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FIRST ESTIMATE OF SOME IMPORTANT EARLY CROPS, 2026

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics publishes data on the early production estimate of the most important crops in 2026.

Increased production of rapeseed

It is estimated that the production of rapeseed increased by **42.3%**, of wheat by **5.5%**, and of oats by **1.0%** in 2026 compared to the last year's achieved production.

Decreased production of barley

It is estimated that the production of barley decreased by 9.3% in 2026 compared to the production achieved last year.

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	Harvested area, '000 ha	Expected production		Indices of total expected production, 2025 = 100 ¹⁾
		t/ha	Total, '000 t	
Wheat – total ²⁾	161	6,8	1 095	105,5
Barley ³⁾	57	5,6	319	90,7
Oats	15	3,3	50	101,0
Rapeseed	28	3,1	87	142,3

1) Final data.

2) Soft and hard wheat (winter, spring and seed).

3) Winter barley and spring barley.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics conducted surveys on crop statistics on the basis of the Official Statistics Act (NN, Nos 25/20, 155/23, 124/25 – corr. and 69/26), Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2022 on statistics on agricultural input and output, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 617/2008 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1165/2008, (EC) No 543/2009 and (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 96/16/EC, and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1538 of 25 July 2023 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards crop production statistics.

Sources and methods of data collection

The data on the first estimate of the production of some important crops in 2026 refer to the non-harvested field crops and are presented as the actual yield that will be used after the harvest is completed, providing that the grain has a strictly defined wetness value, even after the deduction of all losses.

The above-mentioned data are actually the first information issued by the Croatian Bureau of Statistics on the production of early crops. Production estimates are published for wheat, barley, oats and rapeseed.

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics estimated the data on areas sown with important crops and expected yields on the basis of the following:

- results of the Annual survey on crop and animal production (PO-71 form)
- results of the Farm Structure Survey (PO-22/STR form)
- available administrative sources of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, databases and registers of the Paying Agency for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development Single Application and other relevant sources.

Coverage and comparability

Reporting units are business entities and parts thereof defined in section A Agriculture, forestry and fishing according to the NKD 2025, as well as other business entities and parts thereof engaged in agricultural production but classified in other activities. The coverage is selective. Data are collected in two ways: by using the reporting method on the appropriate form or via a web-based application.

Reporting units are also private family farms engaged in agricultural production, for which data are collected by interviewers.

Abbreviations

EU	European Union
EC	European Community
ha	hectare
NKD 2025	National Classification of Activities, 2025 version
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia
t	tonne
'000	thousand

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