

International Grains Council (IGC) forecasts record year for dry peas in 2025/26

UFOP confirms call for ambitious measures to support domestic protein crop production

Berlin, 5 March 2026. Based on an expansion of the crop area and yield increases, global dry pea production is expected to reach a new record level of 17.6 million tonnes in the current season. This translates to a year-on-year increase of just under 20 per cent. Against this background, the Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen e. V. (UFOP) has renewed its call for the German government to finally present the comprehensive and ambitious national protein strategy it has announced. The association has stated that human and animal nutrition are key drivers for promoting and advancing the sustainability and resilience of crop rotation systems through the cultivation of pulse crops, warning that yet another sowing year must not be missed.

According to estimates by the International Grains Council (IGC), dry pea production in Russia, the world's largest producer of this crop, jumped almost 40 per cent to a record 5.3 million tonnes in 2025, despite a reduction in area planted. According to investigations conducted by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft mbH, the increase is mainly due to very high yields. The IGC projects Canada's marketable crop at 3.9 million tonnes, which is up one third compared to 2024/25. The rise is due to an 8 per cent expansion in production area, especially in the province of Alberta. In addition, favourable weather conditions in Saskatchewan and Alberta helped boost yields.

The 2025 harvest in the EU, the third most important global dry pea producer, is estimated at 2.4 million tonnes, with yield increases offsetting the decline in production area. In Germany, France and Lithuania in particular, farms recorded more than satisfactory results.

The UFOP is convinced that the yield potential for improving the competitive position of pulses in crop rotations is far from being fully exploited. The association has stressed the need for a holistic strategy that not only aims to expand cultivation as a fundamental goal but also provides stronger and more reliable support for product development and sales promotion. The UFOP has explained that, in economic terms, sustainability means that rising demand "pulls" the crop area. In view of the expected strategy of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, the UFOP has emphasised the significant need to take into account research and innovation across the entire supply chain, starting with breeding, adding that it expects the Ministry to address this need.



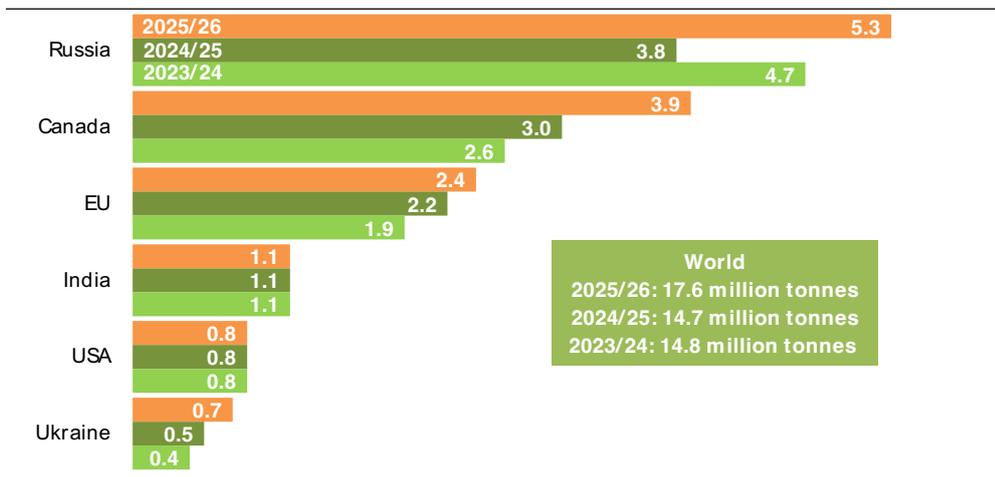
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Production of dry peas in important countries of origin
in million tonnes



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