

# Market Situation

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# Weather and Crop Conditions as of March 2015

## EU – Central and West

- Higher wheat and barley plantings
- Good growing conditions so far
- No winter kill so far

## Ukraine/Russia

- Higher winter crop (mainly wheat) plantings than last year
- Below average winterkill so far
- Drought in the fall has led to weak emergence

## Spain

- Too dry
- Still some time

## USA/Canada

- USA: Good growing conditions for winter wheat so far – limited winter kill.
- Canada: Acreage up

## Middle East and North Africa

- Good growing conditions
- Only parts of Morocco problematic.



# Russia: wheat export restrictions

- Tightened SPS controls and additional administrative procedures imposed on wheat exports since December 2014;
- A wheat export duty of 15 per cent + 7.5 EUR/ton in place from February 1<sup>st</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015;
- No major effects in the medium or long term expected on global grain market due to high global wheat stocks;
- But possibly serious impact if the duty is extended beyond June, 2015 or applied in the future, when market conditions are less favourable;
- It remains a trade distorting measure, regardless of the capacity of the market to cover for it.

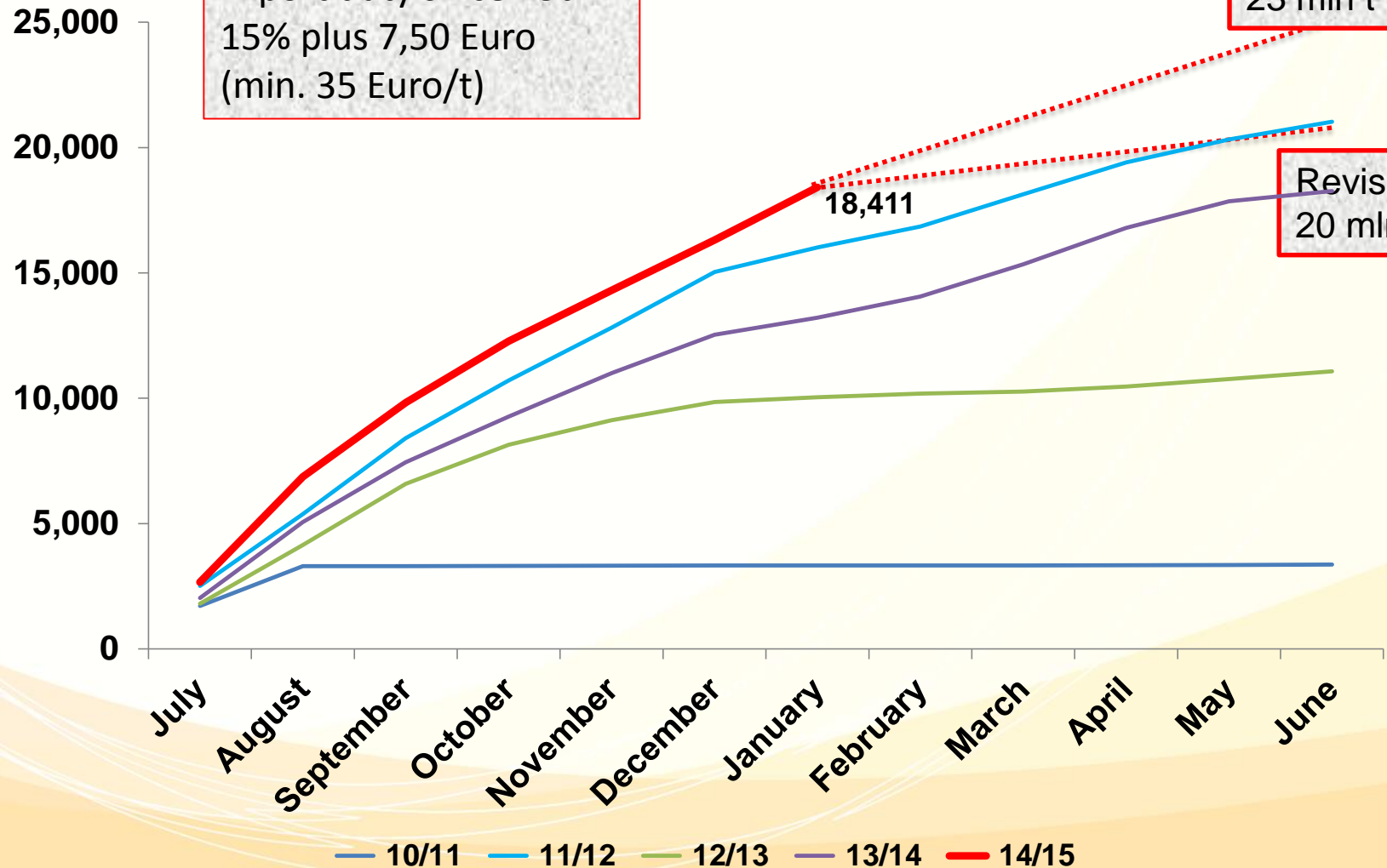
# Current Situation in Russia

**Wheat Export Forecast Revised down by 3 mln t, but still high**

Initial  
Forecast:  
23 mln t

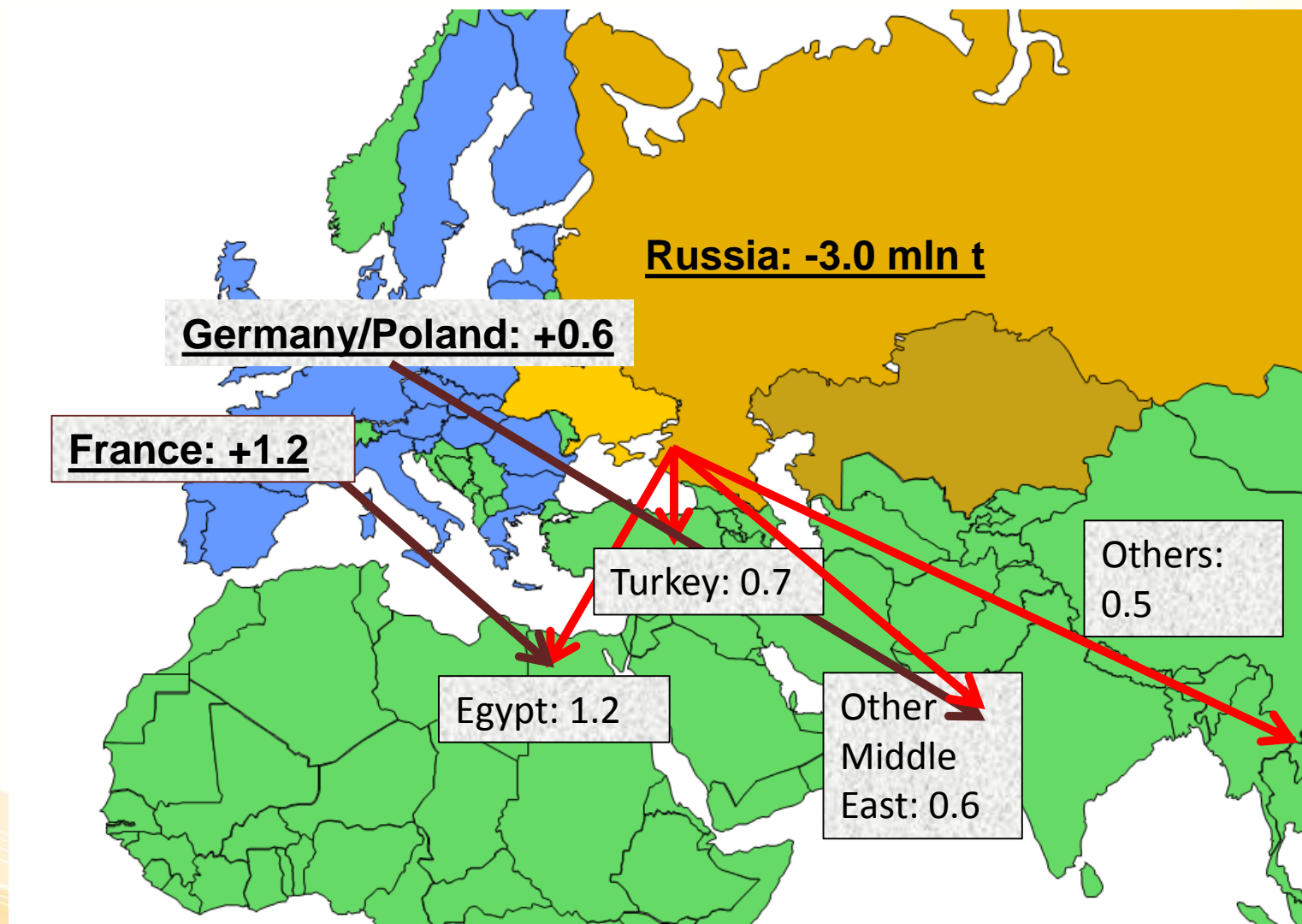
Export duty since Feb 1:  
15% plus 7,50 Euro  
(min. 35 Euro/t)

Revised:  
20 mln t



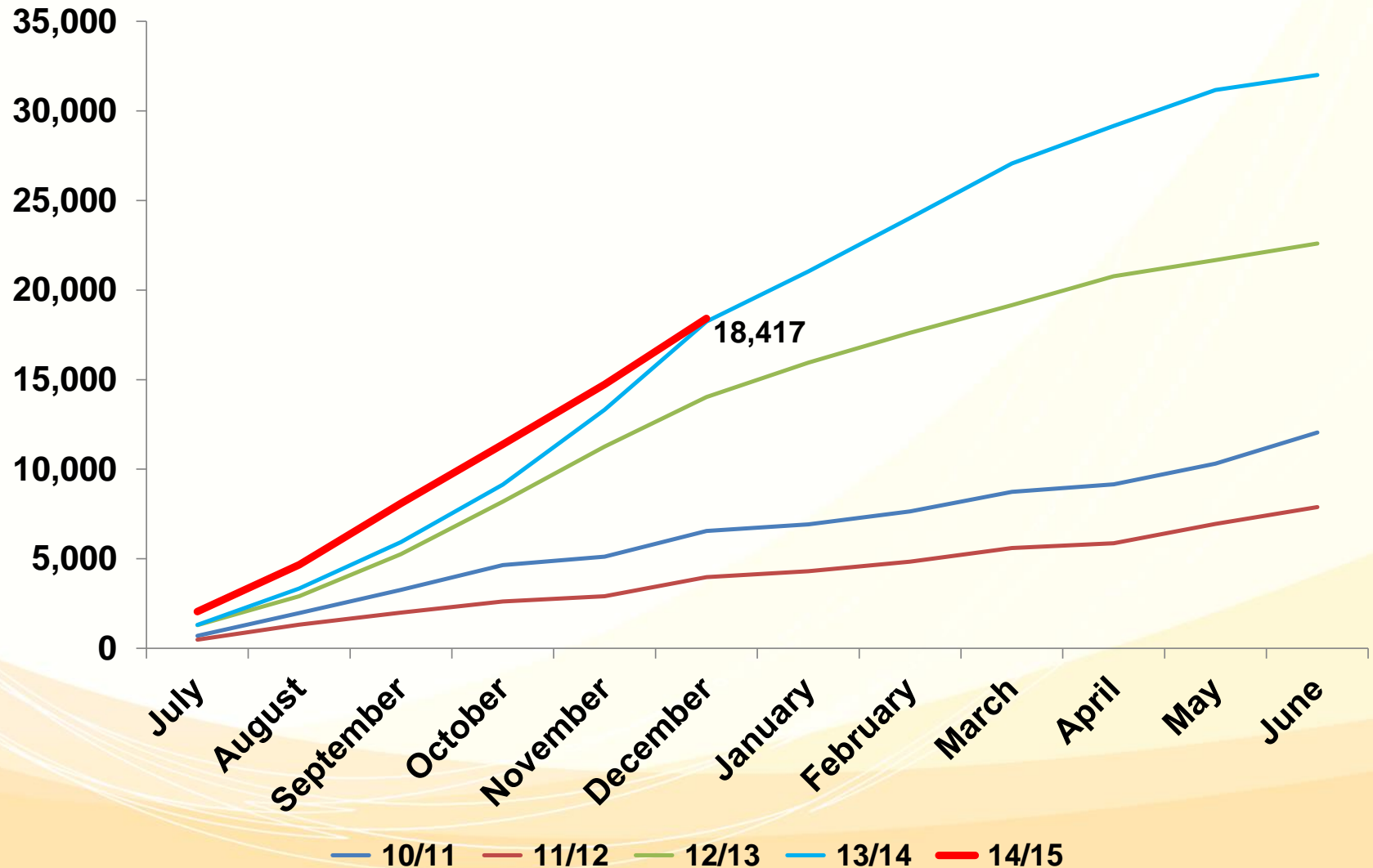
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Who replaces Russian Wheat Exports? – in mln t



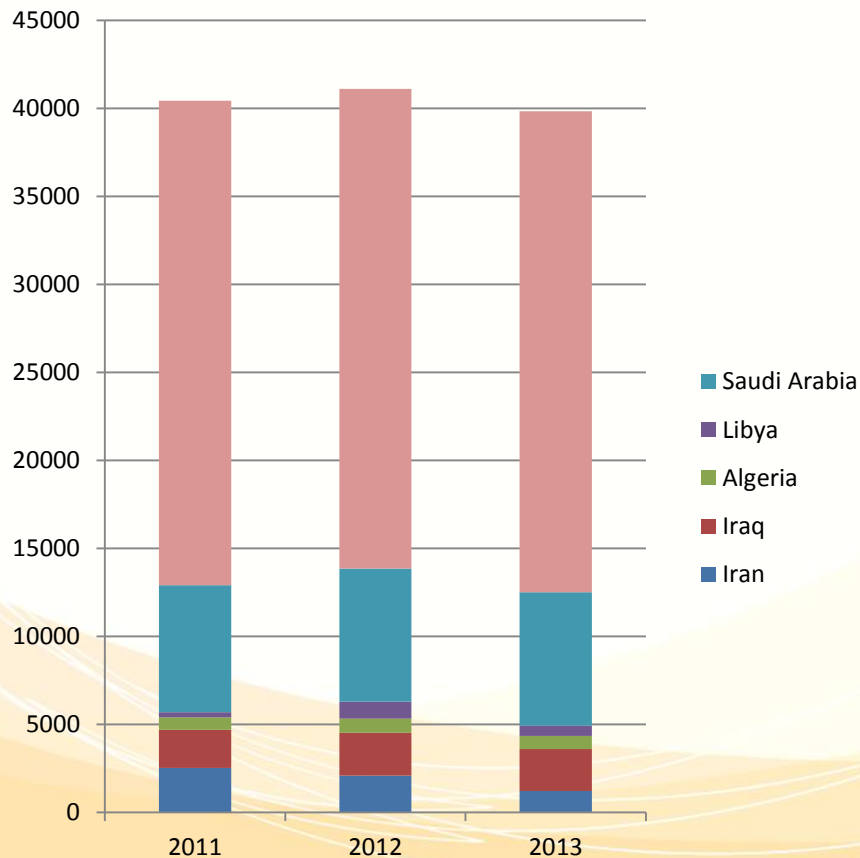
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## Total Grain Exports at good pace – in 1,000 t



# Cereals imports of major oil exporters: what's next?

**World exports of crude oil  
(1000 barells/day)**



**Imports of cereals  
(1000 t)**

