

USDA expects record year for oilseed production

Rapeseed harvest to reach all-time high

Berlin, 19 November 2025. – Global oilseed production is set to hit a record high again this season. The increase is mainly driven by bumper rapeseed harvests and higher production of palm kernel and sunflower seed, which more than offset the anticipated decline in soybean supply.

Following the provisional end to the government shutdown in the US, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released its latest estimates for global oilseed production. According to these projections, output for the 2025/26 crop year is expected to reach a record of around 688.0 million tonnes, a year-on-year increase of around 0.6 per cent. The USDA has also forecast a climb in global oilseed processing to a new high of 578.4 million tonnes, reflecting a rise of 12.3 million tonnes from the 2024/25 crop year. Global ending stocks are expected to total 142.3 million tonnes, exceeding the previous year's level by 0.6 million tonnes. In contrast, world trade in oilseeds is projected to remain virtually unchanged at 214.5 million tonnes. The ongoing US-China trade dispute has particularly impacted trade in US soybeans in recent weeks. It remains to be seen whether the USDA's expectation of a recovery in US exports to China will be reflected in the current financial year's trade balance.

The rapeseed harvest is expected to reach approximately 92.3 million tonnes in the current crop year, marking an all-time high and a more than 7 per cent increase year-on-year. According to information by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), this forecast is primarily based on production increases in the EU, Canada, and Russia. Global production of palm kernel is also expected grow nearly 4 per cent, reaching 21.1 million tonnes. A similar increase is projected for sunflower seed production, which is expected to total 54.3 million tonnes. In contrast, world soybean output is anticipated to decrease 1.3 per cent, falling to 421.8 million tonnes, primarily due to production declines in the US, Argentina, India, and Ukraine.

It should be noted that the USDA's oilseed estimate also includes peanuts (approximately 51.3 million tonnes), cottonseed (approximately 41.5 million tonnes), and copra (5.9 million tonnes), among other oil crops.



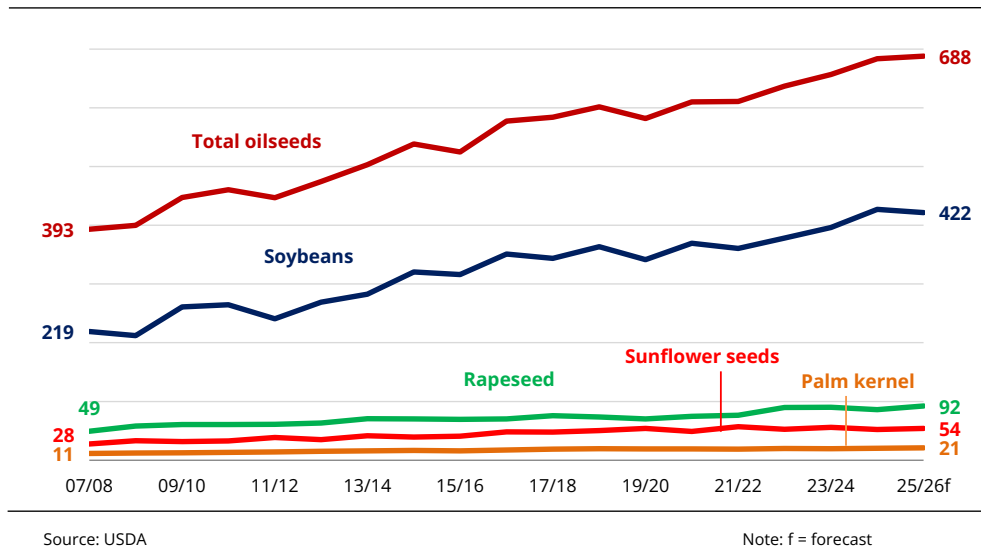
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