



Oats harvest in Argentina

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Forage oats suffered from water deficiency during the autumn, which resulted in lower production than expected. Minor leaf rust infection was observed in some crops. Stem rust was also occasionally observed on leaves during vegetative growth. Silage production ranged between 5 and 8 tons per hectare with the cultivar 'Bonaerense INTA Calén'.

A late attack of stem rust was observed in crops destined for grain. Grain harvest began with good yields of between 4 and 5 tons per hectare, although it is expected that yields will fall after bad weather affected many crops last weekend.

Argentinian production will probably fall this year due to water deficit in a large area.

Oats in Chile at full ripening

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Oats in Chile are at the grain filling and milk stages, depending on sowing date. Low incidence of crown rust and powdery mildew has been observed this year. Leaf spots caused by halo blight were observed during the vegetative stage but they disappeared afterwards. A moderate incidence of Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus has occurred.

Water deficit in the main oats growing area in Chile, La Araucanía, is currently around -20% on average. Last week's rainfall will help complete grain fill in late season crops. Harvest season in Chile will start in early January, beginning with May-sown crops in the Interior Dry Land. There is uncertainty regarding yields this season. It seems likely that crops planted late in the season will result in low yields and grain quality due to water deficit.

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