

barley, has increased. This will change following the introduction of new incentives to replace one-third of the wheat crop with barley.

The output of several other agricultural products has grown substantially in recent years. Meat and milk production have more than doubled since 1981 and the Kingdom has recently become a net exporter of eggs.

#### Opportunities

The vast program of the government to promote the agricultural sector through long-term interest-free loans and generous subsidies is expected to continue. However, more attention will be paid to lowering the cost of production and diversifying output to reduce imports. This will create a need for new, more efficient technology in farming operations and maintenance. It will also generate interest in new crop varieties such as