USDA Adds New Filename Convention for Accessing Its Monthly World Agricultural Supply And Demand Estimates Reports

(Washington, D.C., July 23, 2018) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB) today announced a change in the filename convention to facilitate access to the most recent releases of the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) reports. Beginning with the August 10, 2018 issue of the WASDE report, each of the four additional versions of the month's report (PDF, XML, Excel, and Text) will be posted to the WAOB website using a new filename convention in addition to the current filename convention.

The new filename convention will allow quicker access to the report for a broader number of users and follow the 'WASDEmmyy.xxx' format. For example, the new file names for the August 10, 2018 WASDE report will be, WASDE0818.pdf, WASDE0818.xml, WASDE0818.xls, and WASDE0818.txt.

The current filename convention (latest.pdf, latest.xml, latest.xls, and latest.txt) will continue to be posted to the website through the April, 2019 release, after which time only the new "WASDEmmyy.xxx" will be available on the WASDE website.

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