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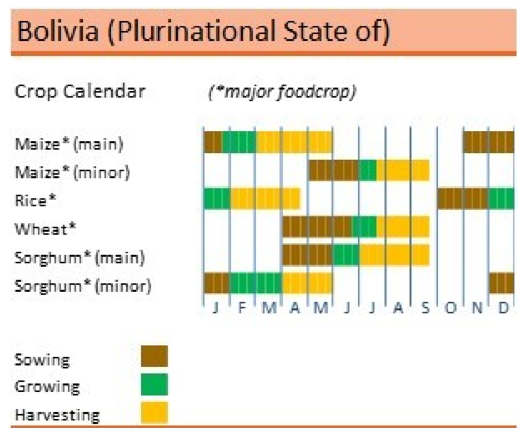

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Cereal Production

	2020-2024 average	2024	2025 estimate	change 2025/2024
	000 tonnes			percent
Sorghum	1 111	820	1 200	46.3
Maize	1 085	1 049	1 195	13.9
Rice (paddy)	556	433	530	22.4
Others	392	357	353	-1.1
Total	3 144	2 659	3 278	23.3

Note: Percentage change calculated from unrounded data.

Favourable production prospects for paddy and main season maize in 2026

Planting of the 2026 paddy and main season maize crops is ongoing at a slower pace than usual due to above-average rainfall amounts since end-October 2025. The Chamber of Agriculture of the East, the key cereal producing region, forecasts a year-on-year expansion of the area sown with paddy and main maize crops in 2026. Yield prospects are generally positive as weather forecasts point to a high likelihood of average rainfall amounts during the first quarter of 2026 and diesel supply, which caused delays in agricultural activities in the previous seasons, has reportedly been normalized.

Aggregate maize production estimated above average in 2025

Harvesting of the 2025 minor season maize crop has been completed last September and seasonal output is estimated to be near the average, as some farmers switched to plant more drought-resisting sorghum crops. Despite some crop losses due to well above-average rainfall amounts in March 2025, production of the main season crop, harvested between March and May, is officially estimated to be above average, as a result of large plantings instigated by high prices at planting time. Overall, the aggregate 2025 output is estimated at nearly 1.2 million tonnes, 10 percent above the five-year average.

Planting of the 2025 minor season sorghum crop is ongoing and the current saturated soil moisture is likely to limit the extent of planted area. Production of the 2025 main season sorghum crop, harvested between July and September, is estimated at a slightly above-average level, mainly due to an increase in planted area as several farmers following below-average rainfall amounts in planting month of May, opted to plant sorghum instead of maize, which is less resistant to dryness.

Cereal import requirements forecast at high levels in 2025/26 marketing year

Cereal import requirements, mostly wheat flour and rice, in the 2025/26 marketing year (July/June), are forecast at an above-average level of 364 000 tonnes, mainly reflecting the strong demand for human consumption. The costs of imports declined as import tariffs on maize, wheat flour, wheat and rice have been suspended until December 2025.

Retail prices of rice and wheat flour above year-earlier levels in October 2025

Despite recent declines due to an improved market supply, retail prices of wheat flour in Santa Cruz Department were still about 40 percent above their year-earlier levels in October 2025, mainly due to below-average imports in the 2024/25 marketing year. Similarly, retail prices of rice weakened for the second consecutive month in October, but remained over 20 percent higher year-on-year, reflecting the tight supply due to below-average outputs harvested in 2024 and 2025.

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Cereals Imports

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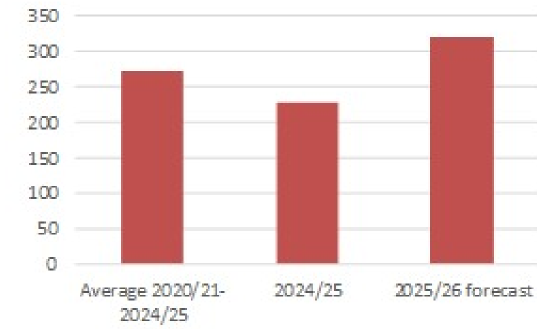

Notes: Includes rice in milled terms. Split years refer to individual crop marketing years (for rice, calendar year of second year shown).

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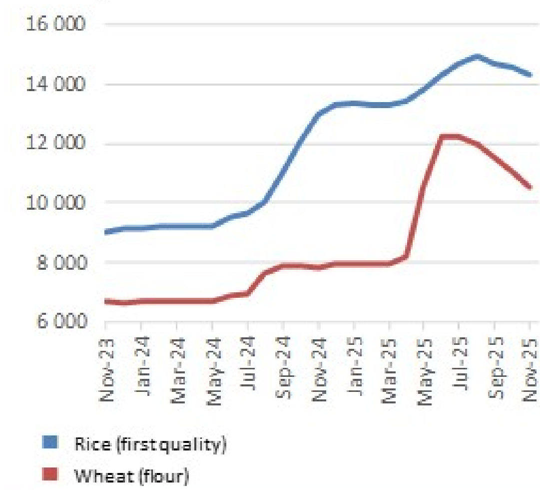
Retail prices in Santa Cruz

Boliviano per tonne



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