

I T A L Y

Economic classification:	Industrial Market		
Oil exporter or importer (net):	Importer		
Annual per capita income:	US\$6,120		year 1982
Annual per capita GNP	US\$6,237		year 1983
Average annual growth 1960-80	3.6 %		
Annual inflation rate 1970-80	15.3 %		
Annual inflation rate (current)	12 %		
Volume of imports	80.3 billion US\$		year 1983
Of which food	14 %		year 1983
Of which fuels	28 %		year 1983
Principal foreign exchange earning export:	Machinery, Clothing, Tourism		
Debt service as % of GNP	N/A		
Debt service as % of exports	N/A		
Population	56.6 million		year 1983
Annual population growth	0.7 %		years 1970-1980
Annual Consumption:			
Flour	6,123,600 tonnes or 108 kg/capita		year 1983
Meat	4,306,400 tonnes or 76 kg/capita		year 1982
Vegetable Oil	1,304,000 tonnes or 23 kg/capita		year 1983

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Crop Situation and Outlook

	<u>1983/84</u>		<u>1984/85</u>	
	<u>'000 ha.</u>	<u>'000 t.</u>	<u>'000 ha.</u>	<u>'000 t.</u>
Bread Wheat	1,579	5,615	1,507	5,550
Durum	1,749	2,900	1,809	4,100
Corn	986	6,670	975	6,630
Barley	383	1,175	428	1,450
Oats	209	305	194	430
Rice	183	1,021	N/A	N/A
Sunflower	69	135	N/A	N/A

2. Foreign Exchange Situation

Current 12% inflation continues to drop slowly, but it is still running double the rate on the EC as a whole. The Lire is holding reasonably well in EMS, but continues to drop against dollar, now running over 1750 lire as compared to 1983 average of 1518. Cost of imports is rising, encouraging substitution and exports are increasing strongly thus narrowing trade deficit. There is concern in the government over cost of meat imports, but the situation is largely due to EEC internal policy.