



# GIEWS Country Brief Turkmenistan

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## FOOD SECURITY SNAPSHOT

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## Above-average cereal production obtained in 2020

Harvesting of the 2020 cereal crops finalized in September and the aggregate output is estimated at about 1.6 million tonnes, 7 percent above the five-year average. The 2020 wheat output is estimated at 1.4 million tonnes, well below the 2019 high level, due to a 10 percent year-on-year reduction in plantings in favour of more profitable cotton cultivation, but 6 percent above the five-year average, amid the use of high yielding seeds and favourable weather conditions in the season.

Planting of the 2021 winter cereals, to be harvested from June next year, is ongoing under slightly drier-than-average weather conditions and it is expected to be completed by mid-November.

## Cereal import requirements in 2020/21 forecast well below-average volume

Total cereal import requirements for the 2020/21 marketing year (July/June) are forecast at 113 000 tonnes, well below the five-year average. Wheat imports, mainly sourced from Kazakhstan, are forecast at a below-average level of 80 000 tonnes, reflecting adequate domestic supplies due to the high outputs obtained in the last two years.

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### Crop Calendar

(\*major foodcrop)

Coarse Grains (Spring)  
Maize  
Wheat\* (Winter)



Sowing  
Growing  
Harvesting

Source: FAO/GIEWS.

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### Cereal Production

	2015-2019 average	2019	2020 estimate	change 2020/2019 percent
	000 tonnes			
Wheat	1 321	1 600	1 400	-12.5
Rice (paddy)	130	130	150	15.4
Maize	46	40	43	7.5
Others	22	20	20	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 519</b>	<b>1 790</b>	<b>1 613</b>	<b>-9.9</b>

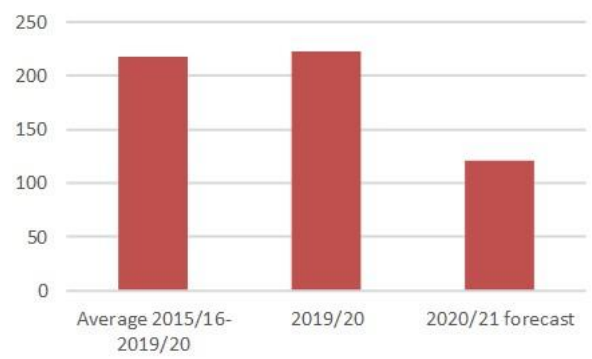
Note: percentage change calculated from unrounded data.

Source: FAO/GIEWS Country Cereal Balance Sheet.

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### Cereals Imports

000 tonnes



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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.