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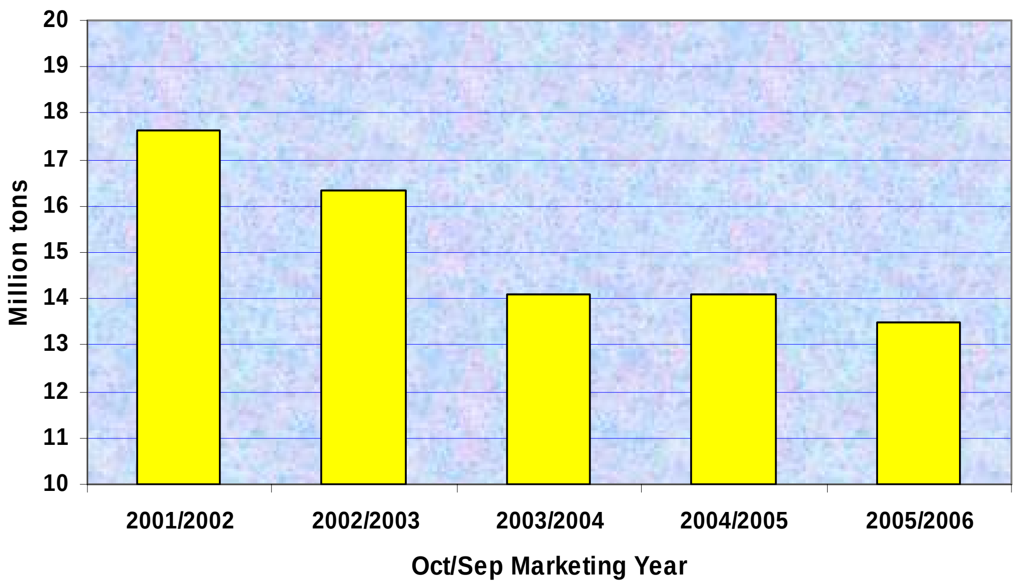

Expanding EU-25 rapeseed crush is forecast to result in a significant decline in the quantity of soybeans crushed in 2005/06. Reported soybean crush for the 12 months ending in September 2005 shows total EU crush at 14.1 million tons, 600,000 tons below the February estimate and 100,000 tons below 2003/04. A further erosion of soybean crush volume is expected in 2005/06 with total soybean crush declining to 13.5 million tons. If reached, this would be the lowest soybean crush volume in the EU-25 since 1993/94.

The decline in soybean crush is in sharp contrast to the rise in rapeseed crush which is expected to grow to 14.3 million tons in 2005/06 and exceed the volume of soybean crush for the first time. Expanded crush capacity encouraged by the tremendous growth in bio-diesel demand and subsequent increase in EU rapeseed production is expected to divert some soybean processing capacity to rapeseed where crush margins are higher. The increase in rapeseed crush is expected to boost rapeseed meal supplies 35 percent in 2005/06 compared to 2003/04. This additional rapeseed meal, though not perfectly substitutable for soybean meal, will compete with soybean meal in the feed ingredient market and help soften demand for soybean meal.

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Major Vegetable Oil: World Supply and Distribution
(Million Metric Tons)

	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	February 2004/05	March 2004/05	February 2005/06	March 2005/06
Production								
Coconut	3.63	3.21	3.17	3.25	3.26	3.27	3.26	3.27
Cottonseed	3.52	3.82	3.51	3.84	4.75	4.76	4.73	4.67
Olive	2.49	2.75	2.51	3.00	2.74	2.74	2.28	2.28
Palm	24.30	25.44	27.78	29.70	33.24	34.03	34.28	34.80
PalmKernel	3.06	3.12	3.36	3.67	4.01	4.10	4.17	4.20
Peanut	4.53	5.12	4.56	4.95	4.91	4.96	4.76	4.93
Rapeseed	13.33	13.06	12.25	14.20	15.67	15.71	16.21	16.59
Soybean	26.75	28.92	30.55	29.85	32.43	32.29	34.00	33.87
Sunflowerseed	8.46	7.48	8.25	9.26	9.18	9.21	10.40	10.46
Total	90.05	92.92	95.94	101.70	110.19	111.07	114.08	115.06
Imports								
Coconut	1.74	1.78	1.82	1.62	1.76	1.79	1.79	1.87
Cottonseed	0.17	0.13	0.08	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.10
Olive	0.46	0.38	0.43	0.61	0.54	0.54	0.58	0.59
Palm	16.15	16.90	19.51	21.51	23.70	24.28	25.09	25.51
PalmKernel	1.07	1.27	1.47	1.49	1.64	1.58	1.70	1.62
Peanut	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.18	0.15	0.17	0.15
Rapeseed	1.23	1.10	0.91	1.35	1.18	1.18	1.42	1.33
Soybean	7.12	7.94	8.40	8.26	8.94	8.80	9.44	9.44
Sunflowerseed	2.06	1.83	2.03	1.95	2.23	2.18	2.53	2.51
Total	30.22	31.54	34.86	37.12	40.28	40.61	42.82	43.12
Exports								
Coconut	1.72	1.78	1.81	1.71	1.74	1.73	1.78	1.78
Cottonseed	0.19	0.18	0.13	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.12	0.11
Olive	0.53	0.42	0.49	0.67	0.63	0.63	0.64	0.64
Palm	16.46	17.61	19.52	21.37	24.34	25.06	25.35	25.66
PalmKernel	1.21	1.49	1.46	1.60	1.74	1.85	1.86	1.93
Peanut	0.21	0.23	0.14	0.23	0.24	0.19	0.18	0.17
Rapeseed	1.16	1.01	0.91	1.15	1.26	1.15	1.40	1.29
Soybean	7.17	8.44	9.35	8.79	9.09	9.06	9.57	9.40
Sunflowerseed	2.25	1.95	2.28	2.64	2.54	2.52	3.10	3.09
Total	30.89	33.10	36.08	38.28	41.67	42.29	44.00	44.07
Consumption								
Coconut	3.47	3.26	3.22	3.18	3.32	3.35	3.28	3.37
Cottonseed	3.45	3.82	3.48	3.79	4.76	4.76	4.71	4.70
Olive	2.52	2.52	2.60	2.65	2.70	2.70	2.55	2.56
Palm	24.01	24.97	27.72	29.96	32.29	32.53	34.11	34.87
PalmKernel	2.69	3.02	3.35	3.61	3.89	3.86	4.01	3.91
Peanut	4.51	5.06	4.69	4.90	4.89	4.96	4.78	4.95
Rapeseed	13.39	13.23	12.31	14.47	15.59	15.68	16.28	16.67
Soybean	26.44	28.37	30.09	29.76	32.04	31.87	33.56	33.47
Sunflowerseed	8.36	7.52	8.01	8.53	8.93	8.92	9.77	9.84
Total	88.84	91.77	95.47	100.85	108.41	108.63	113.05	114.33
Ending Stocks								
Coconut	0.38	0.34	0.29	0.27	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.23
Cottonseed	0.14	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.06
Olive	0.76	0.94	0.80	1.09	1.04	1.04	0.72	0.72
Palm	2.84	2.59	2.65	2.54	2.87	3.26	2.78	3.04
PalmKernel	0.52	0.41	0.43	0.38	0.41	0.35	0.42	0.34
Peanut	0.16	0.20	0.15	0.17	0.11	0.12	0.07	0.07
Rapeseed	0.70	0.63	0.57	0.50	0.49	0.57	0.43	0.52
Soybean	2.82	2.87	2.39	1.95	2.19	2.11	2.49	2.55
Sunflowerseed	0.65	0.49	0.47	0.50	0.46	0.45	0.52	0.49
Total	8.96	8.56	7.81	7.49	7.91	8.24	7.76	8.03

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.
1/ Palm Oil trade excludes transshipments through Singapore.

Source: Counselor and Attache Reports
Official Statistics, USDA Estimates

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Notes on World Supply/Demand Tables

1)Trade, crush, consumption, and stocks data are aggregated using individual marketing years with the exception of Argentina and Brazil. These two countries are converted to an October-September basis. Marketing years for countries in the Northern Hemisphere begin in the first year shown. Those in the Southern Hemisphere begin in the second year.

2)World imports and exports will not balance. This is due to differences in marketing years and time lags between exportation and importation.

3)Stocks data are not estimated for all countries.

4)Price averages are dollars per bushel for soybeans, dollars per short ton for soybean meal and cents per pound for soybean oil.

Regional area and county designations in the soybean, soybean meal, and soybean oil supply, distribution, and trade tables are as follows:

Asia
Bangladesh
Burma
China
Cambodia
Hong Kong
India
Indonesia
Japan
Korea, North
Korea, Republic of
Malaysia
Pakistan
Philippines
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
Thailand
Vietnam

Middle East
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Saudi Arabia
Syria
Turkey

Africa, North
Algeria
Egypt
Libya
Morocco
Tunisia

Africa, Other
Angola
Burkina (Upper Volta)
Ethiopia
Ivory Coast
Kenya
Malagasy Republic
Mauritius
Nigeria
Senegal
Somalia
South Africa
Tanzania
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Oceania
Australia
New Zealand

United States

FSU-12
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Byelarus
Georgia
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Moldova
Russia
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan

Europe, Other
Albania
Azores
Bulgaria
Bosnia and Hercegovina
Croatia
Iceland
Macedonia
Norway
Romania
Serbia and Montenegro
Switzerland
Yugoslavia

Canada

Latin America
Argentina
Barbados
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Rep
Ecuador
El Salvador
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Netherlands Antilles
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Trinidad-Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela

Europe (EU)*
Austria
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Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
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Lituania
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Malta
Netherlands
Poland
Portugal
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom