

IGC expects all-time high in rapeseed area for the 2026/27 marketing year

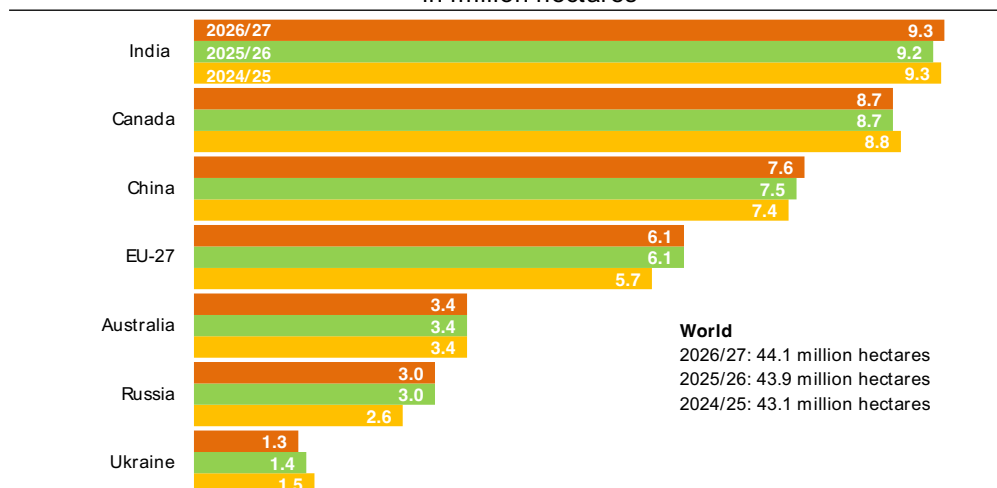
Berlin, 26 November 2025. – In its latest estimate, the International Grains Council (IGC) forecasts the global rapeseed area at 44.1 million hectares. This would mark an increase of 0.2 million hectares compared to the current 2025/26 crop year. In major exporting countries, the rapeseed area is expected to decline slightly, while other regions – especially Asia – are projected to see moderate expansion.

In the EU-27, the rapeseed area is forecast to remain unchanged at 6.1 million hectares. However, in the southeastern EU, especially in Romania, the strong 2025 harvest may encourage farmers to expand their rapeseed plantings. In contrast, other member states are expected to reduce their areas slightly.

In Russia, the area devoted to rapeseed cultivation is forecast to remain stable at 3.0 million hectares, following significant expansion in the current season. By contrast, according to research by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), the area planted with rapeseed in Ukraine is expected to decline 100,000 hectares to 1.3 million hectares. Nevertheless, the aggregated area in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) is expected to reach the second largest level on record, underscoring the growing importance of rapeseed as a crop.

Forecasts for leading exporters Canada and Australia remain particularly uncertain, as sowing will not begin for several months. Driven by expectations of brisk international demand, Canada's rapeseed area is projected to remain close to its previous average at 8.7 million hectares. Australia's rapeseed area is likewise expected to stay unchanged compared to the previous year, at 3.4 million hectares.

Sown acreage estimate for rapeseed
in million hectares



Source: IGC

Note: 2024/25 and 2025/26 estimates, 2026/27 forecast



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