

BELGIUM - LUXEMBOURG

BASIC INDICATORS (ECONOMIC/DEMOGRAPHIC/CONSUMPTION)

Economic classification:	Industrial Market economy	
Oil exporter or importer (net):	Importer	
Annual per capita income:	US\$6,923	1984
Annual per capita GNP	US\$7,711	1984
Average annual growth	2.5%	1975-85
Annual inflation rate	7.5%	1975-85
Annual inflation rate	5.5%	1986
Volume of imports	55.6 billion US\$	1985
which food	4.2	1985
Of which fuels	15.8%	1985
Principal foreign exchange earning export:	Base Metals and Products	
Debt service as % of GNP	12.8%	1985
Debt service as % of exports	100.0%	1984
Population	9.8 million	1984
Annual population growth		
Annual Consumption:		
Flour	65 kg/capita	1985
Meat	80 kg/capita	1985
Vegetable Oil	10 kg/capita	1985

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Crop Situation and Outlook

2. Foreign Exchange Situation

The current high rate of the Canadian dollar vis-à-vis the Belgian franc is a major factor in developing trade with this country. There are no priorities for food and agriculture products imports.

3. Fertilizer Situation

There are presently no problems as regards the fertilizer situation in view of the availability of support within the EEC.

4. Import Mechanism

There have been no changes in grain import procedures during the past year and none are anticipated. Grain imports are carried out by private companies.