

Actual and Targeted Wheat Production and Consumption in Saudi Arabia

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Abstract

Wheat is considered to be one of the important goods for most of countries in the world, since that the Saudi government trying to reach the safety level of food security by keeping the strategic level from the wheat and flour depending on the local production and increasing the level of self sufficiency from those products.

The seventh plan (2000-2004) targeted making balance between water and food security, so that the Saudi government planning to make a new strategy for wheat production, and estimating the targeted levels for wheat production and flour consumption.

The results shows that the loss of flour was very small because of population increasing, so there consumption by about 2Kg. Moreover, the planted areas last year and the level of supporting prices as percentage of the world prices are important constraint that affecting the planted areas this year.

Finally, the study expecting increasing in the total wheat production by about 0.23% for the period (2003-2010) also, there is a differences changes between the actual and targeted level of consumption of flour by about 6% for the period (1974-1998).