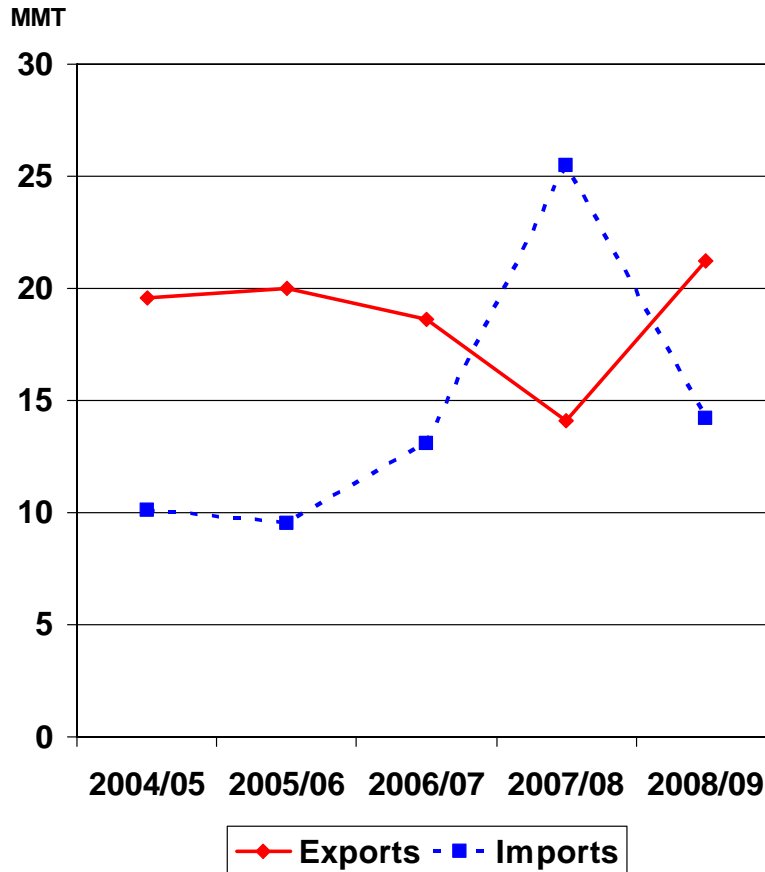


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EU Wheat and Coarse Grain Exports Rebound While Imports Drop



The European Union (EU-27) is forecast to retake its position as a global net exporter of wheat and coarse grains as exports rebound and imports drop. Exports of wheat, corn, and barley to the Mediterranean region and Middle East are projected higher on larger crops and the expectation that the EU Commission will approve export licenses. The EU's import demand for corn and sorghum is forecast to fall with greater domestic supplies of feed-quality wheat, barley, and corn. High protein milling wheat and durum imports are expected to remain stable.

Internal market prices in the EU are two to three times above the intervention support price (€101). With the absence of intervention stocks, market supplies and prices will be largely dependent on this year's harvests. These factors will influence the Commission's willingness to approve export licenses.

