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This survey is conducted on an annual basis primarily on behalf of the Canadian Wheat Board, although the information is also utilized in the Grain Marketing Bureau. Through the use of a survey questionnaire, 57 External Affairs trade posts abroad, covering 68 countries, are canvassed to obtain information on market opportunities and the supply and disposition situation for individual grains, oilseeds and products, including malt and malting barley. General information on government policies affecting grain and agriculture, market development (e.g. countertrade), and on processing facilities, storage and throughput capacity and other subjects is also solicited.

As has been done since 1982, we have condensed the information, comments and statistics provided focusing on that information which may not be readily available to grain exporting and processing firms from more comprehensive domestic or international sources.

Not all countries are covered in the survey since posts in some major grain importing or exporting nations report on a regular basis and accordingly were excluded from the survey. Some other countries were excluded because locally available information proved to be too sketchy to be of any real value. In addition, some posts did not return a completed questionnaire or were only able to develop very limited information on their respective countries. Nevertheless, it is believed that the coverage and information are sufficiently broad and detailed for this report to be of interest and some usefulness to most grain industry recipients.

This market survey report is only made available on a very limited basis to those Canadian firms and organizations actively involved in the export marketing of grains, oilseeds and products and is not compiled for general distribution.

It must be noted that the information collected for east-bloc countries generally reflects the status quo prior to the dramatic events which occurred during autumn of 1989.

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