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FIRST ESTIMATE OF AREAS OF SOME IMPORTANT CROPS, 2023

Increased sowing of wheat

It is estimated that the area sown with wheat in 2023 increased by 6 thousand hectares, that is, by 3.8% compared to the previous year.

Decreased sowing of rapeseed

It is estimated that the area sown with rapeseed decreased by 8 thousand hectares, that is, by 36.4% compared to the previous year.

1 FIRST ESTIMATE OF AREAS SOWN WITH IMPORTANT CROPS, 2023

	2022 ¹⁾	2023	Indices 2023 2022
	'000 ha		
Wheat – total ²⁾	158	164	103,8
Maize – total ³⁾	268	270	100,7
Soya beans	91	91	100,0
Rapeseed	22	14	63,6
Sunflowers	51	53	103,9
Sugar beets	9	8	88,9
Potatoes ³⁾	7	7	100,0

1) Final data.

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

3) Mercantile and seed.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics conducted surveys on crop statistics on the basis of the Official Statistics Act (NN, No. 25/20), Regulation (EC) No. 543/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 concerning crop statistics and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1557 of 13 July 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No. 543/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning crop statistics.

Sources and methods of data collection

Data on first estimates of areas sown with important crops refer to the situation as on 1 June. These data are first information issued by the Croatian Bureau of Statistics on the situation of areas sown at the end of spring harvest. The following crops are included: wheat, maize, soya beans, rapeseed, sunflowers, sugar beets and potatoes.

Data on areas sown with important crops have been estimated by the Croatian Bureau of Statistics on the following bases:

- results of the Annual survey on crop and animal production (PO-71 form)

- available administrative sources of the Ministry of Agriculture, databases and registers of the Paying Agency for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development 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 2007 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 by means of reports mailed to the Croatian Bureau of Statistics.

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

Abbreviations

EU	European Union
EC	European Community
ha	hectare
NKD 2007	National Classification of Activities, 2007 version
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia
'000	thousand

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