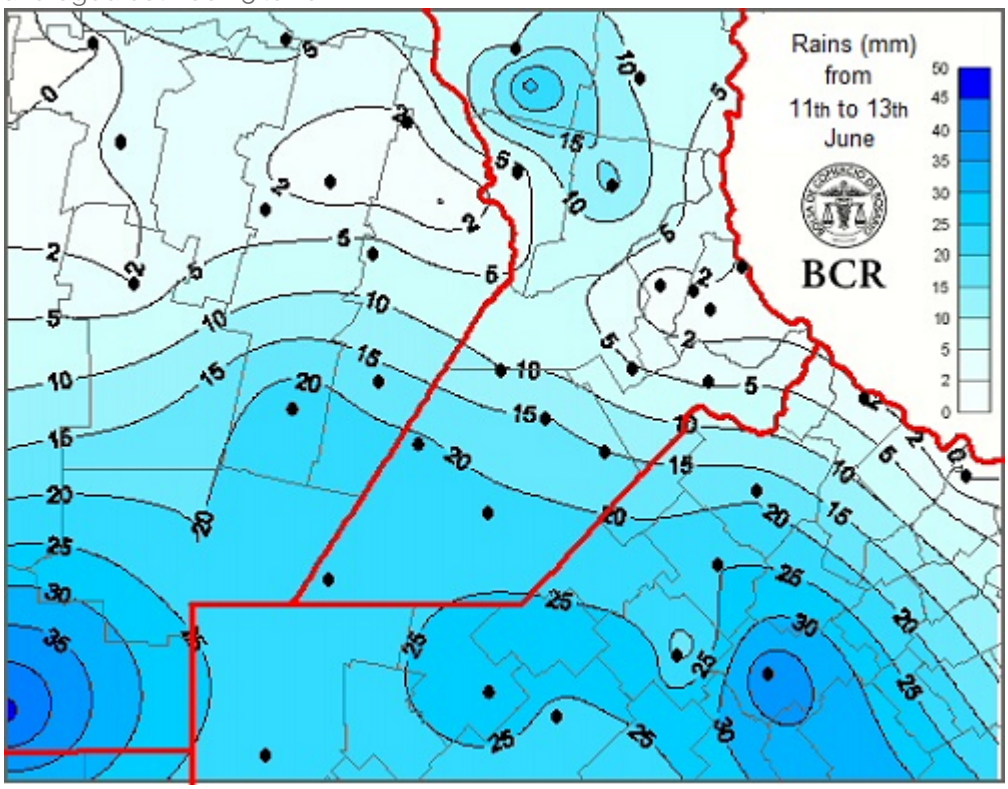
Argentine core region could produce more than 5.5 million tons of wheat this crop year

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In the last two wheat seasons, the core region reached its maximum production of 5 million tons, a value that doubled the production obtained since 2011. 1.3 million hectares will be planted this year, some 200 thousand hectares more than the past year, added to the high investment in technology, it is very likely that the region reaches a new production record. Sowing starts with good water reserves in the soil and a good fertilization will be done. The sowing advance of this year is one of the most advanced of the last 4 years. The progress is 48%. The dry wind and the very low temperatures, with minimum between 1 and 2.4 degrees (Celsius) below zero, in the northern half of the core region favored the advance. In the south center of Santa Fe and east of Córdoba, there are good possibilities to continue planting during this weekend and finish with the planting. The crops that are emerging come slowly but without problems. On the other hand, the north of Buenos Aires only takes a sowing advance of 17%. Areas with mud and excess water continue to make the work difficult. Progress in some locations does not exceed 10%. It will continue with the planting of long cycles until June 20th. The last week's rainfall increased water excesses in the northeast of Buenos Aires, where the greatest delays in wheat planting continue to be recorded. Chacabuco (Buenos Aires) received almost 40 mm. In the rest of the region weekly totals of rains averaged between 5 to 10 mm.



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