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# Fewer vegetables harvested than in 2022

## Harvest volume in 2023 3% below 2022, but 3% above five-year average

Vienna, 2023-12-04 – According to Statistics Austria, this year's field and horticultural vegetable harvest was 3% lower than in the previous year, despite an increase in cultivated area. However, at 651 500 tonnes, the 2023 harvest was still slightly above the five-year average (+3%).

### Satisfactory onions harvest, more salads, further decline of spinach area

The harvest volume of root, tuber and bulb vegetables including pulses amounted to 350 000 tonnes (-4% compared to 2022) and was therefore well above the five-year average (+6%). Of this, 159 500 tonnes were onions, which accounted for almost a quarter of total vegetable production, a decrease of 9% compared to the previous year (+3% on the five-year average). Carrots increased slightly in area and achieved a harvest of 121 000 tonnes (+2% compared to 2022), while the production volume of green peas fell to 8 700 tonnes due to yield losses (-10% compared to 2022).

Leafy and stalked vegetables including brassicas recorded a slightly below-average production volume of 137 200 tonnes (-1% on the five-year average), which remained 3% below the previous year's value. Although drought and storms limited yields, the mild autumn weather extended the harvest season. Due to more cultivation, 53 400 tonnes of salads, which made up almost 40% of this product group, were harvested (+10% compared to 2022; +13% compared to the five-year average). The area under cabbage cultivation fell by 4% and the harvest volume decreased to 38 800 tonnes (-15% compared to 2022). The spinach harvest, which was already very low in 2022, fell further (-9% to 7 800 tonnes) and was 36% below the five-year average.

### Slightly less fruit vegetables

The fruit vegetable harvest amounted to 164 300 tonnes and, with a largely constant cultivated area, was below the previous year's level (-2% compared to 2022), this almost corresponded to the five-year average. The cool, low-light spring resulted in a bad start of the season, which could not be completely made up for over the course of the summer. Tomato production remained stable compared to the previous year at 57 000 tonnes, although more cultivation area was available. The harvest volume of cucumbers including gherkins fell by 2% to 43 400 tonnes. The pepper harvest increased by 5% to 13 200 tonnes. Despite increased cultivation, the production volume of sweet corn was with 19 000 tonnes slightly below that of 2022 (-1%) and gourds and pumpkins achieved a production of 20 800 tonnes (-7% compared to 2022) on a slightly declining area. Melons, on the other hand, continued to increase in area (+9% compared to 2022) and recorded a production increase of 2% to 2 300 tonnes compared to the previous year.

For detailed results and further information please refer to our [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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