

C O L O M B I A

Economic classification:	Low Income economy	
Oil exporter or importer (net):	Importer (15% of national demand)	
Annual per capita income:	US\$110	year 1983
Average annual growth 1960-80	4%	
Annual inflation rate 1970-80	18%	
Annual inflation rate (current)	34%	year 1983
Volume of imports	5.03 billion US\$	year 1983
Of which food	10%	year 1982
Principal foreign exchange earning export:	Coffee	
Population	27 million	year 1983
Annual population growth	2%	Years 1975-1982
Annual Consumption:		
Flour	13 kg/capita	year 1983
Meat	19.2 kg/capita	year 1983
Vegetable Oil	11.2 kg/capita	year 1983

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Crop Situation and Outlook

Wheat, coarse grains and oilseeds are harvested twice a year in Colombia. The seed-to-harvest seasons are known as semesters A and B. The following is an indication of the crops and semesters:

	<u>Semester A</u>	<u>Semester B</u>
Wheat	Feb - July	Aug - Feb
Corn - hot climate	Feb - May	July - Oct
- cold climate	Jan - Oct	
Barley	Feb - July	Aug - Feb
Sorghum	Jan - Mar	July - Sept
Oats/rye - no significant production in Colombia		
<u>Oilseeds</u>	<u>Semester A</u>	<u>Semester B</u>
Peanut	Feb - April	Aug - Oct
Palm	Mar - May	Aug - Oct
Cotton	Feb - June	July - Oct
Soy	Mar - May	June - Aug
Rape	Feb - Apr	June - Aug
Sunflower	Apr - June	Aug - Oct
Sesame	Feb - Apr	Aug - Oct
Coconut	Mar - May	Aug - Oct

The outlook for the B Semester of 1984 is generally optimistic with forecast production increases of 7-10% across the board.