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Above-average vegetable harvest in 2022

Harvest volume of field and horticultural vegetables the same as in the previous year, but 9 % above the five-year average

Vienna, 2022-12-02 – According to Statistics Austria, 674 300 tonnes of field and horticultural vegetables were harvested in Austria this year. This means that the harvest volume – on an almost unchanged cultivation area – is about the same as in the previous year (+/-0 % to 2021) and is noticeably above the five-year average (+9 %).

Significantly more onions and cabbage harvested, record low spinach harvest

In 2022, 365 200 tonnes of root, tuber and bulb vegetables were harvested (+2 % compared to 2021). This is significantly above the five-year average (+14 %). Onions represented more than a quarter of total vegetable production, with a crop of 174 800 tonnes (+4 % to 2021; +18 % to the five-year average). Carrot production remained largely stable at 118 400 tonnes (+1 % to 2021). The fresh pea harvest declined despite increased yields to 9 600 tonnes (-2 % to 2021) due to a reduction in cultivated area.

Leafy and stalked vegetables including brassicas recorded with 141 700 tonnes (-4 % compared to 2021) a slightly above-average production volume (+3 % compared to the five-year average). Salad production, which accounted for more than one-third of this product group, amounted to 48 700 tonnes (-5 % to 2021; +4 % to the five-year average). Cabbage reached a production of 45 800 tonnes (+11 % compared to 2021) on expanded acreage. Spinach, on the other hand, fell to a record low level of 8 500 tonnes (-28 % to 2021; -33 % to the five-year average).

More field vegetable, less greenhouse production for fruit vegetable

The fruit vegetable harvest counted 167 400 tonnes (-1 % compared to 2021), which meant a surplus of 3 % towards the five-year average. While the cultivation areas of field vegetables such as sweet corn, gourds and pumpkins or zucchini were expanded in 2022, the area of energy-intensive greenhouse cultivation was reduced due to a shortening of the production period, a reduction in cultivation rates and farm closures. For tomatoes, the production of 57 000 tonnes was 5 % lower than in 2021. The harvest volume of cucumbers also decreased significantly to 44 100 tonnes (-8 %). The production of peppers fell to 12 600 tonnes (-16 % compared to 2021). Sweet corn, on the other hand, reached record levels in terms of area and yield per hectare, resulting in an exceptionally high production volume of 19 200 tonnes (+27 % compared to 2021). Gourds and pumpkins, due to area extension, also achieved a new record value of 22 300 tonnes (+8 % compared to 2021). Melons as well expanded on area and with 2 200 tonnes recorded a surplus of 9 % compared to the previous year.

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

Information on methodology, definitions: The survey of vegetable production is based on the yield estimates of the vegetable consultants of the Chambers of Agriculture. As area basis for calculating the harvest quantities the results of the last horticultural and field vegetable survey (2020), supplemented by estimates of the chamber consultants, were used.

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