

3. Additional Information

Annual per capita beer consumption: Since 1980, "average" beer consumption (120L per capita) has been only slightly below that of the previous decade. In that sense, one might say that a "saturation point" has been reached. Beer, though, has lost considerable ground to other beverages: mineral water, coolers, juice, and wine.

Beer Production Capacity: More than anything, what we have witnessed is a concentration of production capacity (consolidation and stabilization), given that brewing technology and the development of distribution channels have required major investments. Total beer production in Belgium has virtually not changed since 1972.

Domestic malting capacity: Local capacity is nearly stable. Belgian maltsters do not consider that present capacity needs to be increased since it is sufficient to meet domestic requirements, especially given the stagnant beer market situation.

Market potential for Canadian malt: Belgian imports 99.99% of the raw material used in malt production from other EEC countries. Imports from other countries are subject to a fairly high tariff (20%), which significantly limits market access.

III. OILSEEDS

1. Trade Policy

Oilseeds imports and exports are handled by private firms. Other factors are processing subsidies and export taxes, which are governed by existing EEC regulations.

2. Supply of oilseeds and products by type, thousands of tonnes:

Year: 1987

<u>Oilseed</u>	<u>Production</u>
Oil	6.68
Rapeseed	12.02

<u>Oil</u>	<u>Production</u>
Crude linseed	5.9
Soya crude	22.33
Other crude	560.84
Refined	627.5
Acid oils	
TOTAL	1,216.57

<u>Meal</u>	<u>Production</u>
Linseed meal	10.77
Other	1,553.38
TOTAL	1,564.15