

No Grain Ban Expected

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Russia has no grounds to ban grain exports this season, said Pavel Skurikhin, president of the country's Grain Producers' Union.

The grains harvest is forecast to be below 80 million metric tons in the season that started July 1 because of drought and other factors, Skurikhin said Thursday at a news conference in Moscow.

Drought in the country's south in May and June is now in Siberia's Altai region, Skurikhin said. Altai was the fifth-biggest grain growing region in Russia last year after it harvested 3.9 million tons of grain, state statistics show.

Other reasons for a lesser crop include the high cost of loans for farmers, aging agricultural machines and limited use of fertilizers and pesticides, he said. The crop will meet domestic demand of about 73 million tons, he added.

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