

FRANCE

Economic classification:	Industrial Market economy	
Oil exporter or importer (net):	Importer	
Annual per capita income:	US\$7,768*	1984
Annual per capita GDP	US\$8,886	1984
Average annual growth**	3.6%	1965-85
Annual inflation rate	10.8%	1975-85
Annual inflation rate (current)	7.3%	1984
Volume of imports	103.4 billion US\$	1984
Of which food	12.9%	1984
Of which fuels	24.0%	1984
Principal foreign exchange earning export:		
intermediate goods		
Debt service as % of GNP	1.9%	1983
Debt service as % of exports	10.6%	1983
Population	55.061 million	1985
Annual population growth	0.39%	1984
Annual Consumption:		
Flour	3,435,000 or 62.8 kg/capita	1983
Meat	75.7 kg/capita	1983
Vegetable Oil	9.57 kg/capita	1983

* 1984 1 US\$ = 8.76FF

** 1.8% for 1984

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Crop Situation and Outlook

As of September 1, 1985, the wheat crop was estimated at 28.4 million tonnes, a decrease of 12% or 4 million tonnes from 1984. Yield, which was estimated at 60 quintals per hectare (q/ha), should drop by 5 q/ha from 1984. The barley crop was almost as good as in 1984, at 11.2 million tonnes in comparison with 11.5 million tonnes. Yield should be 50 q/ha or 5 q/ha less than in 1984, while acreage given over to barley increased by 120,000 ha (6%).

At the end of August, the corn crop was estimated at 11.5 million tonnes, with a yield of 62 q/ha (2 q/ha higher than in 1984).

The 1985 rapeseed harvest of 1.36 million tonnes was as good as in 1984, with the increase in acreage compensating for the drop in yield (29 q/ha in comparison with 31 q/ha in 1984).

The forecast sunflower yield of 23 q/ha should be 4 q/ha higher than in 1984. This rise in yield, in combination with an increase in acreage, implies a production increase of 43% or 1.4 million tonnes.

1 quintal = 100 kg or ten quintals = 1 tonne