

COMMENTARY

At the beginning of the 1st half-year 2023, agricultural organizations showed the following stocks of crop products: 3 397 thous. tonnes of cereals, 48 thous. tonnes of field peas, 125 thous. tonnes of potatoes (total), 519 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 403 thous. tonnes of rape seed, 11 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 17 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed. Until 30 June 2023, 17 thous. tonnes of cereals (total), 19 thous. tonnes of potatoes and 1 thous. tonnes of rape seed were harvested. During the 1st half-year, agricultural organizations purchased 148 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest amount – 58 thous. tonnes – was for wheat), 18 thous. tonnes of field peas, 86 thous. tonnes of potatoes (total), 17 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 9 thous. tonnes of rape seed, 661 tonnes of poppy, and 2 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed.

Sales of crop products in the 1st half-year comprised 2 457 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (the largest share – 1 672 thous. tonnes – was recorded for wheat). Direct exports of cereals (total) reached 93 thous. tonnes. Further sales included 33 thous. tonnes of field peas, of which 2 thous. tonnes were directly exported. Sales of potatoes (total) were 139 thous. tonnes and their direct exports reached 306 tonnes. Sugar beet sales reached 504 thous. tonnes. The amount of rape seed sold during the 1st half-year was 351 thous. tonnes, of which 11 thous. tonnes were directly exported. Agricultural organizations sold 10 thous. tonnes of poppy. The amount of sunflower seed sold was 16 thous. tonnes.

The consumption of cereals (total) in agricultural organizations during the 1st half-year reached 520 thous. tonnes, with the largest share – 234 thous. tonnes – of wheat. Out of this amount, 458 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 55 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 7 thous. tonnes for other use. The consumption of field peas reached 21 thous. tonnes, of which 6 thous. tonnes for feed purposes and 15 thous. tonnes as seeds. 83 thous. tonnes of potatoes (total) were consumed: 6 thous. tonnes for food purposes, 4 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 71 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 2 thous. tonnes for other use. The amount of consumed rape seed was 2 thous. tonnes: 2 thous. tonnes for feed purposes and 561 tonnes for other purposes. The poppy consumption reached 83 tonnes, mainly as seeds. Agricultural organizations consumed 158 tonnes of sunflower seed, of which 66 tonnes for feed purposes and 91 tonnes as seeds.

Storage losses during the 1st half-year 2023 amounted to 2 thous. tonnes of cereals (total), 90 tonnes of field peas, 3 thous. tonnes of potatoes (total), 215 tonnes of rape seed, 92 tonnes of poppy and 73 tonnes of sunflower seed.

Stocks at the end of the 1st half-year 2023 were 583 thous. tonnes of cereals (total), of which the largest – 321 thous. tonnes – were of wheat), 12 thous. tonnes of field peas, 5 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 32 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 60 thous. tonnes of rape seed, 961 tonnes of poppy, and 3 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed.