



## GIEWS Country Brief Colombia

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### FOOD SECURITY SNAPSHOT

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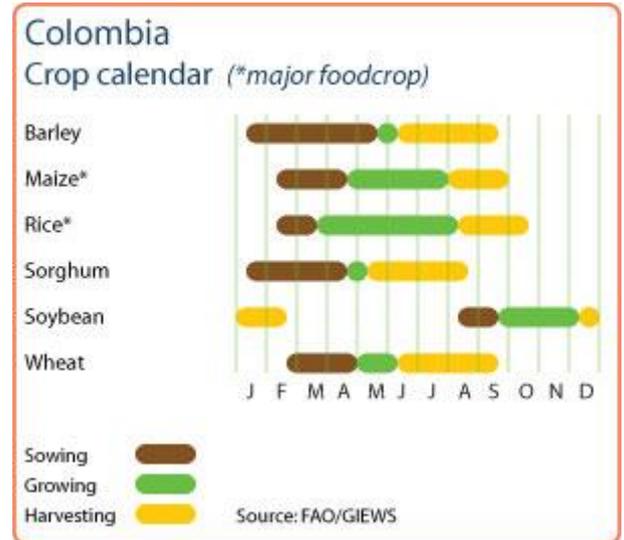
Cereal production for 2017 is estimated at 4.8 million tonnes, a record level. The rise mainly reflects a significant increase in plantings of rice and yellow maize in response to high price levels driven by robust demand. Rice and maize plantings in 2017 increased by 10 and 12 percent, respectively, over the 2016 levels. Favourable weather conditions also supported crop yields. The increase in plantings of maize and rice was mostly done at expenses of plantings of sorghum and other cereals. Rice and maize production is estimated at 2.9 and 1.9 million tonnes, respectively, both being record levels.

### Cereal imports expected to decline during 2017/18 marketing year

Cereal imports in the 2017/18 marketing year (January/December) are forecast at 7.4 million tonnes, with a sharp decline from the 2016/17 record level of more than 8 million tonnes. The forecast level is still well above average, reflecting the high demand for yellow maize for the feed industry.

### Rice prices declined in October

Prices of main staple rice declined by almost 5 percent in October and were significantly below their levels from a year earlier. Prices were pressured by the ample availabilities from the recent bumper harvests.



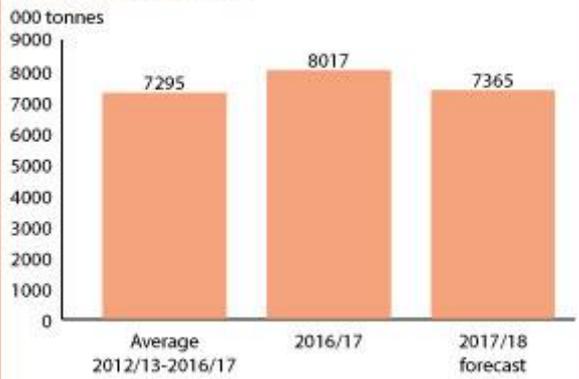
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Cereal production

	2012-2016 average	2016	2017 forecast	change 2017/2016
	000 tonnes			percent
Rice (paddy)	2,120	2,664	2,880	8
Maize	1,440	1,804	1,900	5
Sorghum	21	12	10	-17
Others	23	34	28	-18
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,605</b>	<b>4,514</b>	<b>4,818</b>	<b>7</b>

Note: percentage change calculated from unrounded data.  
Source: FAO/GIEWS Country Cereal Balance Sheets

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### Total cereal imports



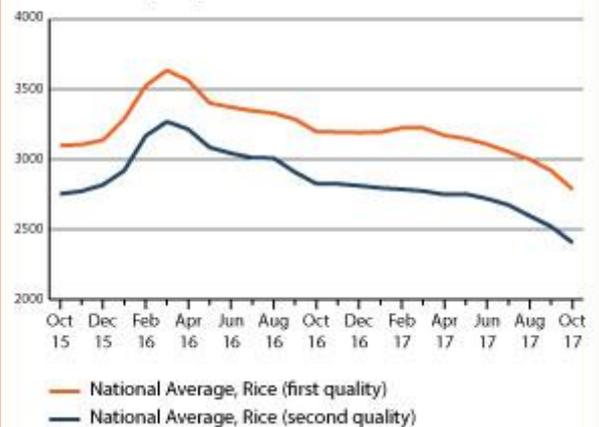
Notes: Total cereal includes rice in milled terms. Split year refers to individual crop marketing years.

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### Retail prices of rice

Colombian Peso per Kg



Source: Fedearroz

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