/06 Proj.	From last month	From last year						
	2003/04	2004/05	Feb.	Mar.	2003/04	2004/05	Feb.	Mar.	2003/04	2004/05	Feb.	Mar.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	22.73	21.28	23.27	23.29	1.18	1.21	1.28	1.29	26.71	25.69	29.82	29.98	0.16	0.53	4.28	16.66
United States	0.89	0.69	1.06	1.06	1.36	1.34	1.73	1.73	1.21	0.93	1.82	1.82	0.00	0.00	0.89	96.02
Total Foreign	21.84	20.59	22.21	22.23	1.17	1.20	1.26	1.27	25.50	24.76	28.00	28.15	0.16	0.56	3.39	13.68
South America	2.11	2.25	2.58	2.58	1.73	1.80	1.67	1.67	3.65	4.05	4.29	4.29	0.00	0.00	0.24	5.98
Argentina	1.83	1.89	2.20	2.20	1.77	1.90	1.73	1.73	3.24	3.60	3.80	3.80	0.00	0.00	0.20	5.56
Uruguay	0.11	0.13	0.14	0.14	1.61	1.28	1.41	1.41	0.18	0.17	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.03	15.15
Bolivia	0.08	0.16	0.16	0.16	1.11	1.06	1.06	1.06	0.09	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Russia	4.85	4.65	5.30	5.30	1.00	1.02	1.21	1.21	4.85	4.75	6.40	6.40	0.00	0.00	1.65	34.74
Ukraine	3.81	3.40	3.70	3.70	1.12	0.90	1.27	1.27	4.25	3.05	4.70	4.70	0.00	0.00	1.65	54.10
EU-25	2.44	2.21	2.01	2.02	1.65	1.89	1.82	1.84	4.04	4.19	3.66	3.72	0.06	1.64	-0.47	-11.15
France	0.69	0.62	0.65	0.65	2.16	2.37	2.22	2.22	1.49	1.46	1.44	1.44	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-1.85
Hungary	0.51	0.48	0.52	0.51	1.94	2.50	2.21	2.25	0.99	1.20	1.15	1.15	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-4.01
Spain	0.79	0.75	0.52	0.52	0.97	1.05	0.78	0.74	0.76	0.79	0.40	0.38	-0.02	-5.00	-0.41	-51.59
Italy	0.15	0.12	0.12	0.13	1.57	2.21	1.92	2.08	0.24	0.27	0.23	0.27	0.04	17.39	0.00	-1.46
China	1.17	0.94	1.00	1.00	1.49	1.66	1.60	1.70	1.74	1.55	1.60	1.70	0.10	6.25	0.15	9.54
India	2.80	2.85	3.00	3.00	0.61	0.61	0.62	0.62	1.70	1.75	1.85	1.85	0.00	0.00	0.10	5.71
Romania	1.10	0.95	1.00	1.00	1.27	1.50	1.30	1.30	1.40	1.43	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00	-0.13	-8.77
Bulgaria	0.61	0.49	0.58	0.58	1.18	1.73	1.47	1.47	0.72	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turkey	0.50	0.48	0.51	0.51	1.20	1.35	1.31	1.31	0.60	0.65	0.67	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.02	3.08
South Africa	0.53	0.46	0.62	0.62	1.23	1.35	1.26	1.26	0.65	0.62	0.78	0.78	0.00	0.00	0.16	25.81
Serbia	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.21	1.82	2.10	2.05	2.05	0.40	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-2.27
Moldova	0.28	0.25	0.20	0.20	1.43	1.44	1.50	1.50	0.40	0.36	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-16.67
Burma	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.93	0.96	1.02	1.02	0.88	0.83	0.87	0.86	0.82	0.80	0.88	0.88	0.00	-0.34	0.08	10.05

TABLE 15
Rapeseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production				
	2003/04	Prel. 2004/05	2005/06 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	2003/04	Prel. 2004/05	2005/06 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	2003/04	Prel. 2004/05	2005/06 Proj. Feb.	Mar.	From last month	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				From last month	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	25.53	26.51	27.17	27.16	1.54	1.74	1.72	1.78	39.42	46.06	46.68	48.42	1.74	3.72	2.36	5.14	
United States	0.43	0.34	0.45	0.45	1.59	1.81	1.59	1.59	0.69	0.61	0.72	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.11	17.29	
Total Foreign	25.10	26.17	26.72	26.71	1.54	1.74	1.72	1.79	38.74	45.44	45.96	47.70	1.74	3.78	2.26	4.97	
China	7.22	7.27	7.30	7.25	1.58	1.81	1.56	1.80	11.42	13.18	11.40	13.05	1.65	14.47	-0.13	-1.00	
EU-25	4.18	4.50	4.71	4.73	2.67	3.41	3.28	3.27	11.17	15.34	15.44	15.47	0.04	0.25	0.14	0.89	
Germany	1.27	1.28	1.35	1.35	2.87	4.11	3.70	3.75	3.63	5.28	5.00	5.05	0.05	1.00	-0.23	-4.30	
France	1.09	1.13	1.21	1.21	3.13	3.55	3.68	3.68	3.41	4.00	4.45	4.45	0.00	0.00	0.46	11.39	
United Kingdom	0.54	0.56	0.61	0.60	3.27	2.88	3.20	3.19	1.77	1.61	1.95	1.90	-0.05	-2.56	0.29	18.09	
Poland	0.43	0.54	0.55	0.55	1.86	3.04	2.73	2.73	0.79	1.63	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	-0.13	-8.14	
Czech Republic	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.27	1.57	3.61	3.34	3.15	0.39	0.94	0.84	0.84	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-10.70	
Denmark	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.11	3.31	3.84	3.75	3.27	0.35	0.47	0.38	0.36	-0.02	-4.00	-0.11	-23.08	
Slovakia	0.05	0.09	0.10	0.10	1.02	2.89	2.50	2.50	0.05	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-4.94	
Hungary	0.07	0.10	0.11	0.12	1.52	2.76	2.23	2.33	0.11	0.29	0.25	0.28	0.03	12.00	-0.01	-2.44	
Sweden	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.08	2.20	2.71	2.41	2.44	0.13	0.23	0.21	0.20	-0.01	-4.76	-0.03	-13.04	
Canada	4.69	4.94	5.28	5.28	1.44	1.57	1.83	1.83	6.77	7.73	9.66	9.66	0.00	0.00	1.93	25.00	
India	6.75	6.90	7.20	7.20	1.01	0.94	0.94	0.94	6.80	6.50	6.80	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.30	4.62	
Australia	1.21	1.35	0.94	0.96	1.41	1.11	1.44	1.46	1.70	1.50	1.35	1.40	0.05	3.70	-0.10	-6.42	
Bangladesh	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.73	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Pakistan	0.28	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.83	0.83	0.87	0.87	0.24	0.24	0.26	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.02	7.88	
Russia	0.20	0.25	0.23	0.23	0.97	1.10	1.09	1.09	0.19	0.28	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-9.42	
Others	0.27	0.37	0.46	0.46	0.83	1.21	1.25	1.25	0.22	0.45	0.58	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.12	27.59	

TABLE 16
Copra, Palm Kernel, and Palm Oil Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.	2004/05	2005/06 Proj.	Mar.	From last month		From last year	
	2003/04	Feb.	MMT		Percent	MMT	Percent	
Million metric tons								
COPRA								
World	5.37	5.39	5.38	5.38	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.17
Philippines	2.30	2.25	2.20	2.20	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-2.22
Indonesia	1.36	1.40	1.44	1.44	0.00	0.00	0.04	2.86
India	0.73	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vietnam	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mexico	0.20	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.93
Papua New G	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sri Lanka	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.28
PALM KERNEL								
World	8.45	9.53	9.55	9.71	0.16	1.71	0.19	1.94
Malaysia	3.56	4.04	4.00	3.92	-0.08	-2.00	-0.12	-2.85
Indonesia	3.30	3.85	3.90	4.13	0.23	5.77	0.28	7.14
Nigeria	0.60	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thailand	0.17	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.01	5.26
Colombia	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.16	0.02	12.95	0.01	5.37
Papua New G	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.56
Others	0.50	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.04
PALM OIL								
World	29.70	34.03	34.28	34.80	0.52	1.51	0.77	2.25
Malaysia	13.42	15.19	15.10	14.80	-0.30	-1.99	-0.39	-2.59
Indonesia	11.50	14.00	14.20	15.00	0.80	5.63	1.00	7.14
Nigeria	0.78	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.27
Thailand	0.84	0.76	0.80	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.04	5.26
Colombia	0.61	0.65	0.67	0.69	0.02	2.53	0.04	6.65
Papua New G	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	0.31	0.34	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.02	5.88
Others	1.52	1.58	1.63	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.05	2.97

TABLE 18

The table below presents a 24-year record of the differences between the March projection and the final estimate. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the March projection and the final estimate have averaged 2.6 million tons (0.5 percent) and ranged from -8.0 to 6.9 million tons. The March projection has been below the final 16 times and above the final 8 times.

RELIABILITY OF PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

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	Difference		Lowest	Highest	Below Final	Above Final
	Average	Average	Difference			
WHEAT	Percent	---Million metric tons---				Number of years 2/
World	0.5	2.6	-8.0	6.9	16	8
U.S.	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1	11	6
Foreign	0.5	2.3	-8.0	6.9	15	8
COARSE GRAINS 3/		---Million metric tons---				
World	0.9	7.2	-17.3	10.9	19	5
U.S.	0.1	0.1	-0.2	1.3	11	6
Foreign	1.1	6.8	-17.3	10.9	18	5
RICE (Milled)		---Million metric tons---				
World	1.1	3.7	-13.7	3.4	17	7
U.S.	1.0	0.1	-0.2	0.2	8	4
Foreign	0.9	3.1	-9.9	3.3	16	7
SOYBEANS		---Million 480-lb. bales---				
World	1.8	2.5	-4.2	10.8	14	10
U.S.	0.9	0.6	-1.6	1.8	10	10
Foreign	2.8	2.2	-4.6	10.3	14	9
COTTON		---Million 480-lb. bales---				
World	1.2	1.1	-2.9	3.0	14	8
U.S.	0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.3	9	14
Foreign	1.4	1.0	-3.2	2.9	14	8
UNITED STATES	-----Million bushels-----					
CORN	0.0	2	-8	38	1	1
SORGHUM	0.0	0	0	4	0	2
BARLEY	0.4	2	-3	11	11	4
OATS	0.1	0	-2	1	4	3

1/ The final estimate for 1981/82-2004/05 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year.

2/ May not total 24 if projection was the same as the final.

3/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet, and mixed grain.