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Per capita consumption of vegetables at record level

Sugar consumption in Austria decreased in 2021/22

Vienna, 2023-04-28 – According to Statistics Austria, per capita consumption of vegetables rose to a record 123.9 kg in the 2021/2022 marketing year. This is 7.5 kg more than in the previous year. At the same time, per capita consumption of sugar fell by 0.8 kg year-on-year to 29.1 kg, the lowest level since 1995. At 109.6 liters, per capita consumption of beer rose to the level of 20 years ago.

As further shown in the current supply balances, which depict the volume and use of the most important crop products for the economic period from 1 July 2021, to 30 June 2022 (wine: 1 August to 31 July; sugar: 1 October to 30 September), domestic harvest volumes in the 2021/22 marketing year amounted to 5.3 million t of cereals (–7%), 3 million t of sugar beet (+44%), 770 000 t of potatoes (–13%), 749 000 t of vegetables (+4%), 430 000 t of oilseeds (+10%) and 366 000 t of fruit (–24%). Wine production amounted to 2.5 million hl (+3%).

To cover domestic demand, a total of 3.3 million t of cereals (+10%), 880 000 t of vegetables (+5%), 721 000 t of fruit (–3%), 678 000 t of oilseeds (–5%), 722 000 hl of wine (+1%), 276 000 t of vegetable oils (–31%) and 275 000 t of potatoes (+3%) were imported.

Domestic use of cereals amounted to 6.1 million t (+/–0% compared to the same period of the previous year). This quantity (food and non-food) includes domestic and imported food, animal feed from domestic production, as well as the share that goes into industrial processing as raw material. Domestic use of vegetables amounted to 1.3 million t (+7%), potatoes 898 000 t (–8%), fruit 890 000 t (–11%), oilseeds 862 000 t (+4%), vegetable oils 385 000 t (–14%), wine 2.5 million hl (+3%) and beer 9.9 million hl (+7%).

Domestic agriculture thus covered 100% of the demand for wine, 87% for cereals, 86% for potatoes, 57% for vegetables, 50% for oilseeds, 41% for fruit and 33% for vegetable oils.

Value of agricultural imports exceeded value of agricultural exports in 2021/22 marketing year

Compared to the same period of the previous year, the volume of agricultural foreign trade for crop and animal products increased from €26.2 bn to €30.2 bn (+15%) in the 2021/22 marketing year. This corresponds to a share of 8.0% of the total foreign trade volume (€379.1 bn). The value of agricultural imports rose from €13.0 bn to €15.2 bn (+17%) and that of exports from €13.2 bn to €15.0 bn (+13%). On balance, this meant a deficit in agricultural foreign trade. The Member States of the European Union continued to be the main trading partners, accounting for 83% of imports and 75% of exports.

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

Per capita consumption of selected foods

Product	Unit	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Vegetables	kg	117.9	116.4	123.9
Fruits	kg	75.1	76.2	74.3
Wheat and rye flour	kg	74.7	69.9	73.0

Product	Unit	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Potatoes, potato starch (in potato value)	kg	57.3	61.0	58.8
Sugar	kg	33.1	29.9	29.1
Rice	kg	5.1	5.2	5.0
Oilseeds	kg	7.4	7.2	7.6
Vegetable oils	kg	13.9	13.1	13.1
Wine	Litre	26.0	25.7	26.4
Beer	Litre	107.1	103.6	109.6

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, supply balances for crop products.

Information on methodology, definitions: Supply balances represent a synopsis of quantitative and qualitative information on agriculture and the food sector. In order to capture the totality of a product, the supply balance of a basic agricultural product (e.g. grain and sugar) also takes into account the most important processed products (e.g. flour, starch and sugary goods) – provided that these are not the subject of separate balances. Only in this way is it possible to obtain an overall view of foreign trade and the supply of a product.

The supply balances are calculated for the most important food and animal feed products, taking into account national circumstances (production and marketing structures of agriculture and the food sector, differentiated data situation and availability, determination and application of technical coefficients in detailed balances, technical requirements for foreign trade, etc.). They are published in product-specific detailed balances as a statement of supply and use.

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