



## GIEWS Country Brief Mongolia

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### FOOD SECURITY SNAPSHOT

- Above-average cereal production gathered in 2018
- Cereal import requirements in 2018/19 forecast at average level
- Prices of beef and mutton increased seasonally since October

### Above-average cereal production gathered in 2018

The 2018 cropping season finalized in September last year.

Latest official estimates put the 2018 wheat output at 428 600 tonnes, a significant increase compared to the drought-reduced level of 2017 and 25 percent higher than the five-year average. The bumper output in 2018 is the result of above-average plantings, sustained by strong local demand and high yields due to temporally and spatially well-distributed rains during the cropping season. The wheat crop is produced by large-scale farms operating either through cooperatives, companies or as a household activity.

The 2018 output of other crops, including potatoes, barley, oats and buckwheat, is estimated at near-average levels, supported by beneficial weather conditions.

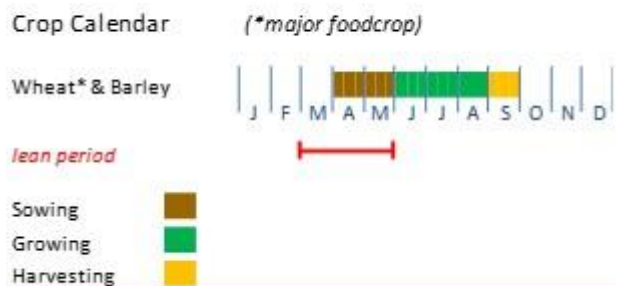
### Cereal import requirements in 2018/19 forecast at average level

In the 2018/19 marketing year (October/September), cereal import requirements, mostly wheat, are forecast at an average of 154 000 tonnes, with a strong decrease from the previous year's unusual high level due to ample supplies from the 2018 bumper output. Imports of rice in 2019, which is not produced domestically, are anticipated at a near average level of 25 000 tonnes. In addition to wheat and rice, small quantities of millet, barley, oat and rye are also annually imported.

### Prices of beef and mutton meat increased seasonally since October

Prices of beef and mutton meat increased seasonally since October 2018, reflecting lower market availabilities due to reduced livestock sales after the winter. Overall, beef and mutton

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Source: FAO/GIEWS, FAO/WFP CFSAM 2007.

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#### Cereal Production

	2013-2017 average	2017	2018 estimate	change 2018/2017
	000 tonnes			percent
Wheat	352	231	429	85.8
Oats	10	8	8	0.0
Barley	6	6	7	8.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>81.1</b>

Note: percentage change calculated from unrounded data.

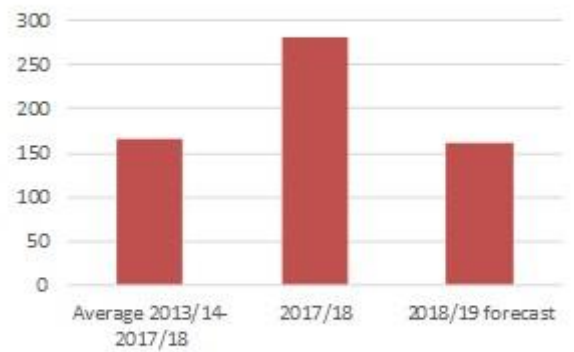
Source: FAO/GIEWS Country Cereal Balance Sheet.

prices were higher than their year earlier levels. Prices of meat are usually at their lowest levels during October-December and at their highest levels between May and July.

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### Cereals Imports

000 tonnes



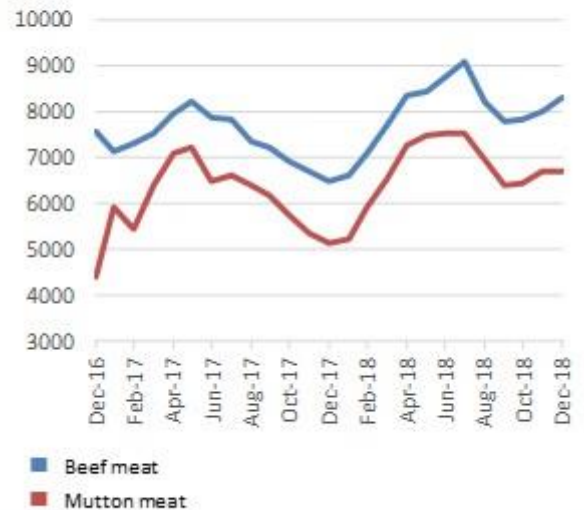
Note: Includes rice in milled terms. Split year refers to individual crop marketing years (for rice, calendar year of second year shown).

Source: FAO/GIEWS Country Cereal Balance Sheets.

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### Selected retail meat prices in Ulaanbaatar

Tugrik per kg



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Source: FAO/GIEWS Food Price Monitoring and Analysis Tool.