

Export Sales Highlights

May 11-17, 2001

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This summary is based on reports from exporters for the period May 11-17, 2001.

Wheat: Net sales of 159,900 metric tons (MT)—a marketing-year low—were 6 percent lower than the previous week and 26 percent less than the 4-week average. Increases for Mexico (45,100 MT), Japan (39,400 MT), Venezuela (36,000 MT), Yemen (33,200 MT), Nigeria (22,500 MT), and Cyprus (22,000 MT) were partially offset by decreases for unknown destinations (74,600 MT) and Guatemala (31,000 MT)—switched to 200½002. Net sales of 251,200 MT for delivery in 200½002 (which begins June 1) were mainly for South Korea (40,400 MT), the Philippines (34,500 MT), Guatemala (31,000 MT), Israel (30,200 MT), Nigeria (30,000 MT), and Indonesia (26,000 MT). Exports of 363,100 MT were 4 percent over the prior week, but 27 percent under the 4-week average. The primary destinations were Japan (84,800 MT, including late reporting of 40,600 MT), Peru (49,700 MT), Yemen (40,200 MT), Indonesia (33,000 MT), and Mexico (25,600 MT).

Corn: Net sales of 1,190,700 MT were 34 percent above the week earlier and 38 percent above the 4-week average.

Major increases were reported for Japan (204,200 MT), Egypt (179,000 MT), Mexico (126,500 MT), unknown destinations (104,000 MT), Turkey (79,800 MT), and Taiwan (79,300 MT). Net sales of 40,000 MT for delivery during the 200½002 marketing year were primarily the result of increases for the United Kingdom (55,000 MT) and Jamaica (2,500 MT) being partially offset by decreases for Turkey (17,500 MT). Exports of 624,200 MT were 12 percent below the previous week and 18 percent below the 4-week average. The primary destinations were Japan (421,700 MT, including late reporting of 64,100 MT), Turkey (41,800 MT), Saudi

Arabia (33,100 MT), Mexico (25,400 MT), and Tunisia (24,400 MT).

Barley: Net sales of 300 MT were all to Japan. Sales of 5,000 MT for delivery in 200½002 (which begins June 1) were to Japan. Exports of 10,000 MT were two-thirds below the prior week and 62 percent under the 4-week average. The destinations were Japan (7,200 MT) and Mexico (2,800 MT).

Sorghum: Net sales of 107,300 MT were 19 percent below the previous week and 14 percent under the 4-week average.

The buyers were Mexico (95,300 MT) and Japan (11,900 MT). Optional origin sales of 3,200 MT to Japan were declared other than U.S. origin. Exports of 110,200 MT were 48 percent below the week earlier and 12 percent under the 4-week average. The destinations were Mexico (102,300 MT) and Japan (7,900 MT).

Rice: Net sales reductions of 35,400 MT resulted as major increases for El Salvador (7,200 MT—all rough), Honduras (6,000 MT—all rough), Haiti (4,400 MT), and Ghana (3,300 MT) were offset by reductions to Mexico (62,900 MT—all rough). Exports of 42,700 MT were 20 percent below the prior week and 10 percent under the 4-week average. The primary destinations were the Philippines (10,900 MT), Haiti (7,200 MT), Mexico (5,300 MT), Honduras (3,800 MT), and Ghana (3,000 MT).

Soybeans: Net sales of 114,700 MT were off two-thirds from the previous week and one-half from the 4-week average.

Major increases for Japan (66,100 MT), Mexico (29,900 MT), Trinidad (22,000 MT), and Russia (10,000 MT) were partially offset by decreases for Turkey (22,500 MT). Increases of 116,500 MT for delivery in 200½002 were mainly for unknown destinations (60,000 MT) and Mexico (38,500 MT). Optional origin activity for China includes new sales of 55,000 MT for the current marketing year and 110,000 MT for the 200½002 marketing year. Exports of 165,300 MT were 48 percent

below the week earlier and 24 percent under the 4-week average. The primary destinations were Mexico (61,300 MT), South Korea (42,500 MT), and Japan (30,700 MT).

Soybean Cake and Meal: Net sales of 179,000 MT were 18 percent over the prior week and 78 percent above the 4-week average. Increases were for unknown destinations (43,500 MT), Turkey (21,900 MT), Canada (20,100 MT), Indonesia (18,000 MT), and Guatemala (17,600 MT). Exports of 151,800 MT were 71 percent higher than the week earlier and 49 percent above the 4-week average. The primary destinations were Australia (31,900 MT), Russia (30,800 MT), and the Philippines (22,100 MT).

Soybean Oil: Net sales of 500 MT resulted as increases to Canada (600 MT) and Haiti (100 MT) were partially offset by reductions to Nicaragua (100 MT) and Guatemala (100 MT). Exports of 3,000 MT were 32 percent below the 4-week average. The major destinations were Guatemala (1,400 MT) and Nicaragua (1,400 MT).

Cotton: Net Upland sales of 60,000

RB were 63 percent below the previous week and 37 percent under the 4-week average. The major buyers were India (17,500 RB), Bangladesh (6,200 RB), Taiwan (6,000 RB), Indonesia (5,700 RB), and Turkey (5,200 RB). Net sales of 63,500 RB for delivery in 200½002 were primarily to Mexico (31,000 RB), Indonesia (7,400 RB), and South Korea (7,100 RB). Exports of 163,400 RB were 15 percent above the prior week and 22 percent over the 4-week average. The primary destinations were Mexico (33,800 RB), Turkey (24,500 RB), India (17,300 RB), Taiwan (11,100 RB), and South Korea (10,200 RB).

Hides and Skins: Net sales of 471,400 pieces were down 13 percent from the previous week, but equaled the 4-week average. Whole cattle hide sales of 428,000 pieces were primarily for South Korea (141,600 pieces), China (85,500 pieces), and Taiwan (72,000 pieces). Exports of 525,600 pieces were 8 percent over the prior week and 11 percent over the 4-week average. Whole cattle hide shipments of 468,600 pieces were destined mainly for South Korea (186,200 pieces), China (92,300 pieces), and

Taiwan (75,400 pieces).

Net sales of 167,500 wet blues (mainly unsplit) were one-half above the prior week and more than two and one-quarter times the 4-week average. The primary buyers were Taiwan (79,700 unsplit and 26,700 grain split), Hong Kong (20,900 unsplit and 5,300 grain split), and China (15,000 unsplit). Exports of 125,400 hides were 53 percent over the previous week and 57 percent over the 4-week average. The primary destinations were Taiwan (39,900 unsplit and 15,400 grain split), Hong Kong (15,000 unsplit and 3,600 grain split), and Italy (14,400 unsplit). Net sales of splits totaling 3,297,100 pounds were three and four-fifths times the prior week and nearly four and three-fourths times the 4-week average. The major buyers were Mexico (1,554,700 pounds), Hong Kong (1,182,900 pounds), and China (435,000 pounds). Exports of 1,463,100 pounds were down 11 percent from the prior week and 10 percent from the 4-week average. Hong Kong (779,900 pounds), South Korea (229,600 pounds), and Mexico (223,700 pounds) were the primary destinations.

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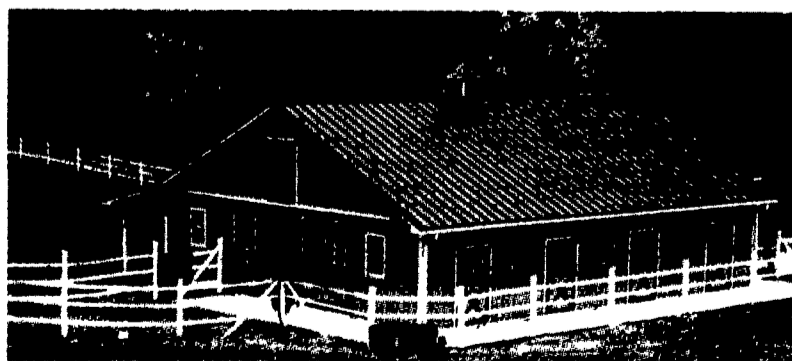
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