

COMMENTARY

At the beginning of the 2nd half-year 2022, agricultural organizations showed the following stocks of crop products: 329 thous. tonnes of cereals, 13 thous. tonnes of field peas for grain, 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. In total 8 188 thous. tonnes of cereals, total, 115 tonnes of field peas, 641 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 4 055 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 1 165 thous. tonnes of rape, 22 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 60 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed were harvested in the 2nd half of 2022. During the 2nd half-year, 357 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest amount – 212 thous. tonnes – of wheat), 11 thous. tonnes of field peas, 12 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 57 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 45 thous. tonnes of rape, 1 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 1 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed were purchased by agricultural organisations.

Sales of crop products in the 2nd half-year comprised of 4 743 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (the largest share – 2 964 thous. tonnes – was recorded for wheat). Direct exports of cereals, total, reached 122 thous. tonnes. Further sales included 81 thous. tonnes of field peas, of which 2 thous. tonnes were directly exported. Sales of potatoes, total, were 514 thous. tonnes and their direct exports reached 19 thous. tonnes. Sugar beet sales were 3 617 thous. tonnes. The amount of rape sold during the 2nd half-year was 806 thous. tonnes, of which 16 thous. tonnes directly exported. Agricultural organisations sold 14 thous. tonnes of poppy, of which 298 tonnes by direct exports. The amount of sunflower seed sold was 44 thous. tonnes, of which 2 thous. tonnes directly exported.

The consumption of cereals, total, in agricultural organizations during the 2nd half-year reached 729 thous. tonnes, with the largest share – 408 thous. tonnes – of wheat. Out of this amount, 520 thous. tonnes were used for feed purposes, 203 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 7 thous. tonnes for other use. The consumption of field peas reached 9 thous. tonnes, mainly for feed purposes. In total 19 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, were consumed, of which 5 thous. tonnes for food purposes, 12 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, and 2 thous. tonnes for other use. The amount of rape consumed was 4 thous. tonnes: 2 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 2 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 499 tonnes for other purposes. The poppy consumption reached 3 tonnes, mainly as seeds. Agricultural organizations consumed 64 tonnes of sunflower seed, prevalingly for feed purposes.

Losses during storage during the 2nd half-year 2022 amounted to 5 thous. tonnes of cereals, total, 174 tonnes of field peas, 2 000 tonnes of potatoes, total, 538 tonnes of rape, 31 tonnes of poppy, and 153 tonnes of sunflower seed.

Stocks at the end of 2022 were 3 397 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest ones – 2 164 thous. tonnes – were those of wheat), 48 thous. tonnes of field peas, 125 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 519 thous tonnes of sugar beet, 403 thous. tonnes of rape, 11 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 17 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed.