

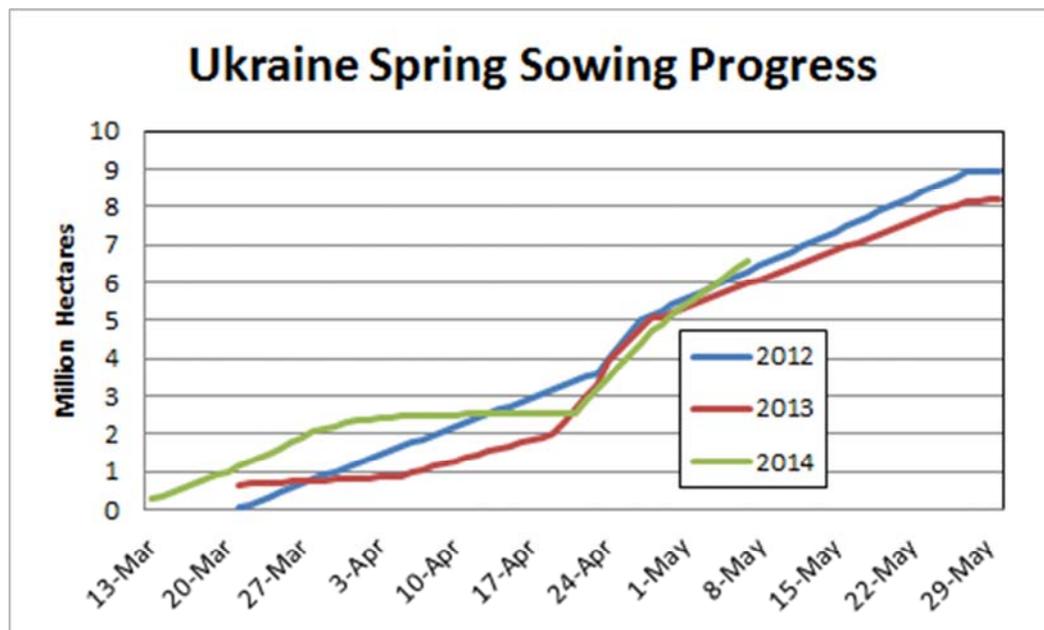
Ukraine Crop Update

Ukraine spring seeding is ahead of both last year and average having 6.6 million hectares planted by May 7. Ukraine's weather this spring has been favorable for both fieldwork and crop development.

Ukraine's 2014 total grain harvest is projected at 57.5 million tonnes, which would be 5.5 million below last season. Wheat production in 2014 is forecast to total 21.0 million tonnes, which would be 1.3 million lower than last season. All barley production is forecast at 7.8 million tonnes, which, if realized, would be 239 thousand above last year. Corn production is forecast at 26.0 million tonnes, which would be 4.9 million below last season. Sunflowerseed production is forecast at 9.5 million tonnes which, if realized, would be 3 million below last season's record harvest.

Spring Sowing Ahead of Average

Ukraine's spring grain planting is proceeding ahead of average. The Ukraine Ministry of Agriculture reported that 6.6 million hectares had been planted by May 7, which was ahead of the 6 million hectares planted by the same date last year. The fast pace is attributed to favorable weather. Ukraine's spring sowing is usually completed by the end of May.



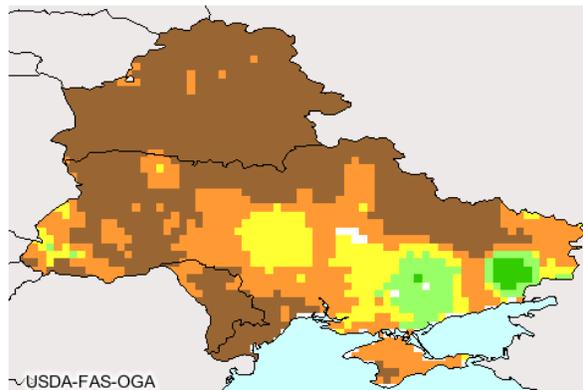
General Weather Conditions

Soil moisture reserves in Ukraine are favorable for planting and crop development given above-normal rains during April. Rain amounts so far in May have ranged between one-half and one inch, which are near normal. Climatically, Ukraine's rain totals increase in May with June and July usually the country's wettest months. April temperatures averaged slightly above normal, which favored winter crop development as well as emergence and development of the spring-sown crops. Temperatures so far in May have averaged near normal.

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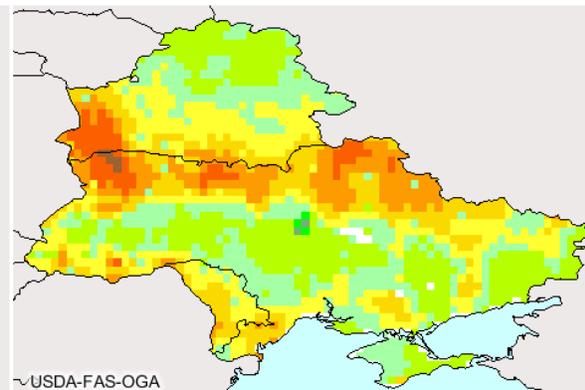


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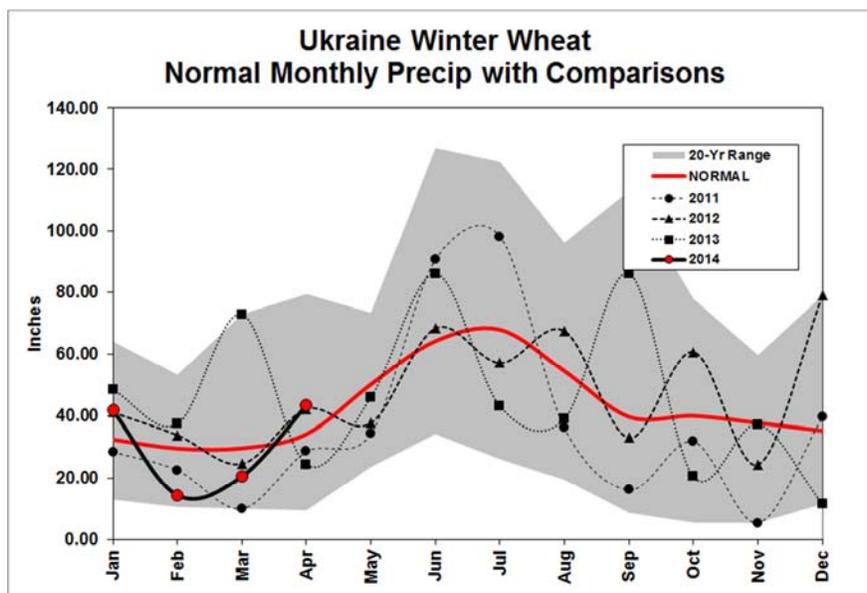
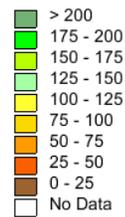


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Crop Production Uncertainties

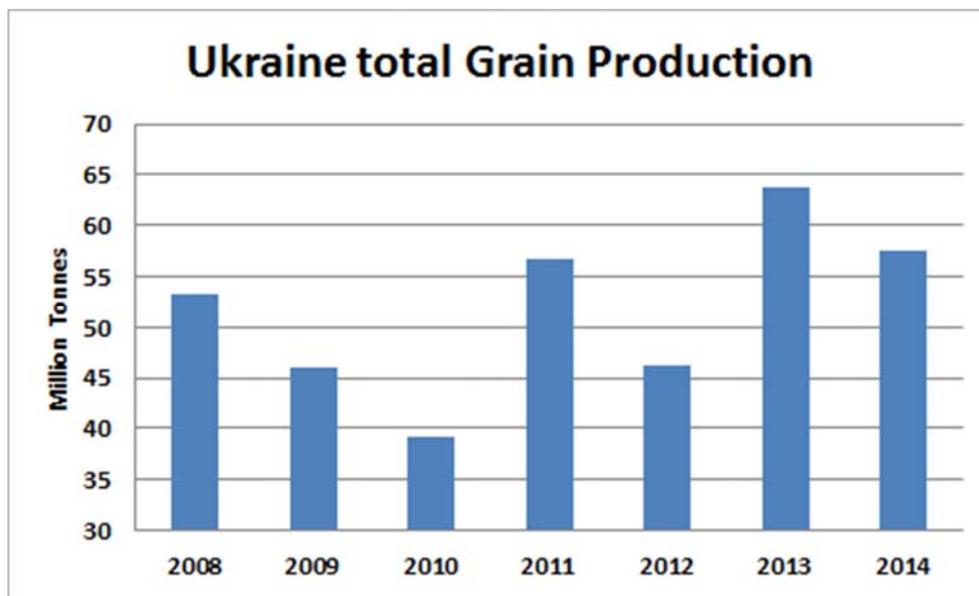
Grain production forecasts at the beginning of the growing season are tenuous at best. This season's forecasts have added uncertainty given the political situation with Russia. Farmers in Ukraine reportedly have curtailed equipment investments due to the real question of who could control the land later this year. The devaluation of Ukraine's currency reportedly has increased the cost of imported fertilizer and other inputs by 50 percent versus the price paid last season.

Russian Annexation of Crimea

Please note that there will be some confusion to Ukraine production this season due to Russia's annexation of Crimea. USDA's estimates and forecasts in the upcoming *World and Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* reports for Ukraine will include Crimea until the boundary changes are recognized by the U.S. State Department. Informa's forecasts and historical estimates in this report are in line with a Ukraine that includes Crimea. For perspective, Crimea's grain production is dominantly wheat with only a minor amount of production in corn, sunflowers or other bulk commodities. Forecasts from other sources may or may not include Crimea.

Total Grain Production

Informa's Ukraine forecasts are in line with a 57.5 million-tonne-total grain harvest versus 63 million produced last year. In late April, the International Grains Council forecast Ukraine's total grain harvest at 56.8 million tonnes. Trade sources reportedly forecast Ukraine's total grain harvest between 55 and 58 million tonnes.



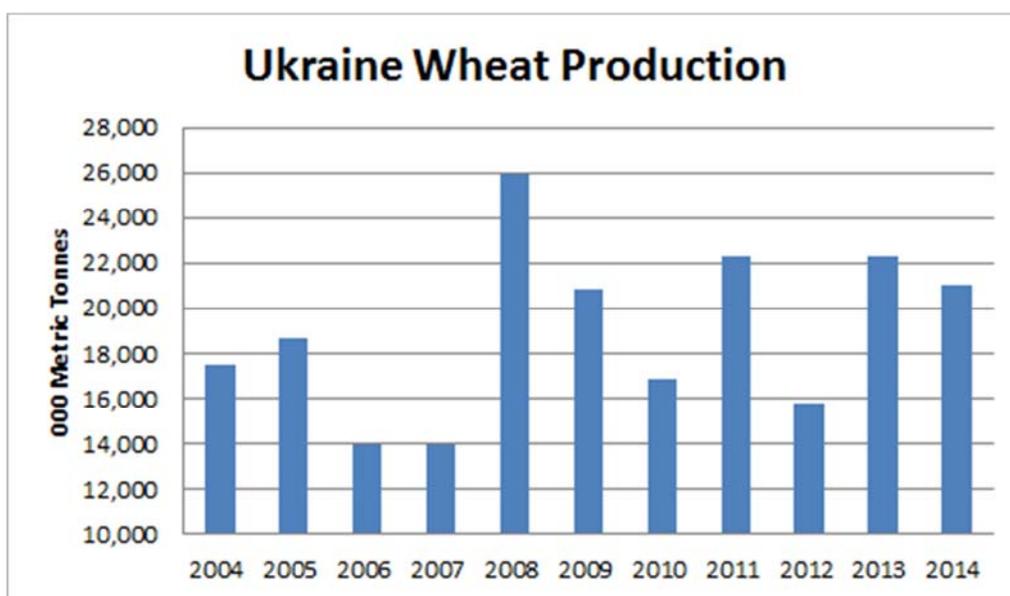
Crop Comments

Wheat production in 2014 is forecast to total 21.0 million tonnes, which would be 1.3 million lower than last season. Informa assumes that Ukraine will harvest 6.5 million hectares of wheat with yields that average 3.23 tonnes per hectare. In late April, the International Grains Council forecast Ukraine 2014 wheat production at 20.0 million tonnes. USDA's attaché also forecast Ukraine to harvest 20.0 million tonnes of wheat. Ukraine's wheat production is roughly 95 percent winter harvest and 5 percent spring harvest.

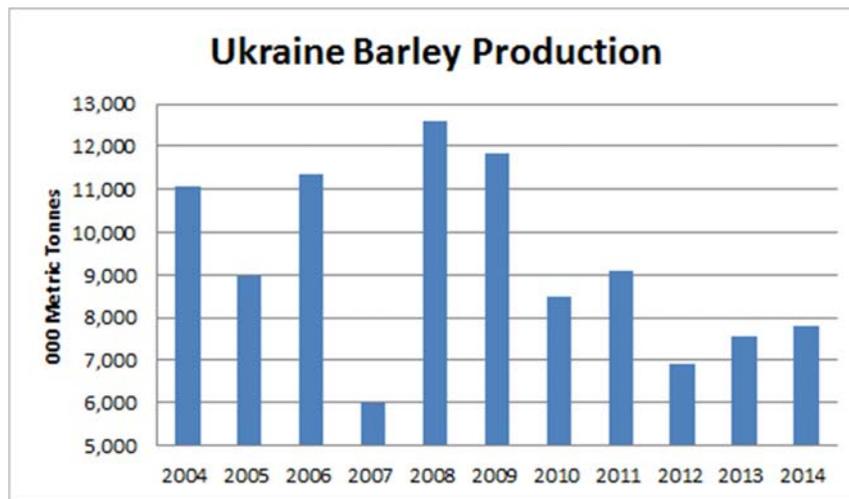
Ukraine: Wheat

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Planted Area, 000 Hectares							
Winter Wheat	6,660	6,500	6,670	6,550	6,710	6,750	6,750
Spring Wheat	450	315	395	400	400	500	450
All Wheat	7,110	6,815	7,065	6,950	7,110	7,250	7,200
Harvested Area, 000 Hectares							
All Wheat	7,054	6,753	6,284	6,800	5,000	6,500	6,500
Yield, Tonnes/Hectare							
All Wheat	3.67	3.09	2.68	3.28	3.15	3.43	3.23
Production, 000 Tonnes							
All Wheat	25,885	20,866	16,844	22,324	15,761	22,278	21,000

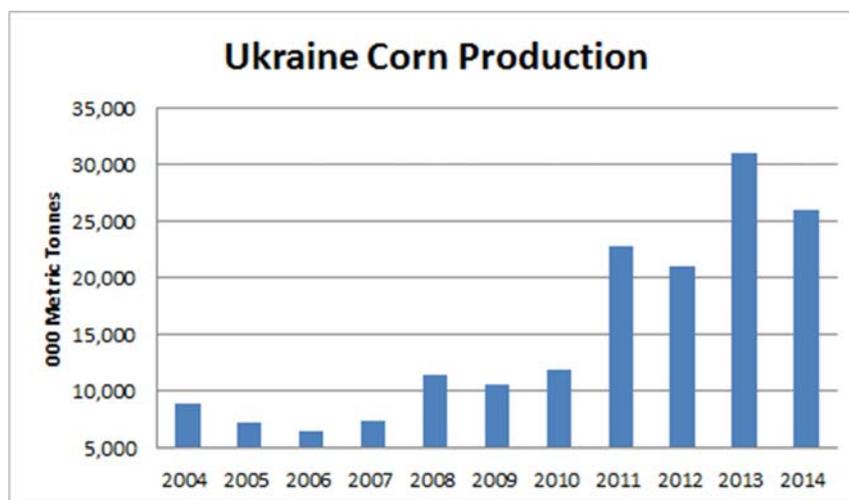
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All barley production is forecast at 7.8 million tonnes, which, if realized, would be 239 thousand above last year due to an assumption of slightly greater seeded area. Ukraine's barley production is dominantly spring harvested. The 2014 barley yield is forecast at 2.23 tonnes per hectare, which, if realized, would be 5 percent below last year but in line with the five-year average.



Corn production is forecast at 26.0 million tonnes, which would be the second largest on record but 4.9 million below last season. The Ministry of Agriculture reported that 3.9 million hectares of corn were planted by May 7, which represented 75 percent of the planned 5.1 million hectares to be planted to corn. The corn yield is forecast at 5.42 tonnes per hectare, which, if realized, would be 15 percent below last year's record. The yield potential will be difficult to gauge versus the last few years given that the costs of imported seeds and inputs have increased due to devaluation of the currency combined with the political uncertainties.



Sunflowerseed production in 2014 is projected at 9.5 million tonnes, which, if realized, would be 3 million below last season's record harvest. Sunflowerseed area is projected at 6.2 million hectares, which would be 100 thousand above last season. In late April, sunflowerseed plantings totaled 2.9 million hectares, 250 thousand above the amount planted at this same time last year.

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Ukraine: Harvested Area (thousand hectares)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Corn	2,300	1,660	1,720	1,903	2,440	2,089	2,648	3,544	4,370	4,825	4,800
All Barley	4,515	4,350	5,236	4,088	4,167	4,994	4,317	3,684	3,293	3,233	3,500
Oats	510	450	442	356	445	416	311	280	301	241	250
Sorghum				52	112	20	29	67	137	120	130
All Wheat	5,534	6,571	5,511	5,951	7,054	6,753	6,284	6,800	5,000	6,500	6,500
Rice	50	60	65	70	65	93	96	110	103	94	100
Soybean	256	422	715	583	538	623	1,037	1,110	1,411	1,351	1,400
Rapeseed	107	195	387	800	1,380	1,014	863	833	547	996	1,000
Sunseed	3,427	3,800	4,200	3,400	4,500	5,000	5,400	5,800	6,000	6,100	6,200

Ukraine: Yields (tons/hectare)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Corn	3.86	4.32	3.74	3.90	4.69	5.02	4.50	6.44	4.79	6.40	5.42
All Barley	2.45	2.06	2.17	1.46	3.03	2.37	1.97	2.47	2.11	2.34	2.23
Oats	1.97	1.76	1.56	1.53	2.12	1.76	1.47	1.81	2.09	1.94	1.90
Sorghum				1.50	2.07	2.10	2.10	2.63	1.52	2.08	2.25
All Wheat	3.17	2.85	2.53	2.34	3.67	3.09	2.68	3.28	3.15	3.43	3.23
Rice	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Soybean	1.42	1.45	1.24	1.24	1.51	1.68	1.62	2.04	1.70	2.05	2.00
Rapeseed	1.39	1.46	1.57	1.31	2.08	1.85	1.70	1.73	2.20	2.36	2.10
Sunseed	0.89	1.29	1.36	1.24	1.56	1.52	1.56	1.81	1.50	2.05	1.53

Ukraine: Production (thousand metric tons)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Corn	8,867	7,167	6,426	7,421	11,447	10,486	11,919	22,838	20,922	30,900	26,000
All Barley	11,084	8,975	11,341	5,981	12,612	11,833	8,484	9,098	6,935	7,561	7,800
Oats	1,007	791	690	544	944	731	458	506	630	467	475
Sorghum				78	232	42	61	176	208	250	293
All Wheat	17,520	18,699	13,947	13,938	25,885	20,866	16,844	22,324	15,761	22,278	21,000
Rice (Milled)	50	60	65	70	65	93	96	110	103	94	100
Soybean	363	613	890	723	813	1,044	1,680	2,264	2,405	2,763	2,800
Rapeseed	149	285	606	1,047	2,873	1,873	1,470	1,437	1,204	2,353	2,100
Sunseed	3,050	4,900	5,700	4,200	7,000	7,600	8,400	10,500	9,000	12,500	9,500

Informa Forecasts in Bold.

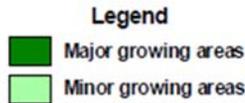
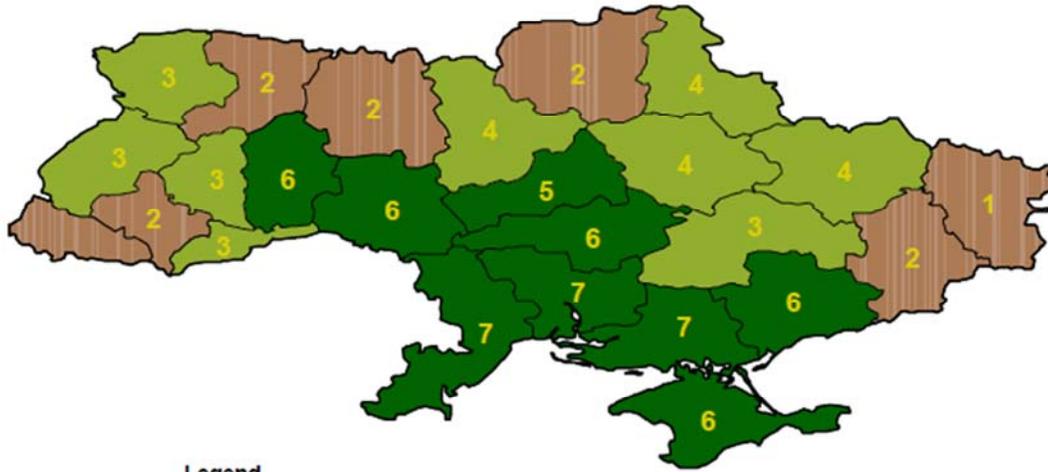
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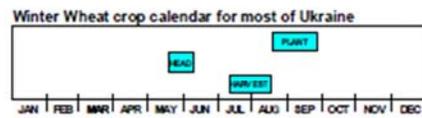


Ukraine: Winter Wheat

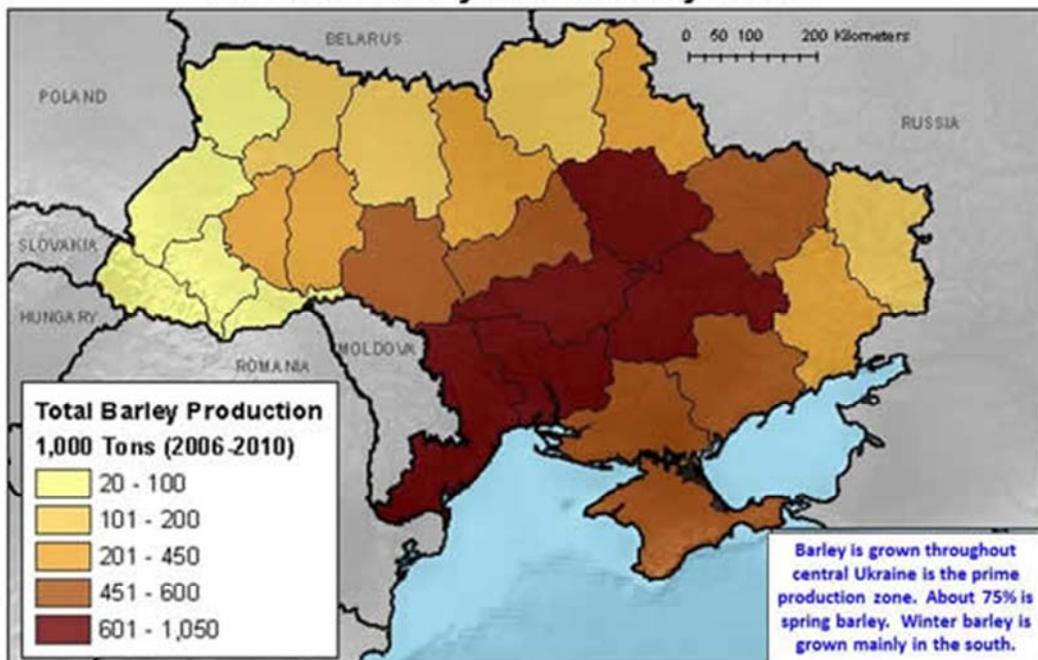
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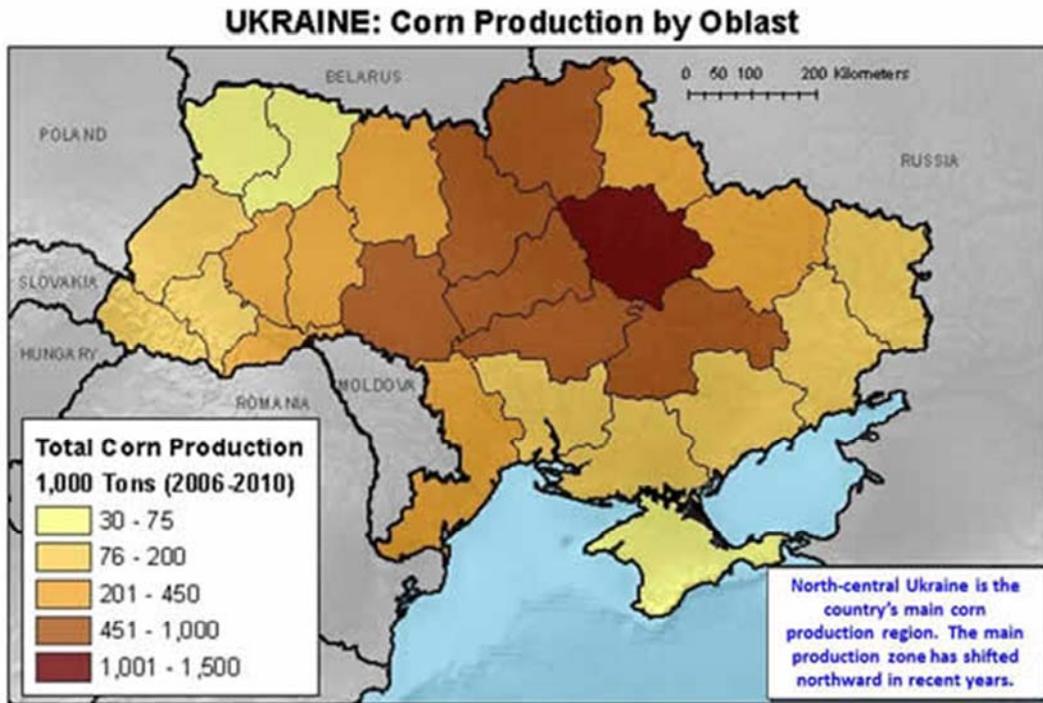


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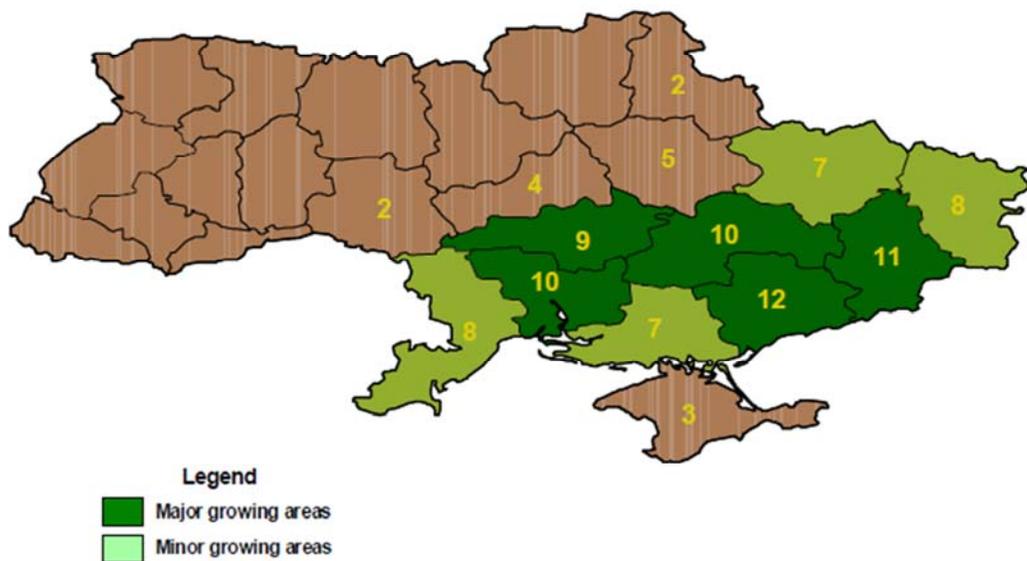
UKRAINE: Barley Production by Oblast





Ukraine: Sunseed

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