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Corteva Agriscience And USAID Announce Collaboration to Support Ukrainian Farmers. On June 5, Corteva, Inc. and USAID announced a [new collaboration](#) to support Ukrainian farmers. Through this collaboration, USAID and Corteva Agriscience will advance the shared goals of increasing farmer access to crop inputs, financing, and post-harvest storage.

The EU [extended](#) restrictions on Ukrainian agricultural imports of wheat, maize, rapeseed, and sunflower seeds (with some exceptions including seeds for sowing and durum wheat) to Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia until September 15, 2023. The restrictions apply only to products that would stay in the countries, not transiting through.

The collapse of the Kakhovka dam on June 6 may significantly impact irrigation systems in Ukraine. According to the [Ministry of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine](#) 94 percent of irrigation systems in the Kherson region, 74 percent in the Zaporizhzhya and 30 percent in the Dnipro region will be affected as their water comes from the dam's network. In 2021, irrigated agricultural areas accounted for 584,000 hectares producing around 4 MMT of grains and oilseeds. An accurate assessment of the disaster impact will be available once the water level stabilizes.

Implementation Progress

USAID's Agriculture Growing Rural Opportunities (AGRO), Credit for Agriculture Producers (CAP), the Economic Resilience Activity (ERA), and the Financial Sector Reform Activity (FSR) implement AGRI-Ukraine. Highlights of progress are:

Inputs: AGRO procuring fertilizers to help farmers stay afloat. To further support small producers to cultivate cereals and oilseeds, AGRO is preparing a tender to purchase fertilizers to assist farmers cultivate winter and spring crops for the 2023-2024 season. Overall, AGRO expects to support 12,000 farmers in the fall of 2023; and 7,000 farmers in the spring of 2024.

Access to Financing: FSR Supports Partial Credit Guarantee Fund. FSR signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Partial Credit Guarantee Fund (PCGF) of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food. FSR will provide technical assistance and training to launch the fund's operations to maximize its effectiveness in providing loan guarantees to small agricultural producers.

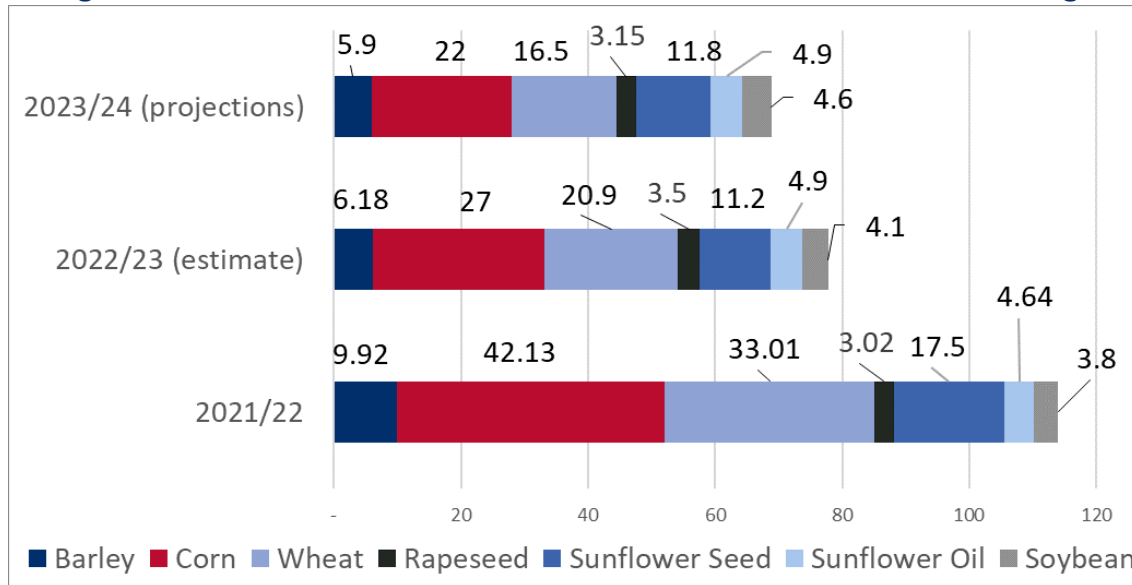
Drying, Storage, and Processing: AGRO advances processing sub-awards, expands grain unloading support. AGRO selected recipients for its sub-award to improve potato quality, increase farmers' access to post-harvest and pre-sale processing facilities, and expand adoption of improved varieties. AGRO also evaluated concepts for its Annual Program Statement (APS) to support processing of grains, oilseeds, and legumes into food, fodder, industrial products, and biofuel, and shortlisted applicants who are invited to submit full proposals. Finally, to support efficient unloading of stored grain for sales, AGRO purchased and distributed five grain unloaders to Dobronadiyivskiyi, Ag-Bag, Hospodar, and the All-Ukrainian Agrarian Council (UAC). AGRO plans to distribute additional unloaders to other sub-recipients in the coming weeks.

Export Logistics and Infrastructure: ERA scaling Mega Big Bags. ERA has received 800 mega big bags and is delivering them to companies that will pilot them for grain export in open train cars: Agromino, N'Unit, AGRO KMR, and Agricom.

Production and Exports

Production: Figure 1 shows USDA's production estimates for the 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 marketing years as of May 2023. Overall, estimated production for the 2023/24 marketing year is expected to be 88.5 percent of 2022/23 but only 68.2 percent of 2021/2022.

Figure 1: Ukraine Grain and Oilseed Production, 2021/22 to 2023/24 Marketing Year, MMT



Exports: As of June 8, almost 31.4 MMT of grains, oilseeds, and derivatives had shipped from Ukrainian ports, according to the Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI) Joint Coordination Centre (JCC). Figure 2 shows USDA's export estimates for the 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 marketing years as of May 2023. USDA projects exports for 2023/24 marketing year to be 69.5 percent of 2022/23. As noted on Page 1, the export outlook for 2023/24 versus 2022/23 is lower for all grains and oilseeds except sunflower oil. Exports for 2022/23 are expected to be 91.8 percent of 2021/22 exports.

Figure 2: Ukraine Grain and Oilseed Exports, 2021/2022 to 2023/24 Marketing Years, MMT

