

WITH GOOD HUMIDITY AND HIGH PRICES, WHEAT SOWING IS COMING WITH STRENGTH

Bahía Blanca, April 29, 2021 - Wheat sowing will start in May, and it will do so in a very favorable context with respect to two key variables for the crop: soil moisture and prices. "The conditions are right for producers to invest in technology, in order to have increasingly productive and sustainable crops," said Federico Veller, general manager of Profertil, the leading company in the production of granulated urea in Argentina (a strategic input for wheat crops).

After the drought that affected summer crops, in the late summer and early autumn rains returned with force in most of the productive areas, ensuring that soils have the necessary moisture for wheat planting. Starting "with loaded profiles" is a great peace of mind for producers.

In parallel, wheat prices are showing a strength that they have not had for a long time, in line with what is happening with the rest of the grains. Last week, the price per ton in the local market reached 212 dollars for the January 2022 position (which is used as a reference in the market), which shows a 9% increase compared to the same time last year.

In this context, according to data from the Buenos Aires Grain Exchange, 6.5 million hectares of wheat will be sown in Argentina this 2021/22 season. It is almost 7% more than the average of the last 5 campaigns, which ratifies the interest of producers in the crop.

"Wheat is a strategic option for Argentine producers, because of its fundamental contribution to have a sustainable agricultural rotation, but also because it allows them to have an income at the end of the year, to finance later the summer crop campaign, which is basically corn and soybeans. Therefore, at Profertil we are proud to make a key contribution with our urea so that wheat fields can yield to the maximum and, at the same time, take care of the soil in which they grow", said Veller.

Argentine producers have been following a positive trend in terms of fertilizer use. A few days ago, the civil association Fertilizar highlighted the record levels of crop nutrition registered in 2020. During that year, 5.3 million tons of fertilizers were applied, 13% more than those used in 2019. Within the products for crop nutrition, the use of nitrogenous fertilizers grew by 11%.

According to the figures provided by the entity, the increase in the use of fertilizers has been occurring steadily for 6 seasons, during which it grew by 70%. Within that average figure, the ones that grew the most were nitrogen products, such as urea, whose use by producers jumped 95% in that period.

"This growth is part of the expansion of wheat and maize, which allows us to have an increasingly sustainable agriculture in Argentina. At Profertil, we have worked hard to supply this growing demand in recent years, and we will continue to do so in the future, to consolidate this trend, which is strategic, not only for our agriculture, but also for the country", said Veller.

As part of this work, the company is organizing a series of videoconferences called "Building together the green agenda Argentina 2030", whose next two meetings will be held on May 11 and 20.

This is a Profertil program to promote nutrient Best Management Practices (BMPs), which can be followed through the AgroConsultas.com platform.

On May 11, Dr. Guillermo Peralta will speak on "Soil health: key for increasingly efficient systems", while on May 20, Drs. Fernando García and Nahuel Reussi Calvo will speak on "Nutrition a la carte: wheat and barley".

In addition, from May 4 to 6, Profertil will participate in the A Todo Trigo congress, which this time will be held virtually. During the event, the formal launching of the new wheat season will take place, which is about to start this year and looks to have enormous potential.