

COMMENTARY

At the beginning of the 1st half-year 2021, agricultural organizations showed the following stocks of crop products: 2 942 thous. tonnes of cereals, 40 thous. tonnes of field peas, 168 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 282 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 257 thous. tonnes of rape, 11 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 5 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed. In total 13 thous. tonnes of potatoes were harvested until 30 June 2021. During the 1st half-year, 191 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest amount – 69 thous. tonnes – of barley), 17 thous. tonnes of field peas, 63 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 3 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 13 thous. tonnes of rape, 2 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 528 tonnes of sunflower seed were purchased by agricultural organisations.

Sales of crop products in the 1st half-year comprised 2 260 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (the largest share – 1 327 thous. tonnes – was recorded for wheat). Direct exports of cereals, total, reached 89 thous. tonnes. Further sales included 28 thous. tonnes of field peas, of which 1 thous. tonnes were directly exported. Sales of potatoes, total, were 142 thous. tonnes and their direct exports reached 4 thous. tonnes. Sugar beet sales were 272 thous. tonnes. The amount of rape sold during the 1st half-year was 261 thous. tonnes, of which 9 thous. tonnes were directly exported. Agricultural organisations sold 12 thous. tonnes of poppy, of which 358 tonnes by direct exports. The amount of sunflower seed sold was 5 thous. tonnes.

The consumption of cereals, total, in agricultural organizations during the 1st half-year reached 564 thous. tonnes, with the largest share – 228 thous. tonnes – of wheat. Out of this amount, 481 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 73 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 9 thous. tonnes for other use. The consumption of field peas reached 17 thous. tonnes, of which 5 thous. tonnes for feed purposes and 11 thous. tonnes as seeds. In total 87 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, were consumed: 5 thous. tonnes for food purposes, 6 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 70 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 5 thous. tonnes for other use. The amount of rape consumed was 3 thous. tonnes: 2 thous. tonnes for feed purposes and 1 thous. tonnes for other purposes. The poppy consumption reached 84 tonnes, mainly as seeds. Agricultural organizations consumed 113 tonnes of sunflower seed, of which 2 tonnes for feed purposes and 111 tonnes as seeds.

Losses during storage during the 1st half-year 2021 amounted to 3 thous. tonnes of cereals, total, 215 tonnes of field peas, 6 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 178 tonnes of rape, 88 tonnes of poppy.

Stocks at the end of the 1st half-year 2021 were 307 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest ones – 130 thous. tonnes – were those of wheat), 13 thous. tonnes of field peas, 7 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 13 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 5 thous. tonnes of rape, 1 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 404 tonnes of sunflower seed.