

Crop Situation and Outlook (cont'd)

	<u>1983 Production</u>	<u>1984 Production Forecast*</u>	<u>1984 over 1983</u>
	('000 tonnes)		(%)
Wheat	695	741	+ 6.6
Barley	379	396	+ 4.5
(2-row)	249	295	+18.5
(6-row)	91	58	-36.3
(Naked Barley)	39	43	+10.3
Oats	N/A	8	-
Rice	10,366	11,800	+14.2
Soybean	217	N/A	
	(major area 187	major area 187)	
Rapeseed	3.22	2.7	-16.1

*Except rapeseed - actual 1984 production.

2. Foreign Exchange Situation

Priorities are to secure provisions from domestic production as much as possible and any requirements which cannot be met from local supply are filled with imports.

3. Fertilizer Situation

Annual demand is about 2 million tonnes (1.8-2.3 mil. tonnes for recent years), of which nitrogen (N) about 700,000 (600-800 thousand) tonnes; phosphate (Ph) 700,000 (700-800 thou) tonnes and potash 600,000 (500-700 thou) tonnes. Supply situation: nitrogen imports 40-70 thousand tonnes (import ratio 3-6%) a year and local production 1.1-1.4 million tonnes. Phosphate exports of 300-700 thousand tonnes; phosphate imports 100-160 thousand tonnes (15-20%) and local production 600-650 thousand tonnes. Potash imports 500-700 thousand tonnes (about 95%) and local production 20-40 thousand tonnes. Overall trend for July 83 - March 84 shows 3.6% increase over the same period last year on shipment basis. Nitrogen domestic usage will increase but exports will decline and overall requirement will decrease for current fertilizer year. Phosphate usage will grow 3-4% higher for this year. Potash, most of which is imported, will increase. Projected imports of 495 thousand tonnes are about 4% below last year's level.

*Note: Fertilizer Year (FY) e.g. FY83 = July 83-June 84