

Ukraine stepped up soybean exports, while sunflower seed shipments declined sharply

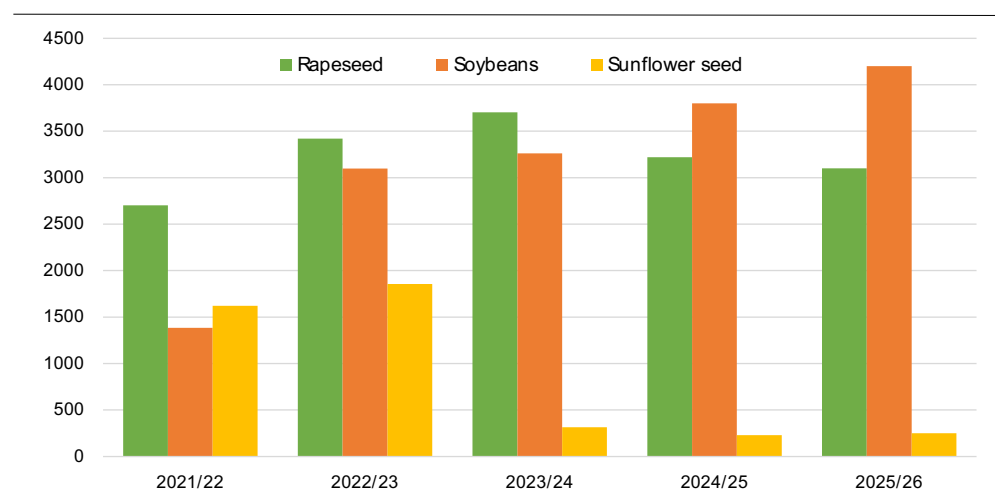
Berlin, 6 August 2025 – According to data from the USDA, Ukrainian soybean exports increased despite the ongoing war and associated restrictions. In contrast, exports of sunflower seed fell sharply.

Ukraine maintained its global position as major producer of sunflower seed in the 2024/25 season. Although the 13 million tonne harvest was approximately 2.5 million tonnes smaller than the previous season's, Ukraine remained the world's second most important producer after Russia, ahead of the EU. At the same time, the share of sunflower seed exports fell considerably year-on-year. While nearly 1.9 million tonnes were placed on the world market in 2022/23, the figure dropped to just 230,000 tonnes in 2024/25. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates that exports will remain at a low level in the ongoing season, reaching 250,000 tonnes.

In contrast, soybean exports rose in 2024/25. At roughly 3.8 million tonnes, they were around 538,000 tonnes higher than in the previous marketing year. Export volumes are projected to increase further in 2025/26, climbing to an estimated 4.2 million tonnes.

Ukraine's rapeseed exports for the 2024/25 marketing year are estimated at 3.2 million tonnes. According to research by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), this means that rapeseed exports fell short of the record 3.7 million tonnes achieved in the previous season. The USDA expects 3.1 million tonnes for the ongoing marketing year. Export potential is primarily limited by the anticipated smaller harvest.

Ukrainian exports
by marketing year, in 1,000 tonnes



Source: USDA

Note: 2024/25 and 2025/26 forecast

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