

Germany's oilseed meal production slightly down

Rapeseed meal is the most important protein source for animal feed

Berlin, 22 October 2025 – Germany's oilseed meal production was slightly lower in the 2024/25 season than in the previous year. In contrast, the processing volumes of German compound feed companies increased year-on-year.

Domestic production of oilseed meal has recently shown a slight downward trend. According to data from the German Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE), German processors produced a total of approximately 8.1 million tonnes of meal in the 2024/25 season, marking a decline of around 1.2 per cent compared to the previous marketing year. Rapeseed meal remained by far the most important source of protein, accounting for nearly 67 per cent. Its production reached just under 5.4 million tonnes, a decrease of approximately 1.1 per cent year-on-year. The supply from the smaller German 2024 rapeseed harvest was supplemented by imports from Australia, Ukraine, and Canada.

According to research by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (AMI), most of the rapeseed meal produced in Germany is used in the domestic compound feed industry, particularly in cattle and dairy cattle feed. Rapeseed meal is the most cost-efficient source of protein in terms of both price and protein quality, especially in cases where dairies produce products labelled as "GM-free".

The Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen e. V. (UFOP) has emphasized the importance of domestic and European rapeseed cultivation for a national and European protein strategy. The association argues that rapeseed production in Europe reduces the need for imports from other regions and contributes to a more balanced supply, given the high demand for soybean meal in pig feed. The UFOP further stresses that gradually tapping into this potential now is a key factor in driving a sustainability-oriented protein strategy.



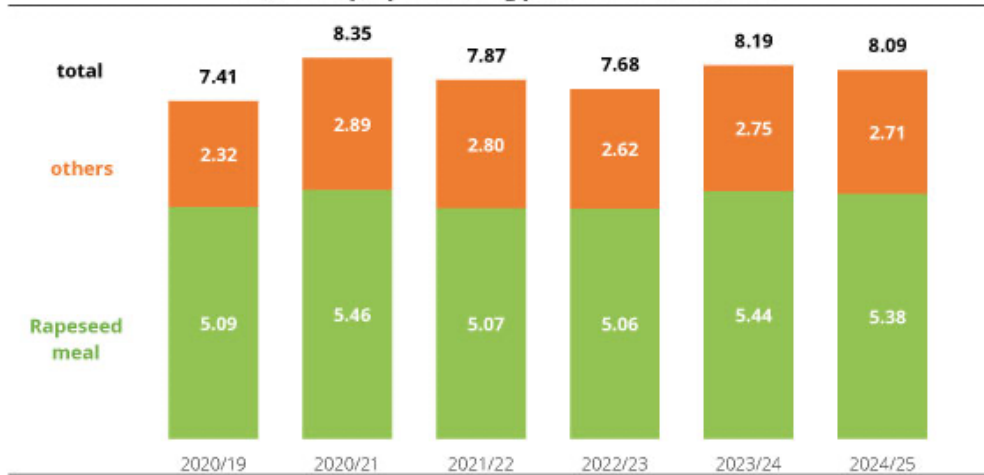
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Production of oilmeals
in Germany, by marketing year, in million tonnes



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