



# The grasses would expand on half a million hectares

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Soybean decreases its area and rotations with grasses increase in the region. In the 2014/15 commercial year for each hectare of wheat or corn, 3.6 hectares of soybeans were planted. This year, for each hectare of grass only 2 hectares will go to soybeans. The core zone will not only maintain the level of grasses that it was recovering in recent years, but it would add half a million hectares more. The sowing of wheat in 15 more days would be practically finished in the region. Therefore, it is almost a fact that the crop will increase from 1.1 million hectares last year to 1.35 million hectares in this 2018/2019 cycle. The high costs in the treatments for the control of weeds favor the incorporation of grasses in the rotation. There would be 100 thousand more hectares of corn in addition to the one million hectares implanted last year. But new plots would be added and the region is expected to end up cultivating 1.25 million hectares. In this way, the first soybean would suffer a significant drop, and would go from cultivating 4.4 million hectares to 3.9 million hectares. Wheat 2018/19, the most important sowing of the last 16 years in the region. To date, wheat planting advance 93% and the expansion of wheat is consolidated in about 1.35 million hectares. The scarce rains of the week were not an obstacle to continue sowing on some 100 thousand hectares more. The south center of Santa Fe and the southeast of Córdoba practically finished the sowing. There are 100 thousand hectares missing in the north of Buenos Aires. It is estimated that the sowing of the cereal ends on July 20th. There, the advance of sowing was 10% this week. The wheat goes through the stages of emergence to tillering in very good conditions and without water limitations. 70% of the plots are displaying leaves with good stands of plants and no pests that affect. There is a 27% of the plots that is emerging. A small portion, located south of Santa Fe, begins the tillering.



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