

# Legume area with strong increase in Germany

**Berlin, 28 May 2025. The cultivation area for pulses in Germany continues to expand, according to a recent first estimate by the German Federal Statistical Office. Dry peas and broad beans, in particular, have shown notable growth.**

According to the estimate, the dry pea area for the 2025 harvest totals around 139,100 hectares, representing a 7.6 per cent increase. According to research by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), production is mainly concentrated in northern and eastern Germany. Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Lower Saxony account for an estimated 33,200 and 13,000 hectares, respectively. Saxony-Anhalt is expected to cultivate a total of 21,800 hectares, while Brandenburg and Thuringia contribute around 16,000 and 15,300 hectares. In other words, the accumulated area in these five states is seen at around 99,300 hectares, which translates to just over 71 per cent of Germany's total pea area.

The German Federal Statistical Office also anticipates a substantial expansion in broad bean area, projecting around 74,600 hectares across Germany for 2025, which is a significant 21 per cent rise compared to the previous year. The largest areas are in Schleswig-Holstein with 22,100 hectares and North Rhine-Westphalia with 10,900 hectares. Although North Rhine-Westphalia is seeing a slight downward trend in broad bean area, the state remains a key production region. Hesse and Thuringia are also reporting increases, with areas reaching 7,500 hectares and 6,000 hectares, respectively. In Baden-Wuerttemberg and Bavaria, the broad bean production area is expected to grow 32 per cent and 25 per cent, respectively. In Rhineland Palatinate, the area under broad beans is seen to triple to 1,700 hectares – a particularly dynamic growth, albeit from a relatively low level.

The changes in soybean cultivation are slightly more moderate. The total area for 2025 is anticipated to reach 40,900 hectares, representing a 1 per cent increase year-on-year. Production is mainly located in southern Germany, with Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg reporting around 22,800 hectares and approximately 5,600 hectares, respectively. In other words, these two states account for around 69 per cent of the total soybean area in Germany. In Saxony-Anhalt and Brandenburg, soybean cultivation is anticipated to cover 3,400 hectares and 2,100 hectares of land, respectively.



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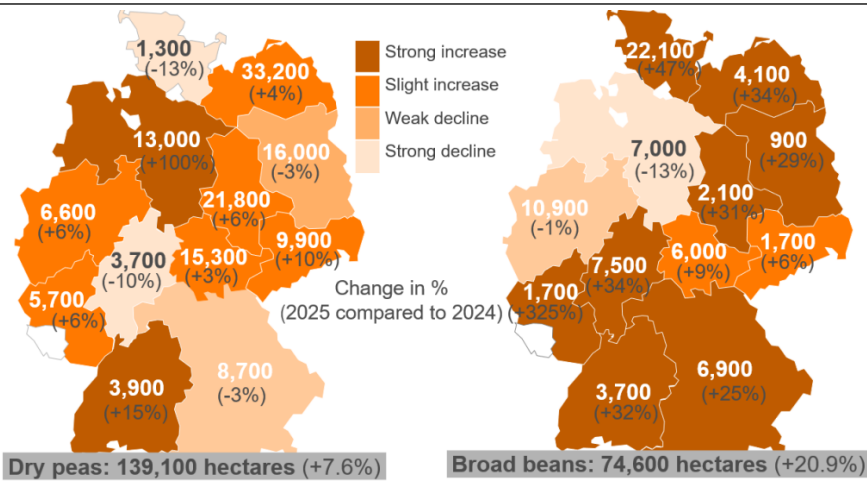
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