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# Above-average fruit harvest despite drought

## Harvest volume in 2022 was 13 % above the ten-year average; significant increase in all fruit groups

Vienna, 2022-11-25 – After two less good years, the fruit harvest in Austria was above average again in 2022: According to Statistics Austria, this year's harvest in commercial fruit growing was 237 200 tonnes, which is 13 % above the ten-year average and 26 % higher than in the previous year.

### Apple harvest a quarter above last year's quantity

Rich blossom and only low spring frost impact lead to accordingly high yields at pome fruits, especially among apples, which held 94 % of the pome fruit harvest. The apple harvest yielded 190 600 tonnes (+25% compared to 2021), more than three quarters of which were harvested in Styria. For pears, production of 11 900 tonnes was also far higher than in the three previous harvests (+54 % compared to 2021) and was also well above the ten-year average (+45 %).

### Spring frost reduced apricot harvest; record amounts at strawberries

Apricots achieved with 4 600 tonnes a higher harvest amount than in 2021 (+5 %), but a lower towards the ten years average (-20 %). At 2 200 tonnes, the plum harvest remained in the average range (+1 % compared to the ten-year average), but was significantly above the previous year's level (+28 %). The quantity of cherries and sour cherries produced was 2 600 tonnes, an increase of 65 % over the weak previous year and 39 % above the long-term average.

Strawberry production reached 16 900 tonnes (+19 % compared to 2021), the highest level in the past ten years (+34 % compared to the ten-year average). The currant harvest was also above average at 3 400 tonnes (+28 % to 2021) and blueberries as well achieved with 2 100 tonnes, mainly grown in Styria, the highest value since 2009 (+18 % to 2021). The production of raspberries compared to the previous year remained almost unchanged at 700 tonnes (+/-0 %).

For detailed results and further information please refer to [website](#).

**Information on methodology, definitions:** The fruit harvest survey of commercial fruit growing is based on yield estimations of the agricultural chambers. The area for calculation of harvest amounts is based on the last survey on fruit plantations (2017), which is regularly adapted by estimations of the agricultural chambers and results of the funding applications of Agrarmarkt Austria.

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