

# Ukraine supplies most of the EU's sunflower oil imports

## UFOP recommends farm-level assessments ahead of spring sowing

**Berlin, 12 February 2026. – According to the European Commission, Ukraine remains by far the most important supplier of sunflower oil to the EU-27. At the same time, feedstock supply in Ukraine is below last year's level.**

From 1 July 2025 to 1 February 2026, the EU-27 imported just under 1.04 million tonnes of sunflower oil, representing a decline from 1.28 million tonnes during the same period in the previous year. Ukraine is by far the leading country of origin, delivering 0.95 million tonnes of sunflower oil to the EU so far this season. According to research by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), this translates to a market share of almost 92 per cent. However, the volume is significantly below the previous year's level of 1.2 million tonnes, due to tighter domestic feedstock supply.

Ukraine's sunflower seed harvest is estimated to have fallen year on year, from 13.0 million tonnes in 2024 to 10.5 million tonnes in 2025. This smaller crop has reduced processing volumes and limited the country's export potential for sunflower oil. In addition, Russia's attacks on infrastructure and port facilities have put pressure on logistics. Market reports indicate that export flows have recently stabilised. Moldova and Serbia are the second and third most important suppliers of sunflower oil, accounting for market shares of 5 per cent and just under 2 per cent, respectively. Moldova expanded deliveries year on year, whereas Serbia remained well below the previous year's level.

With spring sowing approaching and the grain market under pressure, the Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen e. V. (UFOP) recommends that farms assess individually whether sunflower cultivation represents an economically viable option within diversified crop rotations. It is common knowledge that sunflowers are a robust crop, thriving even when water resources are scarce and requiring little fertiliser input.



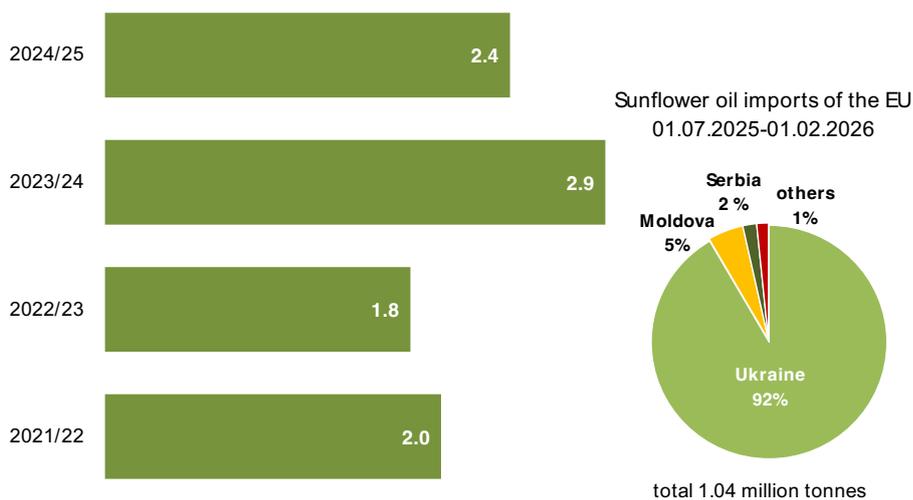
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## Sunflower oil imports of the EU-27 by marketing year, in million tonnes



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