

COMMENTARY

At the beginning of the 1st half-year 2020, agricultural organizations showed the following stocks of crop products: 2 852 thous. tonnes of cereals, 36 thous. tonnes of field peas, 126 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 195 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 293 thous. tonnes of rape, 7 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 5 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed. In total 8 thous. tonnes of cereals, 26 thous. tonnes of potatoes, and 85 tonnes of rape were harvested until 30 June 2020. During the 1st half-year, 238 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest amount – 77 thous. tonnes – of barley), 18 thous. tonnes of field peas, 64 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 6 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 30 thous. tonnes of rape, 2 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 1 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed were purchased by agricultural organisations.

Sales of crop products in the 1st half-year comprised 2 143 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (the largest share – 1 386 thous. tonnes – was recorded for wheat). Direct exports of cereals, total, reached 102 thous. tonnes. Further sales included 27 thous. tonnes of field peas, of which 1 thous. tonnes were directly exported. Sales of potatoes, total, were 126 thous. tonnes and their direct exports reached 2 thous. tonnes. Sugar beet sales were 198 thous. tonnes. The amount of rape sold during the 1st half-year was 303 thous. tonnes, of which 12 thous. tonnes directly exported. Agricultural organisations sold 8 thous. tonnes of poppy, of which 196 tonnes by direct exports. The amount of sunflower seed sold was 5 thous. tonnes, of which 10 tonnes were directly exported.

The consumption of cereals, total, in agricultural organizations during the 1st half-year reached 594 thous. tonnes, with the largest share – 245 thous. tonnes – of wheat. Out of this amount, 13 tonnes were used for food purposes, 519 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 64 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 11 thous. tonnes for other use. The consumption of field peas reached 15 thous. tonnes, of which 5 thous. tonnes for feed purposes and 10 thous. tonnes as seeds. In total 78 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, were consumed: 4 thous tonnes for food purposes, 2 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 68 thous. tonnes as seeds and 4 thous. tonnes for other use. The amount of rape consumed was 2 thous. tonnes: 2 thous. tonnes for feed purposes and 1 thous. tonnes for other purposes. The poppy consumption reached 119 tonnes, mainly as seeds. Agricultural organizations consumed 133 tonnes of sunflower seed, of which 83 tonnes for feed purposes and 48 tonnes as seeds.

Losses during storage during the 1st half-year 2020 amounted to 2 thous. tonnes of cereals, total, 67 tonnes of field peas, 5 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 278 tonnes of rape, 53 tonnes of poppy, and 54 tonnes of sunflower seed.

Stocks at the end of the 1st half-year 2020 were 358 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest ones – 141 thous. tonnes – were those of wheat), 12 thous. tonnes of field peas, 6 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 2 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 17 thous. tonnes of rape, 477 tonnes of poppy, and 485 tonnes of sunflower seed.