

Germany reduces rapeseed oil exports

Berlin, 17 September 2025 – Following strong export performance in the 2023/24 crop year – representing the second-highest level since the turn of the century – Germany's rapeseed oil exports are showing a general downward trend for 2024/25. According to data from the German Federal Statistical Office, export volumes reached 1.27 million tonnes, marking a decline of around 2.7 per cent compared to the 1.31 million tonnes exported in the 2023/24 crop year.

The majority of Germany's rapeseed oil exports – 88 per cent – were destined for other EU countries. EFTA countries followed a long way behind, though exports to this group rose nearly 13 per cent. Norway received 54,700 tonnes more, an increase of just over 18 per cent, while Switzerland purchased about 6 per cent less, equivalent to 12,100 tonnes. Exports to the rest of Europe fell by a good 10 per cent, decreasing to just over 44,500 tons, almost all of which were shipped to the UK. Significant volumes were also exported to Asia in 2024/25, more specifically China (20,900 tonnes) and Israel (9,700 tonnes).

According to research by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), the by far largest volume was shipped to the Netherlands, as usual, totalling just under 733,100 tonnes – more than half of total exports for 2024/25. However, compared to the previous year this marks an increase of just 1 per cent. Belgium ranked second with 84,800 tonnes, representing a substantial drop of 43 per cent. Other key destinations included Poland, Denmark and France, which saw increases of 70 per cent, 7 per cent and 5 per cent, respectively.

The reported figures include exports of rapeseed oil, field mustard oil and mustard oil – both crude and refined – for technical and energy-related as well as food production purposes.

Referring to these export volumes of rapeseed oil and the output of rapeseed oil-based biodiesel (1.90 million tonnes), the Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen e. V. (UFOP) has emphasised the importance of the oilseed sector for both German and European agriculture. German oil mills process between 9 and 10 million tonnes of oilseeds annually, especially rapeseed. This year's rapeseed harvest of approximately 4 million tonnes underscores the need for imports required to keep facilities operating at full capacity. Consequently, Germany's oil milling and biodiesel industries are key local factors for the entire value chain, from rapeseed breeding, cultivation, and trade to processing into the widest range of food, feed and fuel products.



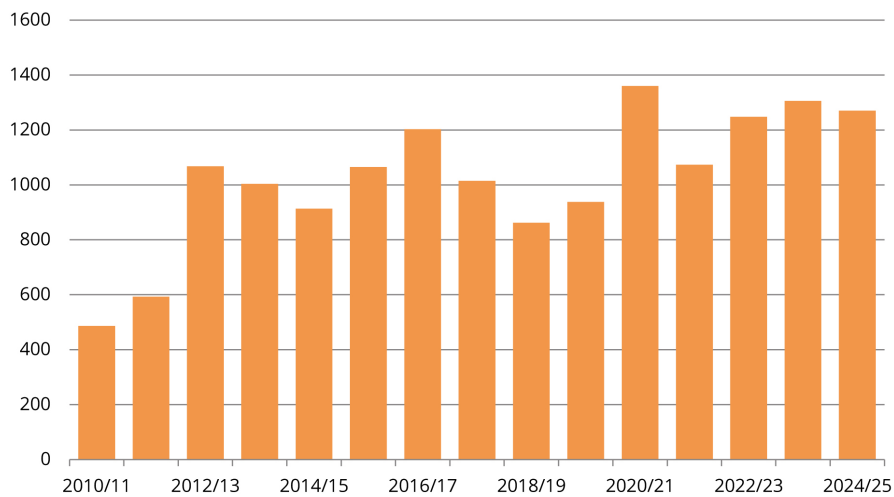
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German rapeseed oil exports in 1,000 tonnes



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