

## PAKISTAN

Economic classification:	Low Income economy		
Oil exporter or importer(net):	Importer(80% of total consumption)		
Annual per capita income:	US\$350		year 1982
Annual per capita GNP	US\$380		year 1982
Average annual growth 1960-80	5%		
Annual inflation rate 1970-80	13.5%		
Annual inflation rate (current)	8.2%		
Volume of imports	6.55 billion US\$		year 1982-83
Of which food	Nil		
Of which fuels	20.0%		year 1982-83
Principal foreign exchange earning export:	cotton, textile & rice		
Debt service as % of GNP			
Debt service as % of exports	13.2%		year 1982-83
Population	87.1 million		year 1982
Annual population growth: projected	2.8%		years 1980-2000
Annual Consumption:			
Flour	125	kg/capita	year 1983
Meat	12	kg/capita	year 1983
Vegetable Oil	8	kg/capita	year 1983

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1. Crop Situation and Outlook

Wheat: Wheat has the largest area under cultivation in Pakistan and constitutes 30 percent of the total cultivated land.

The 1983-84 wheat crop harvested in May 1984 yielded 12.47 million tonnes from 7.28 million hectares compared to 12.41 million tonnes from the previous crop. Wheat production has been recording sustained increases during the last three years due to intensive use of essential inputs, gradual change over to mechanized cultivation, favourable weather conditions and availability of financial support from the Government in the form of support prices and inputs subsidization. The wheat production target for 1984-85 is 13.2 million tonnes.

Wheat production is projected to increase by 5% annually in the coming years to meet growing domestic demand and also to build up sizeable buffer stocks to offset any production setbacks on account of bad weather. During 1983, Pakistan obtained an export order from Iran for 300,000 tonnes of which 155,000 tonnes were shipped by December 1983. Iran is reported to be negotiating with Pakistan for more wheat supplies in 1984. Government held stocks of wheat on April 30, 1984, were 2.41 million tonnes. In view of adequate domestic production, Pakistan no longer imports wheat; however, 457,000 tonnes of wheat were received in 1982-83 as a donation from international sources for Afghan refugees.