



# Wheat & Maize: Global Market Situation and Outlook – 2016/17

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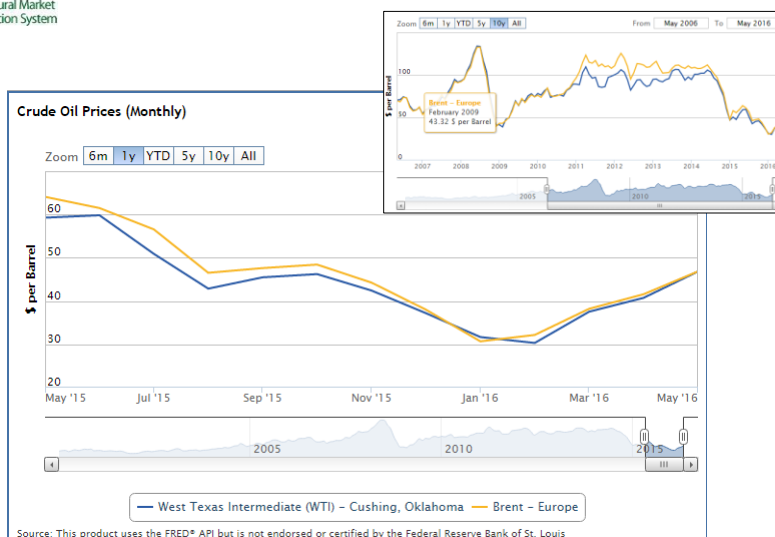
## Presentation Outline

- Brief review of macro conditions
- Global S&D outlook for wheat markets in 2016/17
- Global S&D outlook for maize markets in 2016/17

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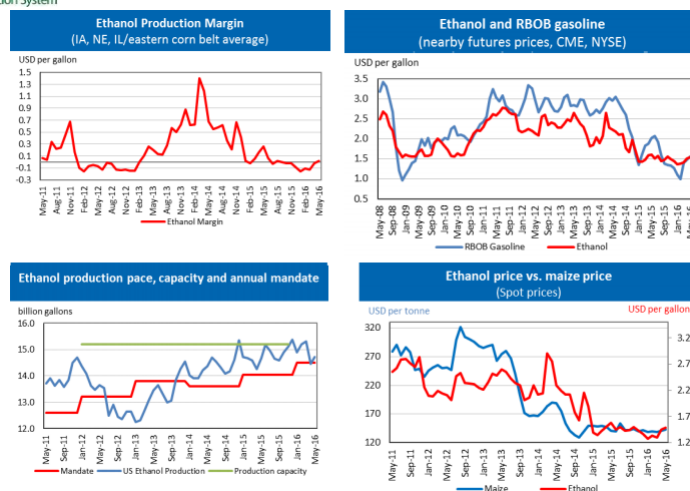
## Oil prices: Benchmark Brent near 8-month highs



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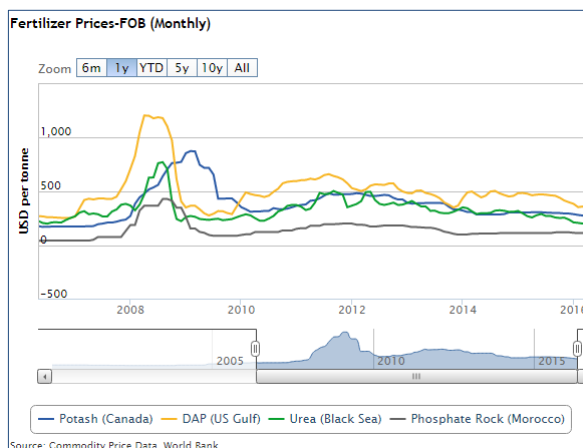
## The USA Ethanol Market



Ethanol prices continue to follow gasoline and oil prices higher, but the steady rise of oil and gasoline prices has erased the unusual price premium ethanol held to gasoline over the last several months.

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## International Fertilizers Prices



Fertilizer prices generally stable but 23-50 percent down y/y - on large surplus & lower demand.

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## The Dollar factor!

| AMIS Countries' Currencies Against US Dollar |          |                   |                |               |
|--|----------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| AMIS Countries                               | Currency | June 2016 Average | Monthly Change | Annual Change |
| Argentina                                    | ARS      | 13.83             | 1.94%          | -52.85%       |
| Australia                                    | AUD      | 1.35              | 0.99%          | -4.65%        |
| Brazil                                       | BRL      | 3.47              | 1.97%          | -11.54%       |
| Canada                                       | CAD      | 1.29              | 0.61%          | -4.15%        |
| China  | CNY      | 6.57              | -0.70%         | -5.95%        |
| Egypt  | EGP      | 8.88              | 0.00%          | -16.42%       |
| EU   | EUR      | 0.89              | -0.12%         | 0.45%         |
| India  | INR      | 67.04             | -0.17%         | -5.13%        |
| Indonesia                                    | IDR      | 13,379.29         | 0.25%          | -0.57%        |
| Japan  | JPY      | 106.57            | 2.21%          | 13.82%        |
| Kazakhstan                                   | KZT      | 335.81            | -0.91%         | -80.53%       |
| Rep. Korea                                   | KRW      | 1,168.04          | 0.58%          | -4.98%        |
| Mexico                                       | MXN      | 18.63             | -2.55%         | -20.38%       |
| Nigeria                                      | NGN      | 203.12            | -2.19%         | -2.15%        |
| Philippines                                  | PHP      | 46.24             | 1.17%          | -2.74%        |
| Russia                                       | RUB      | 65.30             | 0.87%          | -19.63%       |
| Saudi Arabia                                 | SAR      | 3.75              | 0.00%          | 0.00%         |
| South Africa                                 | ZAR      | 15.13             | 1.41%          | -23.19%       |
| Thailand                                     | THB      | 35.29             | 0.41%          | -4.70%        |
| Turkey                                       | TRY      | 2.92              | 0.99%          | -8.16%        |
| UK   | GBP      | 0.70              | -0.98%         | -8.36%        |
| Ukraine                                      | UAH      | 24.93             | 0.91%          | -17.78%       |
| Vietnam                                      | VND      | 22,330.36         | -0.20%         | -2.51%        |

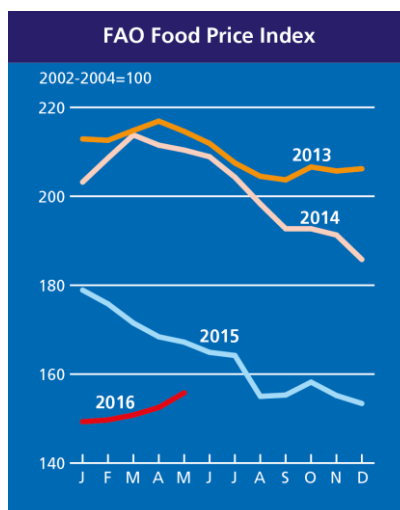


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## Food Prices

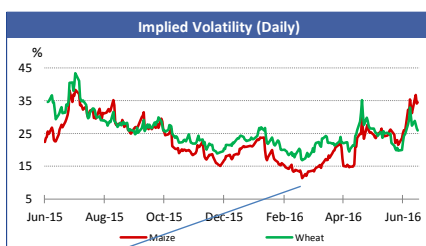
- **FAO Food Price Index** in May, up for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive month
- But still down 6.8% from last year
- Rising palm oil and sugar prices largely responsible for the rebound
- Compared to last year, **Dairy** down 23.6%, **Meat** down 12%, **Cereals** down 5.3% but **Sugar** up 27% and **Oils** up 6%



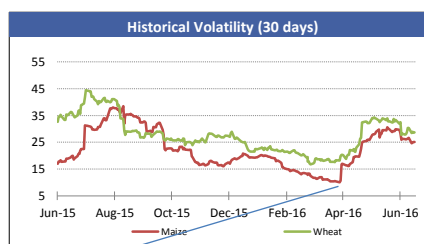
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## Price Volatility - Wheat & Maize



IV up sharply from their lows in Feb-April 2016



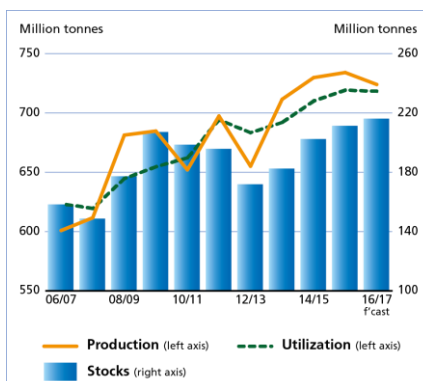
HV rising sharply since April 2016

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## Wheat Supply & Demand

|                   | 2014/15        | 2015/16<br>estim. | 2016/17<br>f'cast | Change:<br>2016/17<br>over<br>2015/16 |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                   | million tonnes |                   |                   | %                                     |
| WORLD BALANCE     |                |                   |                   |                                       |
| Production        | 729.8          | 734.1             | 724.0             | -1.4                                  |
| Trade             | 155.6          | 154.5             | 155.0             | 0.3                                   |
| Total utilization | 710.1          | 719.2             | 718.3             | -0.1                                  |
| Food              | 485.7          | 491.4             | 497.4             | 1.2                                   |
| Feed              | 138.1          | 140.2             | 136.6             | -2.6                                  |
| Other uses        | 86.3           | 87.6              | 84.3              | -3.7                                  |
| Ending stocks     | 201.8          | 210.6             | 215.5             | 2.4                                   |



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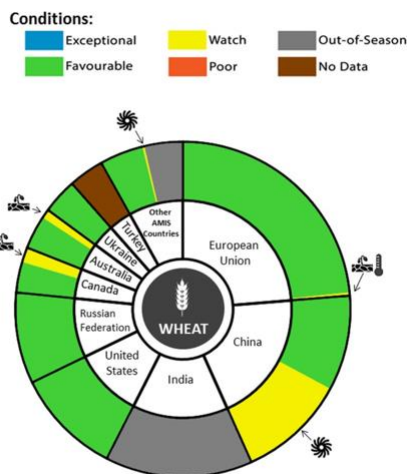
- **Production** in 2016 was forecast to decline by 1.4% from the 2015 record output
- **Trade** up slightly in 2016/17
- **Inventories** to increase
- **Stock-to-use ratio** steady at around 29% - **historical low was 22.7% in 2007/08**

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## Wheat Crop Conditions

- In the northern hemisphere, winter wheat conditions continue to be largely favourable.
- Spring wheat planting is fully underway and conditions are favourable at this early stage of the season.
- In the southern hemisphere, the winter wheat season has started under mostly favourable conditions.



GEOGLAM- Conditions as of 28<sup>th</sup> May

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## Major Wheat Producers<sup>1/</sup>

|                      | 2014         | 2015<br>estim. | 2016<br>f'cast | Change:<br>2016 over 2015 |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
|                      |              | million tonnes |                | %                         |
| European Union       | 157.1        | 160.5          | 154.0          | -4.0                      |
| China (Mainland)     | 126.2        | 130.2          | 129.0          | -0.9                      |
| India                | 95.9         | 86.5           | 89.0           | 2.9                       |
| Russian Federation   | 59.7         | 61.8           | 62.5           | 1.2                       |
| United States        | 55.1         | 55.8           | 54.4           | -2.6                      |
| Canada               | 29.4         | 27.6           | 28.9           | 4.7                       |
| Pakistan             | 26.0         | 25.5           | 25.5           | -0.1                      |
| Ukraine              | 24.1         | 26.5           | 22.0           | -17.1                     |
| Australia            | 23.1         | 24.2           | 24.5           | 1.2                       |
| Turkey               | 19.0         | 22.6           | 22.0           | -2.7                      |
| Kazakhstan           | 13.0         | 13.7           | 13.5           | -1.8                      |
| Argentina            | 13.9         | 11.3           | 14.0           | 23.9                      |
| Iran Islamic Rep. of | 10.6         | 11.5           | 12.5           | 8.7                       |
| Egypt                | 9.3          | 9.0            | 9.0            | 0.0                       |
| Other countries      | 67.5         | 67.3           | 63.3           | -5.9                      |
| <b>World</b>         | <b>729.8</b> | <b>734.1</b>   | <b>724.0</b>   | <b>-1.4</b>               |

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World production forecast for 2016 likely to be raised in next AMIS Market Monitor – July report.

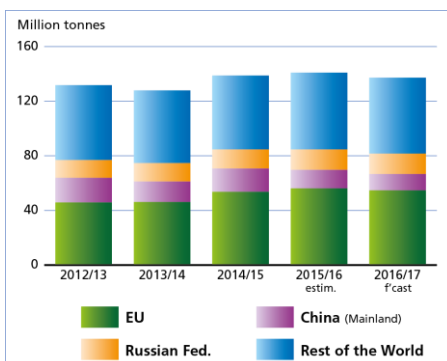
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## Wheat Utilization and Stocks

**Feed wheat utilization:** down slightly – lower feed use (mostly in China and the EU)

**Wheat stocks:** up for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year – biggest y/y increase in China and the USA



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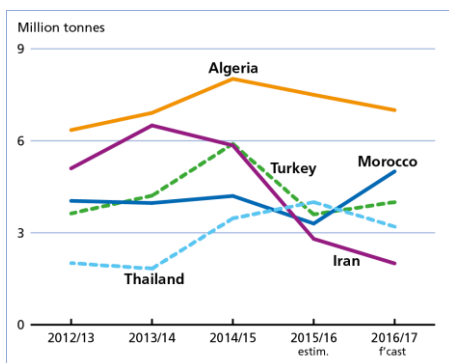
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## World Wheat Trade – up y/y

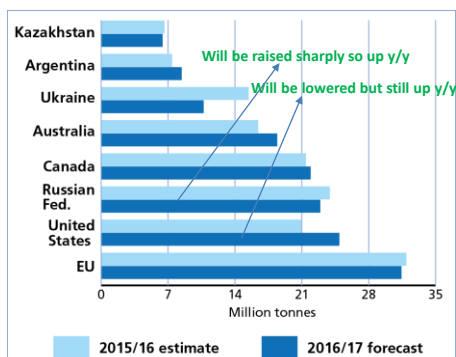
2016/17 trade was forecast in May at 155mt but likely to be raised

### Selected wheat importers



As of May 2016

### Major wheat exporters

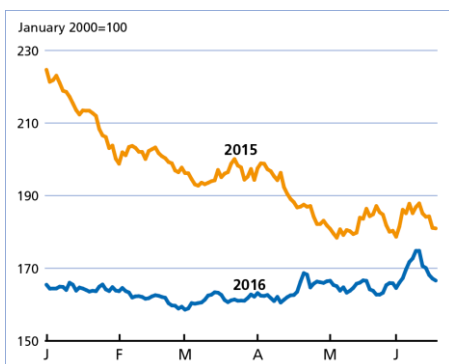


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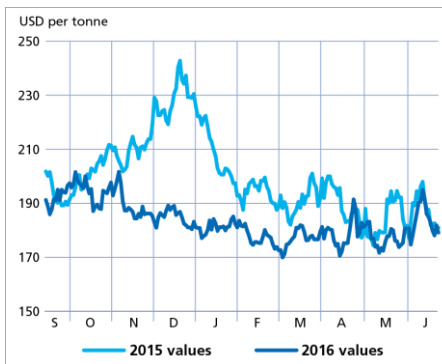
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## Wheat Prices

### IGC Wheat Price Index



### CBOT Wheat Futures September Delivery



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## Commercial Break!

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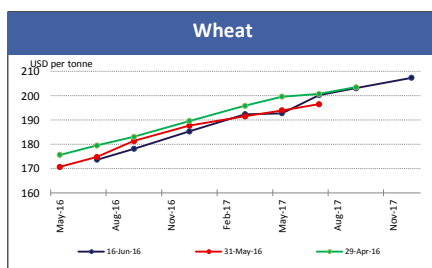
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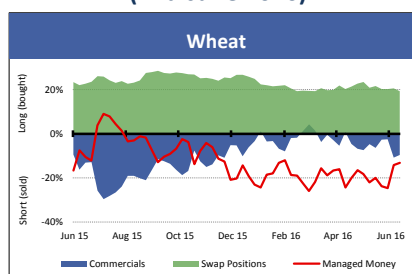
## Wheat Forward Curves and Investment Flows

Forward Curves (mid-June 2016)



**Forward curves** maintained their mostly upward sloping structures (contango), indicating ample supplies into the new season.

CFTC Commitment of Traders (mid-June 2016)



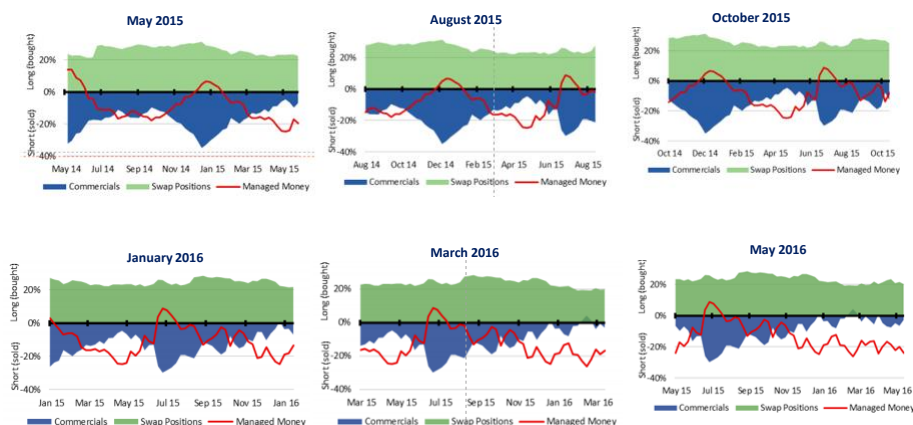
**Managed money** maintained short positions (since last August) but reduced considerably net shorts mid-month (June) – which corresponds with the recent price rally.

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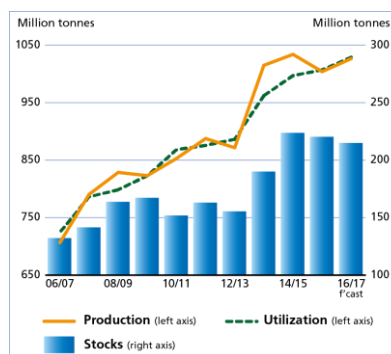
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| <b>WORLD BALANCE</b> |                |                   |                   |                                       |
| Production           | 1 033.9        | 1 003.9           | 1 026.5           | 2.3                                   |
| Trade                | 128.8          | 132.5             | 131.0             | -1.1                                  |
| Total utilization    | 996.9          | 1 006.9           | 1 029.2           | 2.2                                   |
| Food                 | 125.0          | 127.2             | 128.5             | 1.0                                   |
| Feed                 | 562.6          | 572.3             | 593.1             | 3.6                                   |
| Other uses           | 309.3          | 307.4             | 307.7             | 0.1                                   |
| Ending stocks        | 223.0          | 219.6             | 214.2             | -2.5                                  |



As of May 2016:

- **Production** to rebound in 2016
- **Trade** in 2016/17 (July/June) contracting
- **Utilization** expands on stronger feed and industrial use
- **Stock-to-use ratio** at around 20%, well above the historical low of 14.7 percent in 2006/07

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## Maize World Balance FAO-AMIS, IGC and USDA

| MAIZE       | FAO-AMIS        |                            |                            | USDA            |                             | IGC             |                             |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
|             | 2015/16<br>est. | 2016/17<br>f'cast<br>5-May | 2016/17<br>f'cast<br>2-Jun | 2015/16<br>est. | 2016/17<br>f'cast<br>10-May | 2015/16<br>est. | 2016/17<br>f'cast<br>26-May |
| Production  | 1004            | 1015                       | 1027                       | 969             | 1011                        | 971             | 1003                        |
| Supply      | 1227            | 1233                       | 1246                       | 1177            | 1219                        | 1177            | 1208                        |
| Utilization | 1007            | 1026                       | 1029                       | 969             | 1012                        | 972             | 1003                        |
| Trade       | 132             | 130                        | 131                        | 121             | 133                         | 130             | 129                         |
| Stocks      | 220             | 207                        | 214                        | 208             | 207                         | 205             | 205                         |

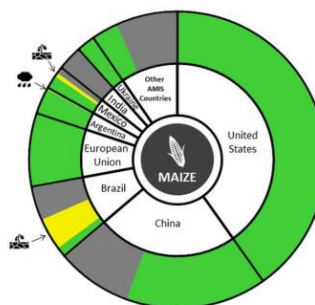
One reason for large differences: Current year (2016) production in southern hemisphere countries (i.e. Brazil, Argentina, South Africa, etc..) corresponds to the 2016/17 season in FAO-AMIS but the 2015/16 season in USDA and IGC. This discrepancy also impacts ending stock estimates.

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## Maize Crop Conditions

- In the northern hemisphere, planting is almost complete under generally favourable conditions.
- In the southern hemisphere, in **Argentina**, conditions remain generally favourable but harvest continued to progress slowly due to excess rainfall. In **Brazil**, where production is forecast lower y/y, conditions for the summer crop (the larger producing season) continue to be mixed due to unfavourable weather in April and May.



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|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------|
|                    | <i>million tonnes</i> |                       |                       | <i>%</i>                  |          |
| United States      | 361.1                 | 345.5                 | 366.5                 | 6.1                       |          |
| China (Mainland)   | 215.6                 | 224.6                 | 220.0                 | -2.0                      | → 218mt  |
| Brazil             | 79.9                  | 85.5                  | 81.2                  | -5.0                      | → 73.5mt |
| European Union     | 77.1                  | 58.0                  | 66.0                  | 13.8                      |          |
| Argentina          | 33.0                  | 33.8                  | 37.9                  | 12.1                      |          |
| Ukraine            | 28.5                  | 23.3                  | 25.6                  | -9.8                      | → 26.2mt |
| Mexico             | 23.9                  | 25.0                  | 23.5                  | -5.8                      |          |
| India              | 24.2                  | 21.0                  | 23.0                  | 9.5                       |          |
| Indonesia          | 19.0                  | 19.4                  | 19.0                  | -2.1                      | → 19.4mt |
| Canada             | 11.5                  | 13.6                  | 13.4                  | -1.2                      |          |
| Russian Federation | 11.3                  | 13.2                  | 13.8                  | 4.9                       |          |
| Nigeria            | 11.0                  | 10.8                  | 11.5                  | 6.2                       |          |
| South Africa       | 14.9                  | 10.6                  | 7.4                   | -30.8                     |          |
| Philippines        | 7.8                   | 7.5                   | 7.7                   | 2.4                       |          |
| Other countries    | 115.1                 | 112.2                 | 110.0                 | -2.0                      |          |
| <b>World</b>       | <b>1033.9</b>         | <b>1003.9</b>         | <b>1026.5</b>         | <b>2.3</b>                |          |

**July Report**

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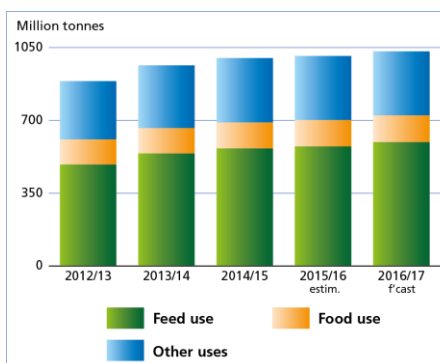
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## Maize utilization by type

- **Feed use** to expand by 3.6% (+21mt) in 2016/17 with biggest increases in China (+8mt) and the USA (+7.6mt)
- **Industrial usage** slightly higher in 2016/17- maize used for production of ethanol in the USA likely to grow by 1%



### Maize Use for Ethanol (excluding non-fuel) in the United States

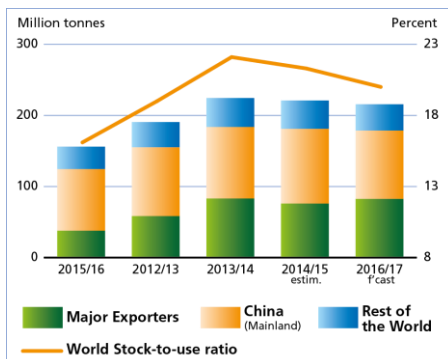
|                               | 2005/06                | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16*<br><i>estim.</i> | 2016/17*<br><i>f'cast</i> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                               | <i>thousand tonnes</i> |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                           |                           |
| Maize Production              | 282,263                | 267,503 | 331,177 | 307,142 | 332,550 | 316,166 | 313,956 | 273,188 | 351,270 | 361,101 | 345,479                   | 366,536                   |
| Ethanol Use                   | 40,726                 | 53,837  | 77,453  | 93,396  | 116,616 | 127,538 | 127,005 | 117,886 | 130,155 | 132,085 | 133,355                   | 134,625                   |
| Yearly ethanol use change (%) | 21%                    | 32%     | 44%     | 21%     | 25%     | 9.4%    | -0.4%   | -7.2%   | 10.4%   | 1.5%    | 1.0%                      | 1.0%                      |
| As Production (%)             | 14%                    | 20%     | 23%     | 30%     | 35%     | 40.3%   | 40.5%   | 43.2%   | 37.1%   | 36.6%   | 38.6%                     | 36.7%                     |

Source: WASDE-USA. \* 10 May 2016

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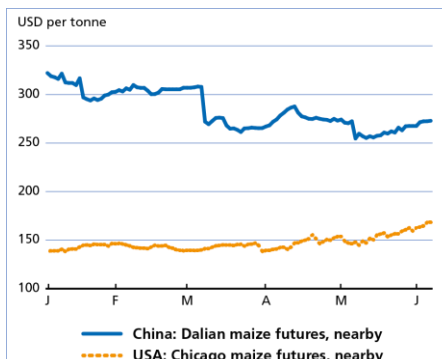
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## Maize Stocks



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## Maize prices in China above world levels



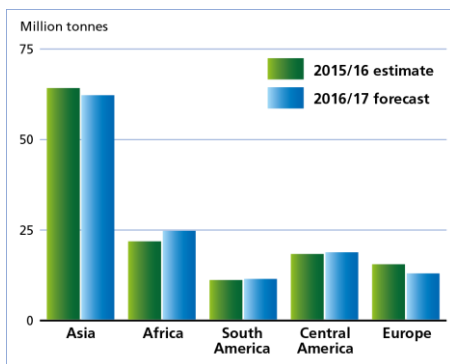
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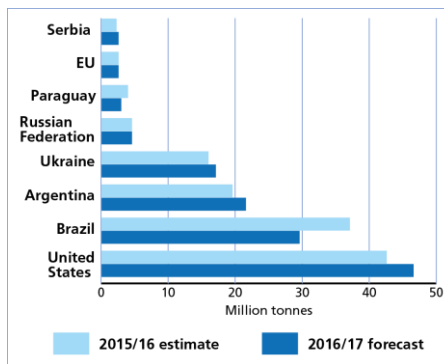
## World Maize Trade –flat y/y 2016/17 trade was forecast in May at 131mt

**Imports:** smaller y/y purchases by China and the EU

**Exports:** Argentina, Ukraine and USA exporting more y/y



As of May 2016



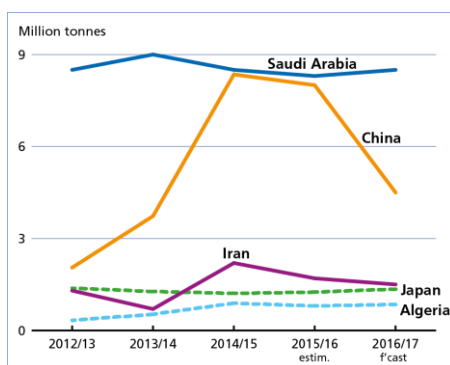
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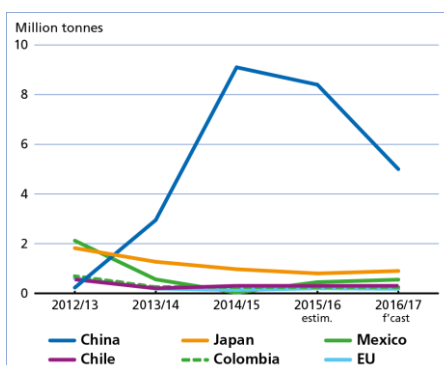
## China: Larger domestic use of maize may lead to lower imports of barley and sorghum

### Barley



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### Sorghum



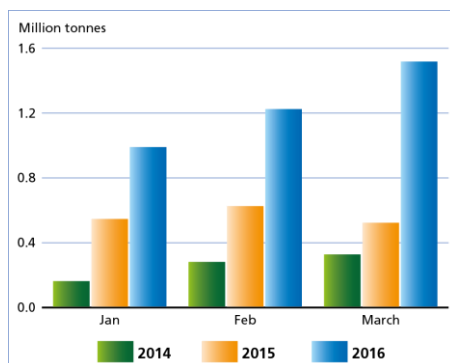
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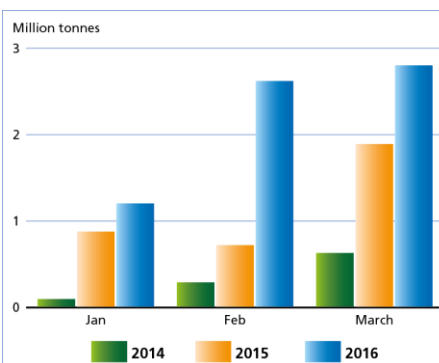


## Argentina: Faster export sales

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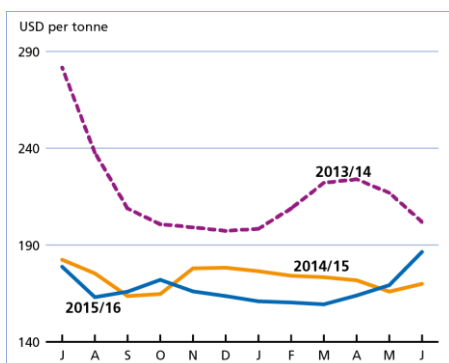


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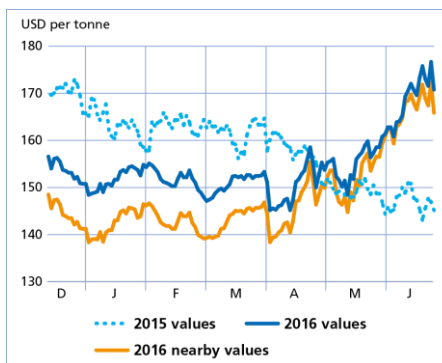
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## Maize Prices

**Maize export price  
US No. 2 yellow, Gulf**



**CBOT Maize Futures  
Nearby and December delivery**

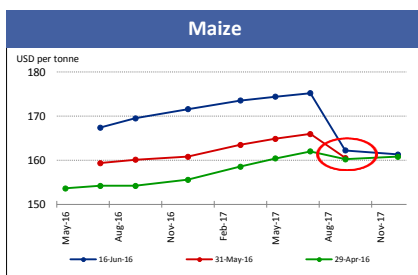


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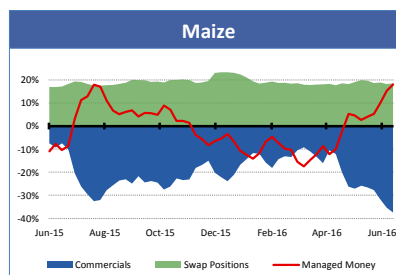
## Maize Forward Curves and Investment Flows

**Forward Curves**



**Forward curves** for maize maintained their configurations established in April (nearby tightening) but narrowed considerably between July 2017 and December 2017 contracts.

**CFTC Commitment of Traders**



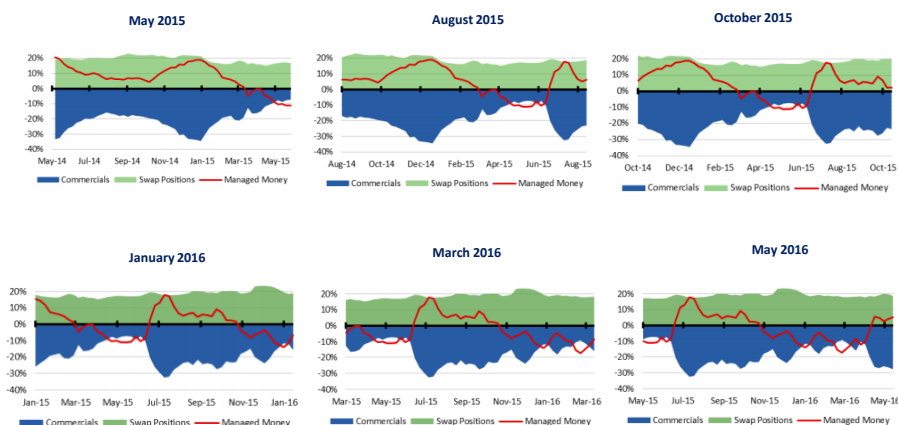
**Managed** money increased its net long maize position to nearly 20% of net long open interest, highest since August 2015.

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## Maize: CFTC Commitments of Traders



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## Summary: Grain markets in 2016/17

- Supply Adequate, very good for wheat
- Demand Stronger for maize
- Trade Higher for wheat but flat or declining for maize
- Stocks Remain large
- Prices Depressed, especially for wheat

### But there are always many uncertainties:

- Weather – La Nina (possibility of hot and dry weather across Midwest USA)?
- China – developments in domestic market (stocks) and imports
- Global economy, currencies (Brexit), oil prices...

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