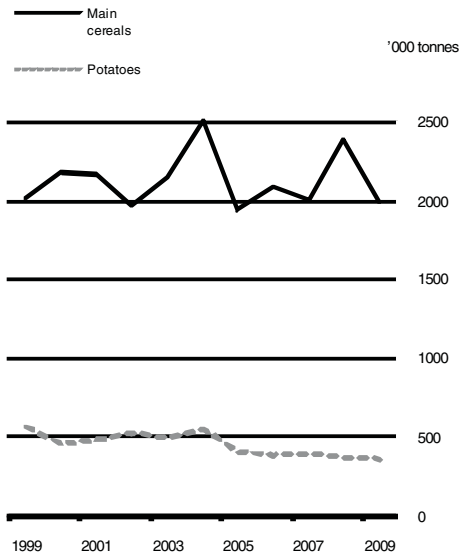


Area, Yield and Production of Crops 2009

Production of selected crops



Production	Main Cereals	Potatoes
	'000 tonnes	
2008	2,377	372
2009	1,987	361
% change	-16.4%	-2.9%

Cereals production down 16.4% in 2009

Production of the three main cereals (wheat, oats and barley) fell by 390,000 tonnes to 1,987,000 tonnes in 2009. This was mainly due to decreases in winter wheat of 267,000 tonnes (-33.7%), in spring barley of 91,000 tonnes (-8.4%) and in winter oats of 71,000 tonnes (-48.6%). *See Tables 1-3.*

The yield of potatoes decreased by 9.6% from 31.1 tonnes per hectare in 2008 to 28.1 tonnes per hectare in 2009.

Further comparisons with the 2008 results indicate that:

- ◆ Wheat production decreased by 29.1% (277,000 tonnes). There were decreases in the area sown of winter wheat (-24.5%) and spring wheat (-8.8%). The yield of winter wheat decreased by 12.2%, however, the yield of spring wheat showed an increase of 3.0%.
- ◆ Barley production decreased by 6.6% (83,000 tonnes). The yield of spring barley decreased by 10.4%.

Corresponding cereal production figures for each EU country are given at the back of this release.

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Table 1 Area under Crops

Description	June	June	June	Change 2008 - 2009	
	2007	2008	2009		
	' 000 hectares			' 000 ha	%
Wheat - total	84.3	104.9	83.0	-21.9	-20.9
Winter wheat	64.7	80.8	61.0	-19.8	-24.5
Spring wheat	19.6	24.1	22.0	-2.1	-8.8
Oats - total	21.3	23.3	20.1	-3.2	-13.7
Winter oats	13.5	18.6	9.6	-9.0	-48.6
Spring oats	7.8	4.7	10.5	5.8	124.7
Barley - total	167.5	181.2	185.9	4.7	2.6
Winter barley	18.7	19.7	20.6	0.9	4.8
Spring barley	148.8	161.6	165.3	3.7	2.3
Wheat, oats, barley - total	273.1	309.4	289.0	-20.4	-6.6
Beans and peas	2.9	2.4	3.6	1.1	46.3
Oilseed rape	8.2	6.7	6.5	-0.2	-3.1
Potatoes	11.7	12.0	12.9	0.9	7.5

Table 2 Yield of Crops

Description	2007	2008	2009	Change 2008 - 2009	
	tonnes per hectare			tonnes per ha	%
	Wheat - total	8.5	9.1	8.1	-1.0
Winter wheat	8.7	9.8	8.6	-1.2	-12.2
Spring wheat	7.7	6.6	6.8	0.2	3.0
Oats - total	7.5	7.6	7.3	-0.3	-3.9
Winter oats	8.1	7.9	7.9	0.0	0.0
Spring oats	6.4	6.3	6.7	0.4	6.3
Barley - total	6.7	6.9	6.3	-0.6	-8.7
Winter barley	7.6	8.5	8.5	0.0	0.0
Spring barley	6.6	6.7	6.0	-0.7	-10.4
Wheat, oats, barley - total	7.3	7.7	6.9	-0.8	-10.4
Beans and peas	4.4	4.3	5.2	0.9	20.9
Oilseed rape	3.9	3.5	3.4	-0.1	-2.9
Potatoes	34.0	31.1	28.1	-3.0	-9.6

Table 3 Production of Crops

Description	2007	2008	2009	Change 2008 - 2009	
	' 000 tonnes	' 000 tonnes	' 000 tonnes	' 000 tonnes	%
Wheat - total	713	951	674	-277	-29.1
Winter wheat	562	791	524	-267	-33.7
Spring wheat	151	159	150	-10	-6.1
Oats - total	159	177	146	-30	-17.2
Winter oats	109	147	76	-71	-48.6
Spring oats	50	30	71	41	138.9
Barley - total	1,125	1,250	1,167	-83	-6.6
Winter barley	142	167	175	8	4.8
Spring barley	982	1,083	992	-91	-8.4
Wheat, oats, barley - total	1,997	2,377	1,987	-390	-16.4
Beans and peas	13	11	19	8	76.9
Oilseed rape	32	23	22	-1	-5.9
Potatoes	399	372	361	-11	-2.9

Background Notes

Introduction This release presents final estimates of the area, yield and production of the main arable crops in 2009 together with the comparable estimates for 2007 and 2008.

Results The area estimates are obtained from the CSO June Agricultural surveys and agree with previously published results from those surveys. The yield estimates are obtained from a joint survey conducted by Teagasc and the CSO.

Methodology The yield figures are given on a “green” (as harvested) basis. The winter wheat yield refers to feed wheat. Similarly, the spring barley yield refers to feed barley. The beans and peas yield is a simple average of the beans yield and the peas yield as only an aggregated beans and peas area estimate is available. Similarly, the oilseed rape yield is a simple average of the winter yield and the spring yield as only a total oilseed rape area estimate is available.

For potatoes, the early crop yield was applied to a proportion of the area under potatoes based on an estimate of the area sown under the early potato varieties in each county. The main crop yield was applied to the remaining area.

The weighted State yield figure is generally calculated by multiplying the area figure by the average yield figure at a county level and then aggregating to the State level. The State production figure is then calculated by multiplying the State area, as per the June Crops and Livestock Survey (Final results) by the weighted State yield figure.

Total cereals¹ production

`000 tonnes

Country	2009
European Union 27³	293,943
Austria	5,144
Belgium ³	3,221
Bulgaria	5,273
Cyprus ³	57
Czech Republic	7,832
Denmark	10,200
Estonia	879
Finland	4,261
France	69,862
Germany	49,748
Greece	4,609
Hungary	13,561
Ireland ²	1,987
Italy	15,892
Latvia	1,663
Lithuania	3,806
Luxembourg	189
Malta	*
Netherlands	2,089
Poland	29,827
Portugal	898
Romania ³	14,864
Slovakia	3,330
Slovenia	533
Spain ³	16,934
Sweden	5,249
United Kingdom	22,036

¹ Excluding rice² Irish national data relate to wheat, oats and barley only³ Provisional

* Data not available

Source: Eurostat website <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu> and national data