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Report Highlights:

Croatia's grain harvest for MY 2010/11 was greatly affected by rainy weather and floods in May/June. The MY 2010/2011 wheat crop was sowed on about 140,000 hectares (ha) with total production estimated between 500,000 to 600,000 metric tons (MT). Low production even when combined with carryover stocks will limit Croatian grain exports. The MY 2010/2011 corn crop was sowed on about 350,000 ha with expected production of 2.2 MT, which could lead to approximately 150,000 MT of corn exports. The MY 2010/2011 barley crop was sowed on about 50,000 ha and resulted in low-quality grain production estimated at slightly below 200,000 MT, leading to potential imports of about 100,000 MT.

General Information:**Wheat**

In MY 2010/2011 (July/June) Croatia's wheat crop was sowed on about 140,000 ha, with total production estimated to be between 500,000 MT and 600,000 MT. Wheat quality and quantity are expected to decline this year due to a drop in wheat acreage and flooding of agricultural lands during May/June. Low production even when combined with carryover stocks will limit Croatian grain exports, estimated to reach approximately 150,000 MT.

Corn

In MY 2010/2011 (October/September) corn was sowed on about 350,000 ha, representing a slight increase over last year's acreage. Due to large amounts of rainfall this year, total production is expected to be about 2.2 million MT, creating a very small surplus and potential exports of 150,000 MT.

Barley

In MY 2010/2011 (July/June) barley was sowed on about 50,000 ha with production estimated to be slight below 200,000 MT. Weather conditions in May/June adversely affected the quality and quantity of this year's barley crop. Production is not expected to meet domestic demand this year and imports will likely reach 100,000 MT.

Tariffs

Tariffs and quota information can be found at www.carina.hr or obtained from the USDA/FAS office in Zagreb by contacting Andreja Misir, USDA/FAS, Agricultural Specialist, andreja.misir@usda.gov.