Weak cereal and potato harvest resulted in higher import values for vegetable food and feed in 2017/18

Vienna, 2019-04-30 – In 2017/18, total crop production decreased by 6% compared to 2016/17. On the other hand, production of wine and fruit increased significantly. Additional imports were necessary to cover domestic demand. This can be seen from the current supply balance sheets presented by Statistics Austria for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (wine: 1 August to 31 July; sugar: 1 October to 30 September).

In 2017/18, Austria’s agriculture produced 4.86 million tons of cereals (-15%), 336 900 tons of fruit (+61%), 670 600 tons of vegetables (-3%), 653 400 tons of potatoes (-15%), 383 000 tons of oil seeds (-2%), 2.99 million tons of sugar beet (-15%) and 2.49 million hl of wine (+27%).

In order to cover domestic demand, 2.93 million tons of cereals (+14%), 1.50 million tons of fruit and vegetables (-2%), 295 900 tons of potatoes (+14%), 757 500 hl of wine (-16%), 594 800 tons of oil seeds (-4%) and 328 600 tons of vegetable oil (+1%) were imported.

The degree of self-sufficiency was respectively 101% for wine, 86% for cereals, 80% for potatoes, 56% for vegetables, 48% for oil seeds, 40% for fruit and 27% for vegetable oils.

The total agricultural foreign trade volume amounted to €23.5 bn (imports: €12.1 bn; exports: €11.4 bn). This corresponds to a share of 7.9% of the total foreign trade volume of €297.5 bn.

For more detailed information please refer to the German version.