

# IGC forecasts larger sunflower seed supply

**Berlin, 23 July 2025. – Russia, Ukraine and the EU account for roughly three quarters of global sunflower seed production. In these key regions, 2025/26 harvests are expected to exceed those of the previous year. Overall, global sunflower seed output is projected to increase 9 per cent.**

According to latest data from the International Grains Council (IGC), global sunflower seed production in the 2025/26 season is forecast at around 56.6 million tonnes. This translates to a year-on-year increase of just less than 9 per cent. The key factor for this rise is expected larger harvests in Eastern Europe and the EU. For Russia, which remains the world's largest producer of sunflower seed, the IGC projects an approximately 8 per cent increase over 2024/25, bringing the harvest to 18.3 million tonnes. Ukraine's harvest is seen to grow even more significantly, by 11 per cent, to reach 14.5 million tonnes. However, the harvest volume of 16.5 million tonnes achieved in 2023/24 will probably not be matched. For the EU-27, the IGC currently forecasts a harvest of 9.4 million tonnes, which would be up approximately 14 per cent from the previous year's 8.3 million tonnes.

Turkey and the US are also expected to harvest more sunflower seed. According to research by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), the US in particular is set to benefit from a significant expansion in cultivation area. USDA data indicate an approximately 40 per cent increase in sunflower area. Given expected average yields, the harvest is projected to rise around 49 per cent compared to the previous season, reaching 800,000 tonnes. However, this volume has only a minor impact on global supply.

By contrast, Argentina is forecast to harvest approximately 7 per cent fewer sunflower seed due to a reduction in planted area, resulting in a volume of 4.7 million tonnes. Kazakhstan is also expected to experience a decline in output.



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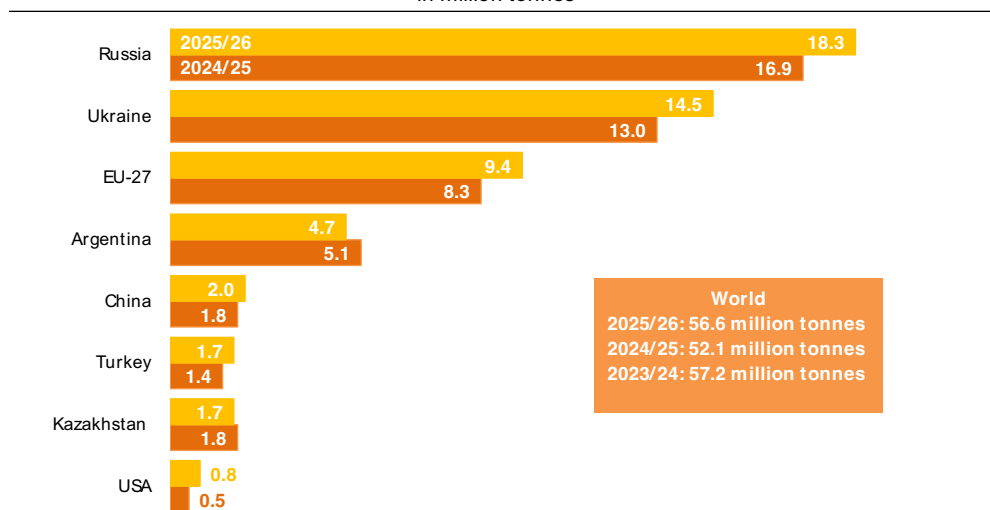
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## Harvest estimate for sunflower seed

in million tonnes



Source: IGC

Note: 2024/25 and 2025/26 forecast

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