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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - IMPORTS OF
HYBRID MAIZE FOR SOWING

Revision

The following communication, dated 6 July 1983, has been received from the Commission of the European Communities with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

I have the honour to advise you, for the information of interested contracting parties, that the Commission of the European Communities is intending to establish temporary measures in respect of imports into the Community of hybrid maize for sowing (10.05A).

For several years past, the Community market in this seed sector has been encountering serious difficulties by reason of imports from third countries and the terms on which those imports take place, causing injury to Community producers.

Before adopting the measures which it is intending to take consistently with GATT obligations, the Commission would like to make use of the possibilities offered by the General Agreement for examining those measures with interested contracting parties.

COMMUNITY IMPORTS OF HYBRID MAIZE FOR SOWING

<u>Origins</u>	(100 kg.)			
	<u>Marketing Year</u> <u>1979/80</u>	<u>Marketing Year</u> <u>1980/81</u>	<u>Marketing Year</u> <u>1981/82</u>	<u>Marketing Year</u> <u>1982/83*</u>
Yugoslavia	23,790	40,420	30,270	35,225
Hungary	55,910	78,690	103,800	160,472
Romania	30,250	39,160	64,340	68,718
United States	73,940	111,650	152,560	119,027
Other	98,936	32,520	32,940	16,036
TOTAL	216,280	302,440	383,910	399,478

* Import certificates issued up to 31.3.83

Source: Nimex 10.05.11, 13, 15, 19

P.S.: EEC imports are essentially of the three-cross hybrid (types II) and simple hybrid types (types III), while imports of double hybrids (type I) have declined.

COMMUNITY HARVESTS OF HYBRID MAIZE

<u>Type</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
I. Double hybrids	280,449	197,432	211,512	
II. Three-cross hybrids	1,001,357	704,257	874,733	
III. Simple hybrids	298,334	273,510	324,730	
Other varieties	2,919	1,954	1,827	
TOTAL	1,583,059	1,177,153	1,412,802	

(100 kg.)

COMMUNITY AREAS (ACCEPTED FOR INSPECTION) INTENDED
FOR SOWING HYBRID MAIZE

<u>Type</u>	(Hectares)			
	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
I. Double hybrids	8,989	6,120	5,491	3,274 ¹
II. Three-cross hybrids	29,650	26,672	27,839	24,422 ¹
III. Simple hybrids	14,420	14,015	15,013	18,186 ¹
Other varieties	1,000	341	530	599
TOTAL	54,059	47,148	48,873	46,481

¹ If one compares this trend with the import trend, one finds that three-cross types (types II) make up ± 50 per cent of EEC imports.