

COMMENTARY

At the beginning of the 1st half-year 2022, agricultural organizations showed the following stocks of crop products: 3 061 thous. tonnes of cereals, 48 thous. tonnes of field peas, 147 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 412 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 171 thous. tonnes of rape, 14 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 8 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed. In total 30 thous. tonnes of cereals, 434 tonnes of field peas, 15 thous. tonnes of potatoes and 2 thous. tonnes of rape were harvested until 30 June 2022. During the 1st half-year, 160 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest amount – 58 thous. tonnes – of barley), 13 thous. tonnes of field peas, 97 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 15 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 5 thous. tonnes of rape, 646 tonnes of poppy, and 2 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed were purchased by agricultural organisations.

Sales of crop products in the 1st half-year comprised 2 368 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (the largest share – 1 442 thous. tonnes – was recorded for wheat). Direct exports of cereals, total, reached 78 thous. tonnes. Further sales included 33 thous. tonnes of field peas, of which 709 tonnes were directly exported. Sales of potatoes, total, were 154 thous. tonnes and their direct exports reached 3 thous. tonnes. Sugar beet sales were 402 thous. tonnes. The amount of rape sold during the 1st half-year was 167 thous. tonnes, of which 6 thous. tonnes were directly exported. Agricultural organisations sold 13 thous. tonnes of poppy. The amount of sunflower seed sold was 8 thous. tonnes.

The consumption of cereals, total, in agricultural organizations during the 1st half-year reached 551 thous. tonnes, with the largest share – 227 thous. tonnes – of wheat. Out of this amount, 473 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 67 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 10 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 93 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, were consumed: 4 thous. tonnes for food purposes, 9 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 76 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 5 thous. tonnes for other use. The amount of rape consumed was 5 thous. tonnes: 5 thous. tonnes for feed purposes and 271 tonnes for other purposes. The poppy consumption reached 86 tonnes, mainly as seeds. Agricultural organizations consumed 346 tonnes of sunflower seed, of which 230 tonnes for feed purposes and 116 tonnes as seeds.

Losses during storage during the 1st half-year 2022 amounted to 2 thous. tonnes of cereals, total, 53 tonnes of field peas, 4 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 162 tonnes of rape, 92 tonnes of poppy and 9 tonnes of sunflower.

Stocks at the end of the 1st half-year 2022 were 329 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest ones – 143 thous. tonnes – were those of wheat), 13 thous. tonnes of field peas, 8 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 24 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 5 thous. tonnes of rape, 2 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 558 tonnes of sunflower seed.