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Economic classification: Industrial Market economy
Oil exporter or importer (net): Importer
Annual per capita income: US\$7,707 year 1983
Annual per capita GNP US\$10,077 year 1983
Average annual growth 1960-80*
Annual inflation rate 1970-80 24.5% (CY74) to 3.6% (CY79)
Annual inflation rate (current) 2-3%
Volume of imports 126 billion US\$ year CY 1983
Of which food 12% year CY 1983
Of which fuels 48% year
Principal foreign exchange earning export: machinery,
equipment and metal products
Population 119 million year 1983
Annual population growth 1.0% years 1975-1980
Annual Consumption:
Flour (wheat) 32 kg/capita year 1982
Meat 23 kg/capita year 1982
Vegetable Oil (fats and oils) 15 kg/capita year 1982

*Annual growth ranged from -0.2% for FY 1974 to 13% for FY 1968

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Crop Situation and Outlook

1984 crop production estimates are as follows:

Wheat: 741,000 tonnes, up 6.6% from 1983

Barley: 396,000 tonnes, up 4.5% from 1983
(2 row barley, up 18.5% to 295,000 tonnes)
(6-row barley, down 36.3% to 58,000 tonnes)
(naked barley, up 10.3% to 43,000 tonnes)

Oats: 8,000 tonnes

Rice: 11.8 million tonnes, up 14.2% from 1983 (October 15th forecast)

Oilseeds: Regarding soybean, the nationwide forecast has not been released, however, according to a production forecast as of September 1st for major growing areas, it shows no change from the 1983 crop. Other forecast released earlier this year predicted about a 10% decline for the 1984 crop. (Incidentally Japanese soybean is not an oilseed because it is not used for crushing but for other processing e.g. "tofn (soybean curd), "miso" (soybean paste), etc.).

Rapeseed: Production of 1984 crop decreased 16% from 1983 crop.