

## BRIEF COMMENTARY

**Consumption of cereals and bakery products** saw a decrease in 2012 compared to the previous year. Consumption of wheat flour, rye flour, other flours and rice flour went down by 4.2 kg (4.2%), 0.8 kg (8.6%), 0.3 kg (23.6%) and 0.1 kg (1.7%), respectively. Bread consumption as well as consumption of wheat bakery products and gingerbread, biscuits, crackers was down by 1.1 kg (2.7%), 0.3 kg (0.4%) and 2.2 kg (19.8%), respectively. Pasta consumption increased by 0.4 kg (7.1%).

**Total meat consumption in terms of carcass weight** was down by 1.2 kg (1.5%) due to a decrease in consumption of pig meat and beef meat. Increase in consumption of poultry meat partially substituted the decrease in total meat consumption.

**Total fish consumption** was up by 0.3 kg (6.7%).

**Consumption of consumer milk** rose by 1.3 kg (2.3%), **cheese consumption** went up by 0.4 kg (2.9%).

**Total consumption of fats and oils** was up by 0.2 kg (0.7%). Inside this category, consumption of butter and vegetable edible fats incl. oils went up, while lard incl. bacon went down by 0.2 kg (4.8%), 0.1 kg (0.6%) and 0.1 kg (3.3%), respectively.

**Consumption of fruits in terms of fresh produce** fell by 4.8 kg (6.0%) largely due to a lower consumption of temperate zone fruits by 3.2 kg (6.8%). There was decrease in consumption of apples, plums, pears, peaches, grapes and strawberries. Consumption of apricots, sour cherries, currant and forest berries rose moderately. Consumption of subtropical and tropical fruits went down by 1.6 kg (4.9%) due to a lower amount of import in oranges, tangerines and bananas.

**Consumption of vegetables in terms of fresh produce** saw a drop by 7.6 kg (8.8%). The decrease was in all sorts of vegetables with the exception of kohlrabi, garlic and spinach.

**Pulses consumption** rose by 0.3 kg (13.9%), whereas **consumption of potatoes** was down by 1.4 kg (1.9%).

**Sugar consumption** decreased by 4.1 kg (10.6%).

**Total consumption of alcoholic beverages in terms of pure alcohol** rose by 0.1 litres (1.1%).

**Cigarettes consumption** fell by 41 pieces (2.1 %).