

Germany's rapeseed imports decline

Berlin, 9 April 2025. – Germany harvested less rapeseed in 2024 than in the previous year. Despite the smaller domestic supply, rapeseed imports in the first half of the 2024/25 season remained below the previous year's levels.

According to data from the German Federal Statistical Office, Germany imported approximately 3.1 million tonnes of rapeseed in the first half of the 2024/25 season, an 8 per cent decline compared to the previous year. Ukraine remains the primary country of origin in the current season. Despite the ongoing war, the country delivered 1.3 million tonnes to the German market, around 28 per cent more year-on-year. This was the largest volume on record. The increase is driven by concerns over further attacks on Ukrainian warehouse and transport facilities.

According to Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), the pace of deliveries is expected to slow in the second half of the marketing year, as Ukraine itself can only draw on a harvest that is 21 per cent smaller than the previous year. Meanwhile, the focus is moving towards the second supply wave from Australia, the second-largest supplier. With 378,900 tonnes delivered so far, Australia has more than doubled its exports to Germany compared to the previous year's 161,600 tonnes. Neighbouring EU countries supplied approximately 1.4 million tonnes, a 32 per cent decline year-on-year. The largest EU suppliers were Lithuania (337,000 tonnes), followed by France (310,000 tonnes) and Romania (237,000 tonnes).

Germany is the EU's largest net importer, with annual imports averaging between 5.5 million and 5.7 million tonnes. This is due to the fact that German oil mills process approximately 9.4 million tonnes of rapeseed per year, keeping exports relatively low. In the first six months of the current season, Germany exported only around 32,900 tonnes of rapeseed, which was up 6 per cent on the same period last year despite the smaller domestic harvest. Most German rapeseed exports go to other EU member states, with Belgium (around 9,100 tonnes), Poland (4,100 tonnes) and the Netherlands (3,800 tonnes) as the primary destinations.



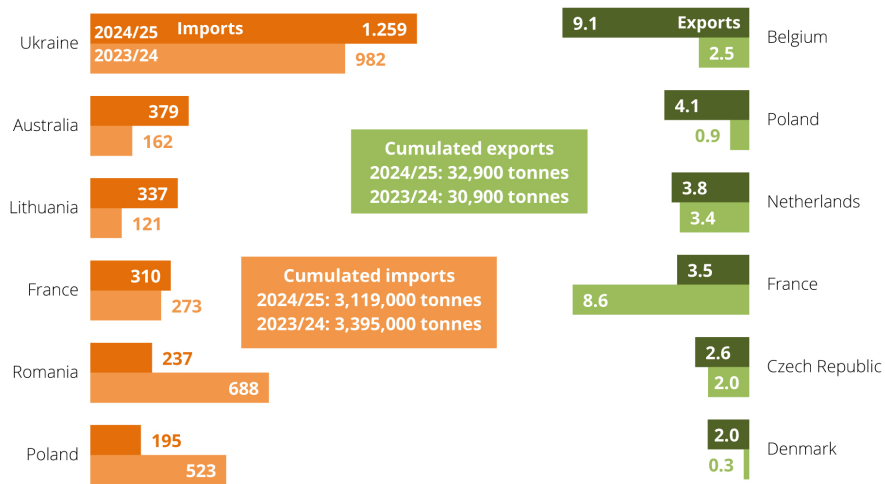
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German foreign trade in rapeseed
in the first half of the marketing year, in 1000 tonnes



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