

5. Grain Industry Infrastructure

During the past year there were no noteworthy changes in this country's import, handling or processing facilities. No significant changes are anticipated.

6. Government Policies Affecting Grains and Agriculture

Belgian agricultural policies are in line with the Common Agricultural Policy of the EEC. There are no current or anticipated changes in government policies which would significantly influence this sector.

There is no current government policy on countertrade/barter relating to grain and oilseeds imports.

7. Market Prospects - Grain and Oilseeds

Long-term projections on grain imports are not available.

Quality and price remain the major factors in any further penetration of this market

Marketing possibilities do exist for Canadian special crops such as mustard, field peas, lentils, beans and canaryseed.

8. Processing Facilities

Year: 1985 (most recent)
thousands of tonnes

	<u>Number of Companies</u>	<u>Number of Plants</u>	<u>Annual Capacity</u>	<u>Actual Output</u>
Flour (and durum) Mills	90	90	1,800	900
Compound Feed Mills	225	225	6,500	5,000
Maltsters	11	11	500	450
Brewers*	150	150	15	13.8
Oilseed Crushers	24	26	2,000	1,500

* Capacity and output in million hectolitres