

EU Commission estimates broad bean harvest just below previous year's record

Berlin, 29 July 2026 – Production of broad beans has gained considerable importance in the EU. According to the EU Commission, the 2026 harvest is expected to almost reach the previous year's record level. France remains the EU's most important producer of broad beans, followed by Lithuania.

In its latest estimate, the European Commission projects the 2026 EU broad bean harvest at just over 1.48 million tonnes, a marginal decline from the previous year. The harvest would nevertheless exceed the five-year average of 1.29 million tonnes by just over 15 per cent. At the same time, it would be the second highest production volume on record.

Despite a slight decrease in area planted with broad beans, production is expected to remain virtually steady, as the EU Commission projects higher average yields in key production regions. Given the heatwave at the end of June and the extreme weather events of recent weeks, however, it seems doubtful whether these will actually be achieved, as these circumstances are likely to have reduced the yields of summer crops. Across the EU, broad beans are grown on approximately 523,000 hectares. This translates to a drop of almost 6,000 hectares, or 1.1 per cent, compared with the previous year.

The Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen e.V. (UFOP) expects the EU protein strategy recently presented by the EU Commission to provide positive momentum for the long-term stabilisation and further development of the cultivation of broad beans and other grain legumes in Europe. Farmers are keen to grow these crops. However, the benefits these crops provide for biodiversity and greater diversity in crop rotation should be adequately rewarded.



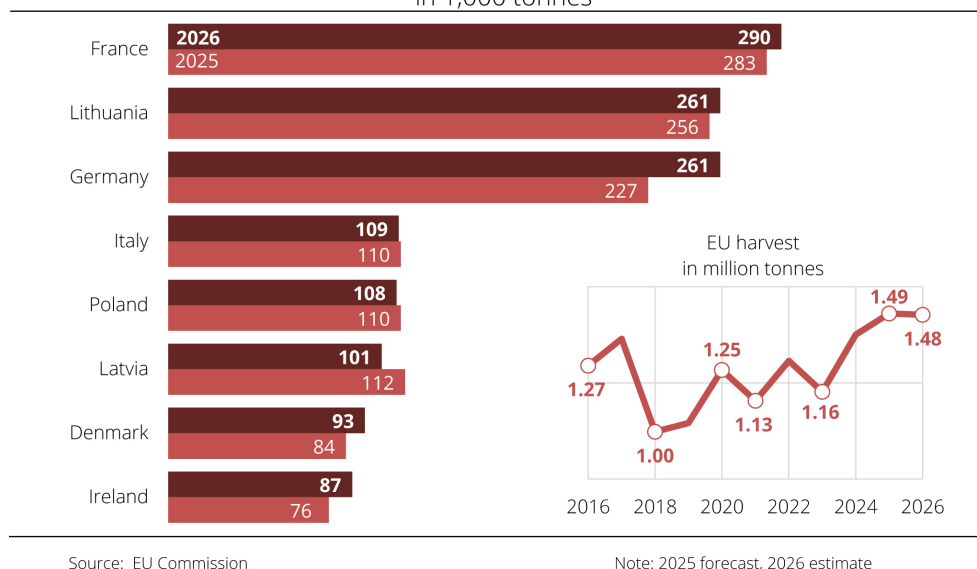
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