



GIEWS Country Brief Turkmenistan

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- **Wheat production in 2018 forecast at below average level**
- **Cereal imports forecast to increase in 2018/19**

Cereal output in 2018 forecast at below average level

The 2018 harvest of winter crops was finalized by the end of August, while harvesting of spring cereals is about to be finalized by the beginning of October. The aggregate cereal production is forecast at a below average level of 1.1 million tonnes, about 9 percent lower than the 2017 level. Dry weather conditions during the growing season had negatively affected yields in Mary Province and, to a lesser extent, in Lebap Province, where the majority of the crops is irrigated. Year-on-year reductions in yields led to a decline in production despite the area planted remained unchanged from the previous year.

Wheat output is set at 900 000 tonnes, well below the five-year average.

Cereal imports forecast to increase in 2018/19

Total cereal import requirements for the 2018/19 marketing year (July/June) are forecast at 206 000 tonnes, about 35 percent above the previous year and well above the five-year average. The increase in cereal imports is on account of higher purchases of wheat, which are set at 160 000 tonnes this year, reflecting reduced domestic supplies due to a below-average wheat output for the second consecutive year.

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Crop Calendar

(*major foodcrop)

Coarse Grains (Spring)

Maize

Wheat (Winter)*



Sowing

Growing

Harvesting

Source: FAO/GIEWS.

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Cereal Production

	2013-2017	2017	2018	change
	average		forecast	2018/2017
000 tonnes				
Wheat	1 361	1 000	900	-10.0
Rice (paddy)	130	130	130	0.0
Others	26	19	20	5.3
Total	1 567	1 198	1 090	-9.0

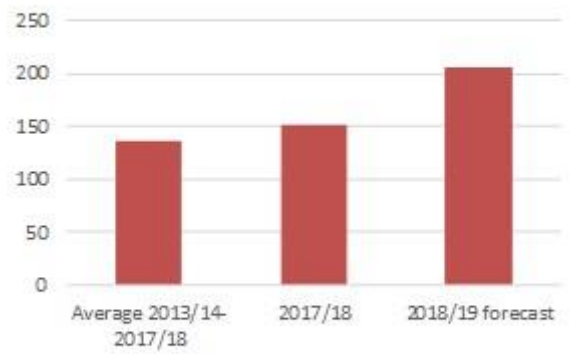
Note: percentage change calculated from unrounded data.

Source: FAO/GIEWS Country Cereal Balance Sheet.

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Cereals Imports

000 tonnes



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Note: Includes rice in milled terms. Split year refers to individual crop marketing years (for rice, calendar year of second year shown).

Source: FAO/GIEWS Country Cereal Balance Sheets.