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### Crop production continues to decline in the 2019/20 agricultural year

**Vienna**, 2021-04-29 – In 2019/20, the total crop production decreased for the third time in a row compared to the same period in the previous year; this time by a total of 2%. While cereal production was significantly higher than the period before, fruit production fell by almost half after a record in the previous year. This can be seen from the supply balance sheets from Statistics Austria for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (wine: 1 August to 31 July; sugar: 1 October to 30 September).

In the crop year 2019/20, Austria's agriculture **produced** 5.4 million tonnes of cereals (+13%), 751 000 tonnes of potatoes (+8%), 690 000 tonnes of vegetables (+9%), 410 000 tonnes of oil seeds (+6%), 399 000 tonnes of fruit (-45%), 1.97 million tonnes of sugar beet (-9%) and 2.32 million hectolitres of wine (-16%).

In order to cover domestic demand, 2.94 million tonnes of cereals (+10%), 1.59 million tonnes of fruit and vegetables (+4%), 728 000 hectolitres of wine (+3%), 694 000 tonnes of oil seeds (+5%), 343 000 tonnes of vegetable oil (+/-0%) and 278 000 tonnes of potatoes (-5%) were **imported**.

The degree of **self-sufficiency** was 95% for wine, 88% for cereals, 85% for potatoes, 55% for vegetables, 51% for oil seeds, 45% for fruit and 30% for vegetable oils.

The total **agricultural foreign trade volume** amounted to €25.4 bn (imports: €12.8 bn; exports: €12.6 bn). This corresponds to a share of 8.7% of the total foreign trade volume of €292.5 bn.

For more detailed information please refer to the [German version](#).