

COMMENTARY

At the beginning of the 2nd half-year 2019, agricultural organizations showed the following stocks of crop products: 559 thous. tonnes of cereals, 10 thous. tonnes of field peas, 5 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 1 000 tonnes of sugar beet, 44 thous. tonnes of rape, 375 tonnes of poppy, and 4 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed. In total 7 618 thous. tonnes of cereals, total, 67 tonnes of field peas for grain, 597 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 3 661 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 1 155 thous. tonnes of rape, 24 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 29 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed were harvested in the 2nd half of 2019. During the 2nd half-year, 554 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest amount – 348 thous. tonnes – of wheat), 5 thous. tonnes of field peas, 12 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 144 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 37 thous. tonnes of rape, 2 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 3 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed were purchased by agricultural organisations.

Sales of crop products in the 2nd half-year comprised of 5 077 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (the largest share – 3 182 thous. tonnes – was recorded for wheat). Direct exports of cereals, total, reached 138 thous. tonnes. Further sales included 42 thous. tonnes of field peas, of which 1 000 tonnes were directly exported. Sales of potatoes, total, were 469 thous. tonnes and their direct exports reached 18 thous. tonnes. Sugar beet sales were 3 612 thous. tonnes. The amount of rape sold during the 2nd half-year was 937 thous. tonnes, of which 21 thous. tonnes directly exported. Agricultural organisations sold 19 thous. tonnes of poppy, of which 143 tonnes by direct exports. The amount of sunflower seed sold was 30 thous. tonnes, of which 211 tonnes directly exported.

The consumption of cereals, total, in agricultural organizations during the 2nd half-year reached 799 thous. tonnes, with the largest share – 439 thous. tonnes – of wheat. Out of this amount, 587 thous. tonnes were used for feed purposes, 200 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 12 thous. tonnes for other use. The consumption of field peas reached 4 thous. tonnes, mainly for feed purposes. In total 18 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, were consumed, of which 5 thous tonnes for food purposes, 12 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, and 1 000 tonnes for other use. The crop consumed by agricultural organisations the least was sugar beet: 2 tonnes, mostly for feed use. The amount of rape consumed was 5 thous. tonnes: 3 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 2 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, and 535 tonnes for other purposes. The poppy consumption reached 5 tonnes, mainly for other purposes. Agricultural organizations consumed 211 tonnes of sunflower seed, prevaillingly for feed purposes.

Losses during storage during the 2nd half-year 2019 amounted to 3 thous. tonnes of cereals, total, 101 tonnes of field peas, 2 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, 383 tonnes of sugar beet, 331 tonnes of rape, 27 tonnes of poppy, and 61 tonnes of sunflower seed.

Stocks at the end of 2019 were 2 852 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest ones – 1 695 thous. tonnes – were those of wheat), 36 thous. tonnes of field peas, 126 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 195 thous tonnes of sugar beet, 293 thous. tonnes of rape, 7 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 5 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed.