

# Grain Market Report

## Summary

### HIGHLIGHTS

The latest assessment of global **total grains** (wheat and coarse grains) supply and demand for 2024/25 is for some further tightening in the outlook, as the production forecast is reduced and consumption is placed higher than before. Grains output is now seen at 2,311m t, down by 4m from last month, mainly because of downgraded estimates for barley and wheat. The projection of world consumption is up by 4m t m/m (month-on-month), with increases for feed, food and industrial uses. End-season stocks (aggregate of respective local marketing years) are forecast 8m t lower than previously, at 576m, the smallest in ten years, including drawdowns for wheat, maize, barley and rye. With minor offsetting adjustments across various grains, the global trade forecast is maintained at 419m t.

Largely reflecting a reduced US crop estimate, the outlook for **soyabean** production in 2024/25 is trimmed by 2m t m/m, to 419m, up by 6% y/y (year-on-year) and a new high. With global uptake pegged a touch higher than before, combined end-season reserves are projected 4m t lower m/m, near-entirely tied to a downgrade for key exporters. Traded volumes are seen marginally up from previously, at 180m t (+1%).

Chiefly linked to an uprated outlook for production in India, global **rice** output in 2024/25 is seen 4m t higher m/m, at 535m (+2%), with the overall increase in availabilities reflected in increased expectations for consumption and aggregate end-season inventories – the latter lifted by 1m m/m. World import demand in 2025 (Jan/Dec) is predicted little-changed from previously, at 56m t (+3%).

With mixed movements across the various components, the **IGC Grains and Oilseeds Index** (GOI) was broadly steady compared to mid-October.

(Chart 1)

(Chart 2)

**Total grains** output is forecast to edge to a new peak in 2024/25, pulled higher mainly by larger sorghum, oats and barley outturns. After some big swings in

## 1. World Estimates

	21/22	22/23	23/24 est.	24/25 f'cast	
million tons				17.10	21.11
<b>TOTAL GRAINS <sup>a)</sup></b>					
Production	2293	2269	2308	2315	2311
Trade	427	429	455	419	419
Consumption	2293	2277	2319	2328	2332
Carryover stocks	616	608	596	584	576
year/year change	1	-8	-12		-20
Major exporters <sup>b)</sup>	150	144	142	141	135
<b>WHEAT</b>					
Production	780	804	795	798	796
Trade	198	209	215	197	197
Consumption	784	794	807	804	805
Carryover stocks	274	284	272	266	263
year/year change	-4	10	-12		-9
Major exporters <sup>b)</sup>	62	70	63	60	58
<b>MAIZE (CORN)</b>					
Production	1222	1165	1231	1224	1225
Trade	181	180	195	181	181
Consumption	1213	1185	1226	1231	1235
Carryover stocks	300	281	285	279	275
year/year change	9	-19	5		-10
Major exporters <sup>c)</sup>	56	47	54	56	55
<b>SOYABEANS</b>					
Production	357	377	396	421	419
Trade	157	173	179	179	180
Consumption	360	368	387	406	408
Carryover stocks	54	63	71	86	82
year/year change	-3	9	9		11
Major exporters <sup>d)</sup>	18	17	19	30	26
	21/22	22/23	23/24 est.	24/25 proj.	
million tons (milled basis)				17.10	21.11
<b>RICE</b>					
Production	516	517	524	531	535
Trade	55	52	54	56	56
Consumption	521	521	522	528	531
Carryover stocks	177	173	175	178	179
year/year change	-5	-4	2		4
Major exporters <sup>e)</sup>	44	44	50	53	54

Figures may not add due to rounding. All calculations are based on unrounded figures.

a) Wheat and coarse grains

b) Argentina, Australia, Canada, EU\*, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, USA

c) Argentina, Brazil, Ukraine, USA

d) Argentina, Brazil, USA

e) India, Pakistan, Thailand, USA, Vietnam

recent seasons, especially for maize, only modest y/y changes in production are expected across the main grains. Consumption is also expected to set new records, with food, feed and industrial uptake each at fresh highs. The combination of a reduced supply and higher utilisation will result in tighter carryover stocks, forecast 3% below the previous year, at 576m t, with a comparatively sharper drop in cumulative exporter inventories, to 135m (-5%). Mainly owing to smaller import requirements in Asia and Europe, world trade is expected to fall by 8%, to 419m t.

(Chart 3)

Boosted by expectations for sizeable harvests in major growers and exporters, world **soyabean** output is seen 6% higher y/y, at a record of 419m t. With gains anticipated to be broad-based, spanning multiple regions and market segments, total utilisation is seen expanding to a new peak, while heavy stock accumulation in the three majors is anticipated. Tied to above-average shipments to Asia, Europe and Africa, trade is projected to edge up to 180m t (+1%).

(Chart 4)

Led by a solid expansion in India, spanning kharif, rabi and summer crops, 2024/25 world **rice** production is predicted to expand by 2% y/y, to a record of 535m t. Given plentiful availabilities, gains in food demand are set to push up total use to a new high, while inventory build is expected. Global import demand is projected to expand by 3% y/y on potentially firmer African demand, more than offsetting reduced shipments to some Asian markets. With exports moving north of 20m t, India is set to increase its share of overall trade flows.

(Chart 5)

World **broad beans** output is seen edging down in 2024/25, with consumption and stocks also tentatively expected to decline. Following the prior year's fall, trade in 2025 (Jan/Dec) is predicted broadly steady, at 1.1m t, with a modest improvement in North African demand. Total trade in all pulses in 2024 is forecast to contract by 5% y/y, to 21.4m t; while dry peas volumes are set to remain firm, at around 7.0m t, flows of chickpeas and lentils are anticipated to fall.

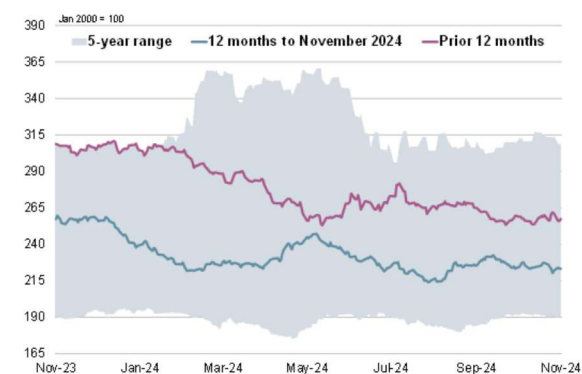
(Chart 6)

## MARKET SUMMARY

The IGC GOI was stable compared to the October GMR. Activity was two-sided, with developments in outside markets often influencing price direction.

(Chart 7)

## 2. IGC Grains & Oilseeds Index (GOI)



## 3. Total grains: Supply and demand summary

m t	21/22	22/23	23/24 (est.)	24/25 (fcast)	y/y change
Opening stocks	615	616	608	596	- 1.9%
Production	2,293	2,269	2,308	2,311	+ 0.2%
<b>Total supply</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>2,915</b>	<b>2,907</b>	<b>- 0.3%</b>
<b>Total use</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>+ 1.9%</b>
of which: Food	750	762	769	774	+ 0.7%
Feed	1,048	1,019	1,045	1,049	+ 0.4%
Industrial	372	369	384	389	+ 1.3%
<b>Closing stocks</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>- 3.4%</b>
Major exporters <sup>a)</sup>	150	144	142	135	- 4.6%
<b>Trade (Jul/Jun)</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>- 7.7%</b>

<sup>a)</sup> Argentina, Australia, Canada, EU, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, USA

## 4. Soyabeans: Supply and demand summary

m t	21/22	22/23	23/24 (est.)	24/25 (fcast)	y/y change
Opening stocks	56	54	63	71	+ 14.1%
Production	357	377	396	419	+ 6.0%
<b>Total supply</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>+ 7.1%</b>
<b>Total use</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>+ 5.6%</b>
of which: Crush	317	326	340	361	+ 6.1%
<b>Closing stocks</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>+ 15.1%</b>
Major exporters <sup>a)</sup>	18	17	19	26	+ 33.7%
<b>Trade (Oct/Sep)</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>+ 0.8%</b>

<sup>a)</sup> Argentina, Brazil, USA

(Chart 8)

Amid building southern hemisphere seasonal pressure and improved weather outlooks in a number of key suppliers, including the US, the IGC GOI **wheat** sub-Index eased by 4% m/m.

(Chart 9)

The IGC GOI **maize** sub-Index gained by a net 3%. US price support mainly stemmed from solid global demand, while Brazilian quotations rose on strength in the domestic market.

(Chart 10)

Mainly reflecting a global exportable supply boost following the removal of white rice restrictions in India, the IGC GOI **rice**-sub Index dropped by 5% over the past five weeks.

(Chart 11)

The IGC GOI **soyabeans** sub-Index advanced by 1%, with modest gains at all leading origins, most notably in South America.

## 5. Rice: Supply and demand summary

m t (milled basis)	21/22	22/23 (est.)	23/24 (fcast)	24/25 (proj.)	y/y change
Opening stocks	182	177	173	175	+ 1.1%
Production	516	517	524	535	+ 2.1%
<b>Total supply</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>709</b>	+ 1.9%
<b>Total use</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>531</b>	+ 1.7%
<b>Closing stocks</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>179</b>	+ 2.4%
Major exporters <sup>a)</sup>	44	44	50	54	+ 8.1%
<b>Trade (Jan/Dec)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	+ 3.0%

<sup>a)</sup> India, Pakistan, Thailand, USA, Vietnam

## 6. Pulses: Broad beans supply and demand summary

m t	21/22	22/23 (est.)	23/24 (fcast)	24/25 (proj.)	y/y change
Opening stocks	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	- 13.2%
Production	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.9	- 0.8%
<b>Total supply</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	- 2.3%
<b>Total use</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.0</b>	- 1.4%
<b>Closing stocks</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	- 9.9%
Major exporters <sup>a)</sup>	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	+ 5.3%
<b>Trade (Jan/Dec)</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	+ 1.6%

<sup>a)</sup> Australia, EU, UK

## 7. IGC Grains & Oilseeds Prices Index (GOI)

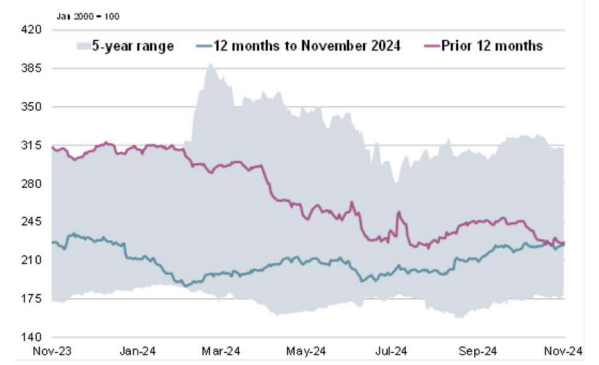
Jan 2000 = 100	GMR 560	m/m change*	y/y change
<b>IGC GOI</b>	<b>223</b>	- 0.3%	- 13.3%
Wheat sub-Index	202	- 3.7%	- 7.6%
Maize sub-Index	224	+ 2.6%	- 0.9%
Barley sub-Index	217	- 0.3%	- 1.2%
Rice sub-Index	214	- 4.7%	- 12.8%
Soyabeans sub-Index	211	+ 1.4%	- 20.4%

\*Change vs. GMR 559

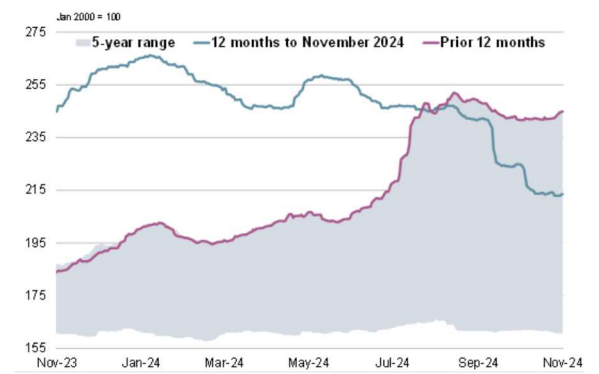
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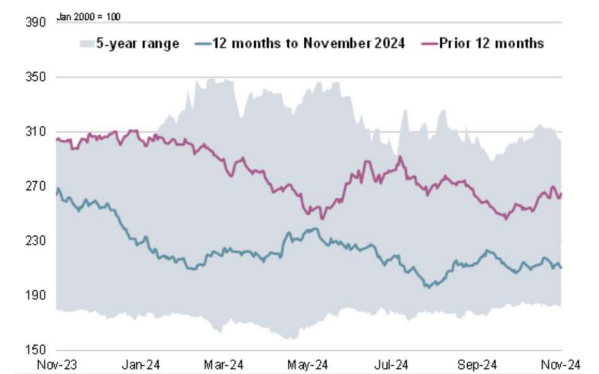
## 9. Maize: GOI sub-Index



## 10. Rice: GOI sub-Index



## 11. Soyabeans: GOI sub-Index



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