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Report Highlights:

The Government of Poland's Main Statistical Office (MSO) published preliminary marketing year (MY) 2019/20 crop area estimates for grains. MSO estimates the total wheat, rye, barley, oats, mixed grains, triticale, and corn area at approximately 7.7 million hectares (Ha), a 0.2-percent increase over MY 2018/19. Total crop production estimates for MY 2019/20 are about 31 million metric tons (MMT).

General Information:

MSO published its total preliminary MY 2019/20 planted area estimates for wheat, rye, barley, oats, mixed grains, triticale, and corn at approximately 7.7 million Ha, a 0.2-percent over MY 2018/19. MSO estimated the winter grain area at 4.3 million Ha, 3.5 percent higher than last year. The spring grain area planted is estimated at 0.2 percent lower than last MY, at 3.4 million Ha.

Poland's Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics (IAFE) forecast grains production in MY 2019/20 at 31.0 MMT, a 16-percent increase over last year. IAFE's area planted estimate remains almost in line with last year, although yields are estimated to increase significantly following MY 2018/19's low harvest. Over the 2018/19 winter, Polish grain farmers benefited from almost no winterkill and beneficial plant germination conditions. Through late February 2019, soil moisture levels were good.

Fieldwork for MY 2019/20 spring wheat began toward the end of the first week of March, and ended at the beginning of April. Dry weather occurred during spring planting negatively affected some crops, especially barley. For barley, fieldwork started after March 15 and ended around April 10, which was the peak of the dry spring dry stint.

Polish wheat exports are expected to increase in MY 2019/20, while domestic consumption for livestock and milling should remain unchanged from last year. After last year's difficult growing conditions, Post expects that Polish grain stocks will be replenished in MY 2019/20.

Table 1: Grain Area by Variety (000) Ha

	MY 2017/18	MY 2018/19	MY 2019/20*	Change year to year 2020/19* (%)
Wheat	2,392	2,417	2,435	0.7
Rye	873	894	890	-0.4
Barley	954	976	960	-1.6
Triticale	1,352	1,288	1,300	0.9
Mixed grains	880	993	1,000	0.7
Oats	491	497	480	-3.4
Corn	562	645	660	2.3
Total	7,504	7,710	7,725	0.2

Source: MSO

*Forecast MSO, IAFE

Table 2: Production of Grains by Variety (000) MT

	MY 2017/18	MY 2018/19	MY 2019/20*	Change year to year 2020/19* (%)
Wheat	11,666	9,820	11,094	13.0
Rye	2,674	2,167	2,536	17.0
Barley	3,793	3,048	3,531	15.8
Triticale	5,312	4,086	4,944	21.0
Mixed grains	2,847	2,506	2,971	18.6
Oats	1,465	1,166	1,334	14.4
Corn	4,022	3,864	4,554	17.9
Total	31,779	26,657	30,964	16.2

Source: MSO

*Forecast MSO, IAFE