

7. Canadian Grain Marketing Prospects

It is not expected that any substantial quantities of wheat will be required by Saudi Arabia between 1985 and 1990. At present, imports of barley exceed 1,000,000 tonnes and unless the government stimulates barley production, this figure should increase by perhaps 50% between 1985 and 1990. There are signs, however, that the government may stimulate local barley production.

The major marketing initiative should be continued by visits by the Canadian Wheat Board and Canadian barley exporters to the private sector who are responsible for imports of coarse grains.

There is a large market for peas, beans and lentils in Saudi Arabia; however, our prices have tended to be high in comparison to those of neighbouring countries.

8. Processing Facilities

	Year 1983		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	1	4	750	570
Compound Feed Mills	approx. 5	10	500	300
Malt Houses		(Prohibited)		
Oilseed Crushers	1	1	N/A	N/A

9. Storage and Throughput Capacity

Grain Import Capacity by Port

<u>Name of Port</u>	Year 1983	
	<u>Grain Storage Capacity</u>	<u>Annual Throughput Capacity</u>
Jeddah	120	
Damman	80	
Jizan	40	
Yanbu	60	
Total Capacity	300 (est.)	

II. MALT AND MALTING BARLEY

Saudi Arabia practices strict prohibition. Thus production or consumption of alcohol of any type is illegal and no malting barley of any kind is grown.