

COMMENTARY

At the beginning of the 2nd half-year 2021, agricultural organizations showed the following stocks of crop products: 307 thous. tonnes of cereals, 13 thous. tonnes of field peas for grain, 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. In total 8 226 thous. tonnes of cereals, total, 104 tonnes of field peas, 659 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 4 145 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 1 025 thous. tonnes of rape, 30 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 52 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed were harvested in the 2nd half of 2021. During the 2nd half-year, 539 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest amount – 318 thous. tonnes – of wheat), 9 thous. tonnes of field peas, 15 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 44 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 42 thous. tonnes of rape, 4 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 5 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed were purchased by agricultural organisations.

Sales of crop products in the 2nd half-year comprised of 5 283 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (the largest share – 3 254 thous. tonnes – was recorded for wheat). Direct exports of cereals, total, reached 155 thous. tonnes. Further sales included 71 thous. tonnes of field peas, of which 2 thous. tonnes were directly exported. Sales of potatoes, total, were 517 thous. tonnes and their direct exports reached 13 thous. tonnes. Sugar beet sales were 3 790 thous. tonnes. The amount of rape sold during the 2nd half-year was 895 thous. tonnes, of which 25 thous. tonnes directly exported. Agricultural organisations sold 20 thous. tonnes of poppy, of which 362 tonnes by direct exports. The amount of sunflower seed sold was 50 thous. tonnes, of which 2 thous. tonnes directly exported.

The consumption of cereals, total, in agricultural organizations during the 2nd half-year reached 723 thous. tonnes, with the largest share – 393 thous. tonnes – of wheat. Out of this amount, 515 thous. tonnes were used for feed purposes, 197 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 11 thous. tonnes for other use. The consumption of field peas reached 6 thous. tonnes, mainly for feed purposes. In total 15 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, were consumed, of which 7 thous. tonnes for food purposes, 5 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, and 3 thous. tonnes for other use. The amount of rape consumed was 5 thous. tonnes: 3 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 1 000 tonnes as seeds, and 858 tonnes for other purposes. The poppy consumption reached 91 tonnes, mainly for feed purposes. Agricultural organizations consumed 55 tonnes of sunflower seed, prevaillingly for feed purposes.

Losses during storage during the 2nd half-year 2021 amounted to 5 thous. tonnes of cereals, total, 124 tonnes of field peas, 2 000 tonnes of potatoes, total, 196 tonnes of sugar beet, 561 tonnes of rape, 94 tonnes of poppy, and 80 tonnes of sunflower seed.

Stocks at the end of 2021 were 3 061 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest ones – 1 759 thous. tonnes – were those of wheat), 48 thous. tonnes of field peas, 147 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 412 thous tonnes of sugar beet, 171 thous. tonnes of rape, 14 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 8 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed.