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17% more cereals 2025 than in the previous year

Oilseeds and protein crops also increased; sugar beets declined

Vienna, 2025-12-23 – According to Statistics Austria, the cereals harvest in 2025 amounted to 5.70 million tonnes, which is 17% higher than in the previous year and 10% above the ten-year average. The harvest of oilseeds and dried pulses reached 507 700 tonnes, which is 13% higher than in 2024. Due to a massive reduction in sugar beet acreage, root crop production is expected to decline by 31% to 2.87 million tonnes.

Compared to the previous year, the total area of arable land remained unchanged in 2025 at 1.32 million hectares ($\pm 0\%$ compared to 2024). This represents 16% of Austria's total land area. Cereal crops accounted for the largest share of arable land at 741 200 hectares (56%), followed by field fodder crops at 225 400 hectares (17%). Oilseeds and dried pulses accounted for 196 300 hectares (15%), root crops for 47 900 hectares (4%), and other arable land for 27 300 hectares (2%). 82 700 hectares or 6% of the arable land were fallow land.

Strong harvest increase for grain maize, wheat and barley

The wheat harvest amounted to 1.74 million tonnes (+11% compared to 2024), with a slightly increased area (+2%), thus exceeding the ten-year average by 7%. Of this, 1.60 million tonnes were common wheat, including spelt (+12% compared to 2024). Rye cultivation, on the other hand, declined sharply again (-14% compared to 2024) due to poor sowing conditions. However, thanks to high yields, a considerable harvest of 144 700 tonnes (+13% compared to 2024) was achieved. The grain maize harvest was also above average, at 2.52 million tonnes across Austria (+22% compared to 2024, +18% compared to the ten-year average). Compared to 2024, the area under grain maize cultivation increased by 9% to 226 400 hectares, accounting for 17% of the total arable land. Despite a decline in acreage (-3%), barley production rose to 825 100 tonnes (+15% compared to 2024), accounting for 9% of total arable land. Spring-sown summer barley is becoming increasingly less important, accounting for only 15% of barley acreage in 2025.

Sunflowers up – rapeseed down; abundant soy and pumpkin seeds

Soybean production increased to 279 500 tonnes (+13% compared to 2024) thanks to strong yields in Lower and Upper Austria. Oil pumpkins saw an expansion of the cultivated area (+7% compared to 2024) and above-average yields, resulting in a production volume of 26 900 tonnes of pumpkin seeds (+18% compared to 2024), the third highest in the last 10 years. Sunflower acreage also increased (+17% compared to 2024), reaching a record production volume of 78 100 tonnes (+48% compared to 2024). In contrast, the cultivation of rapeseed and turnip rape was once again significantly reduced (-16% compared to 2024), causing production to fall to a new low of 65 200 tonnes (-8% compared to 2024).

Significantly fewer sugar beets, more potatoes

The area under sugar beet cultivation was reduced by 42% to just 24 900 hectares. This massive reduction is due to the closure of the sugar factory in Leopoldsdorf, low sugar prices, and, in some cases, high pest pressure. Current estimates predict a harvest of 2.05 million tonnes, which is 40% less than in 2024. Potatoes, on the other hand, increased in area (+5% compared to 2024) and yielded an excellent harvest of 813 300 tonnes (+17%). Of this, over half (52%) were early and table potatoes, which accounted for 60% of the total area.

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

Information on methodology, definitions: The survey on field crop harvest is based on the yield survey by Agrarmarkt Austria and on yield estimates by around 2 000 voluntary harvest consultants. As area basis for calculating production, the cultivation areas from the analysis of the combined applications for area-based agricultural subsidies from Agrarmarkt Austria, as of October 2025, were used.

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