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Crop production for main crops, in 2008
(provisional data)

Based on the results of statistical survey on crop production for main crops, carried out by the National Institute of Statistics, in 2008, as compared to 2007, crop production registered growths for most of crops and decreases for soya and potatoes.

The areas cultivated in 2008 were higher for: wheat, barley and two row barley, rape, tomatoes, cabbage, carrots, onion, pepper and lower for oats, kernel, leguminous grains, sunflower, soya, sugar beet, potatoes, green and yellow melons.

The level of crop production in 2008 was determined by favorable climatic conditions. Average yields were also higher than previous year for all the analyzed crops.

Cultivated area and production obtained for main crops

	Cultivated area -thou ha-		Output -thou tons-		Differences (±) 2008 as against 2007	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	-thou ha-	-thou tons-
Cereals for grains	5129	5211	7815	16834	+82	+9019
Of which:						
-wheat	1975	2103	3044	7144	+128	+4100
-barley and two row barley	364	399	531	1211	+35	+680
-oats	209	208	252	429	-1	+177
-kernel	2525	2435	3854	7837	-90	+3983
Leguminous grains	44	37	36	62	-7	+26
Oil plants	1340	1246	1047	1941	-94	+894
Of which:						
-sunflower	836	809	547	1159	-27	+612
-soya	133	50	136	91	-83	-45
-rape	365	377	362	682	+12	+320
Sugar beet	29	20	749	784	-9	+35
Potatoes	268	255	3712	3649	-13	-63
Vegetables¹⁾	253	269	3117	3809	+16	+692
Of which:						
-tomatoes	46	51	641	805	+5	+164
-cabbage	46	49	893	965	+3	+72
-cucumbers	13	13	120	173	-	+53
-carrots	16	18	185	235	+2	+50
-onion	34	35	325	395	+1	+70
-pepper	19	20	185	239	+1	+54
-green and yellow melons	31	30	408	562	-1	+154

¹⁾ include area cultivated and production of vegetables cultivated in the field, greenhouses and solaria and kitchen gardens

2008 as compared to 2007

Cereals for grains

The highest weights in the area cultivated with cereals in 2008 are held by kernel (46.7%) and wheat (40.4%).

The production of cereals for grains registered a growth by 2.2 times, as against previous year, due to the higher yields: wheat (2.2 times), barley and two row barley (2.1 times), oats (71.1%), kernel (2.1 times).

Leguminous grains

The production registered a growth of 72.2% due to higher average yields, although cultivated area decreased by 15.9%.

Oil plants

The production increased by 85.4%, although cultivated area registered a fall of 7.0%.

Higher productions were registered for sunflower (2.1 times), rape (88.4%) and decreases for soya (33.1%).

Average yields was higher by 2.2 times for sunflower and for rape by 82.4%.

Sugar beet

The production increased by 4.7%, mostly due to the higher yield by 51.8%, although the cultivated area decreased by 31.0%.

Potatoes

The production decreased by 1.7%, being influenced by the lower cultivated area by 4.9%.

Vegetables

The production was by 22.2% higher, while the cultivated area by 6.3%.

The productions were higher for all the analyzed crops of vegetables: tomatoes (25.6%), cabbage (8.1%), cucumbers (44.2%), carrots (27.0%), onion (21.5%), pepper (29.2%), green and yellow melons (37.7%).

Growths of cultivated areas were registered for: tomatoes (10.9%), cabbage (6.5%), carrots (12.5%), onion (2.9%), pepper (5.3%). For cucumbers, the cultivated area was kept at level of previous year, while for green and yellow melons decreased by 3.2%.

Area of wine bearing and fruit tree plantations bearing, grape and fruit production

	Area -thou ha-		Production -thou tons-		Differences (±) 2008 as against 2007	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	-thou ha-	-thou tons-
Wine bearing	188	189	873 ¹⁾	992 ¹⁾	+1	+119
-grafted wine plantations	93	98	511	595	+5	+84
-hybrid wine plantations	95	91	362	397	-4	+35
Bearing fruit tree plantations (bearing orchards) of which:	156	149	660	673	-7	+13
-apples	59	55	362	325	-4	-37
-pears	5	5	23	20	-	-3
-plums	76	75	225	278	-1	+53
-cherries – sweet cherries	8	8	26	26	-	-
-apricots-ungrafted apricots	3	3	9	11	-	+2

¹⁾ include production of grape from wine yards cultivated in the field and in kitchen gardens

Grapes

In 2008, the production of grapes increased by 13.6%, while average yields was 13.0% more than in 2007. The production of grape from granted wine yards increased by 16.4%, while from hybrid wine yards increased by 9.7%.

Plantations of bearing fruit trees (bearing orchards)

The production of fruit in orchards increased by 2.0% as against the previous year. For main species of fruit trees, the production registered growths for: plums (23.6%), apricots-ungrafted apricots (22.2%) and falls for: apples (-10.2%) and pears (-13.0%), while for cherries-sweet cherries was kept at level of 2007.

The areas cultivated with the main species of fruit trees decreased for apples (-6.8%) and plums (-1.3%). For pears, cherries-sweet cherries and apricots-ungrafted apricots they were kept at levels of the previous year.

Significant growth of crop production in 2008, as against 2007 should be regarded under the reserve of being reported to very weak agricultural year 2007. The achievements obtained in 2008 are situated at level of 2005 and 2006.

Cultivated area and production for main crops, in Romania and in some Member States of European Union in 2008

-provisional data-

According to Eurostat data, at level of European Union, in 2008, both areas cultivated with main crops as well as the productions obtained registered growths as against the previous year.

Wheat

Country	Cultivated area (thou ha)	Production (thou tons)
Romania	2103.0	7144.0
Belgium	223.6	1869.2
Bulgaria	1112.0	4632.0
Czech Republic	802.3	4691.1
Denmark	636.9	5027.2
Germany	3218.5	26012.0
Estonia	107.1	339.6
Greece	632.0	1403.2
Spain	2067.0	6714.3
France	5495.5	39038.5
Italy	2294.6	8909.8

Country	Cultivated area (thou ha)	Production (thou tons)
Latvia	256.0	990.0
Lithuania	403.5	1722.5
Hungary	1125.5	5653.7
Netherlands	156.5	1366.2
Austria	296.8	1689.7
Poland	2278.0	9274.9
Portugal	79.1	173.1
Slovakia	374.4	1823.4
Finland	219.6	787.5
Sweden	361.2	2206.5
United Kingdom	1819.0	13362.0

Fore Greece and United Kingdom data refer to 2007.

From the viewpoint of area cultivated with wheat, Romania belongs to the first five countries Member States of European Union after: France, Germany, Italy and Poland. Regarding the production, Romania holds the sixth place after: France, Germany, United Kingdom, Poland and Italy.

Kernel

Country	Cultivated area (thou ha)	Production (thou tons)
Romania	2435.0	7837.0
Belgium	71.8	743.2
Bulgaria	329.0	1368.0
Czech Republic	107.9	792.5
Denmark	-	-
Germany	518.1	4881.4
Estonia	-	-
Greece	240.0	2472.0
Spain	362.9	3603.1
France	1746.5	15804.0
Italy	1059.0	10283.2

Country	Cultivated area (thou ha)	Production (thou tons)
Latvia	-	-
Lithuania	7.6	32.0
Hungary	1199.6	8962.9
Netherlands	22.1	252.3
Austria	194.1	2147.2
Poland	317.2	1844.4
Portugal	108.4	632.4
Slovakia	153.5	1148.8
Finland	-	-
Sweden	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-

Regarding the area cultivated with kernel in 2008, Romania holds the first place in the European Union being followed by France, Hungary, Italy and other Member States. The kernel production makes Romania to hold the fourth place after France, Italy and Hungary.

Sunflower

Country	Cultivated area (thou ha)	Production (thou tons)
Romania	809.0	1159.0
Belgium	-	-
Bulgaria	724.0	1184.0
Czech Republic	24.5	61.3
Denmark	-	-
Germany	25.0	50.5
Estonia	-	-
Greece	14.7	15.6
Spain	710.7	899.2
France	625.9	1584.9
Italy	121.7	265.2

Country	Cultivated area (thou ha)	Production (thou tons)
Latvia	-	-
Lithuania	-	-
Hungary	560.1	1409.1
Netherlands	-	-
Austria	26.8	82.6
Poland	2.6	4.8
Portugal	23.8	21.9
Slovakia	75.2	195.9
Finland	-	-
Sweden	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-

In 2008, Romania cultivated the highest area with sunflower among Member States, being followed by Bulgaria, Spain, France, Hungary and other Member States. Regarding the production, Romania holds the fourth place after France, Hungary and Bulgaria.

Data source: Eurostat New Cronos for Member States (excluding Romania)

Methodological note

The information presented result from statical survey on crop production for main crops, carried out by the National Institute of Statistics. This survey was done based on a sample representative at national level, regions of development and counties. The sample volume was 79990 agricultural holdings, of which 17843 agricultural holdings with legal status and 62147 individual agricultural holdings. The confidence interval was 95% (error margin $\pm 5\%$).

Additional information can be obtained from statistical publication „Crop production for main crops in 2008”, deadline 25. 05. 2009