

Early estimates for main field crops

Agricultural year 2014-2015

The crops early estimates declared by holders pointed out a light decrease of arable land (-1.3%), as regards the agricultural year 2014-2015.

The forecasts pointed out decreases of common wheat surfaces (-7.6%), grain maize (-8.0%) and sorghum (-8.5%), while increases characterized durum wheat (+2.9%), rice (+0.7%) and minor cereals, such as barley (+ 3.6%), oats (+ 0.3%) and other cereals (+ 10.5%).

As for industrial plants, decreases should characterize surfaces used for tobacco (-26.2%), rape and turnip rape (-6.5%), sunflower (-0.7%) and "other industrial plants" (-30.2%) as well; on the other hand, soya is going to increase 13.5%.

As regards vegetables, decreases should characterize tomato (-1.9%), fresh vegetables (-0.3%) and "other vegetables" (-9.9%).

Increases of land use are expected for field beans (+12.7%), peas (+5.3%) and "other dried pulses" (+4.4%).

As regards fodder crops, areas for fodder maize are going to decrease (-20.1%), while the farmers' intentions indicate an increase of areas for "other fodder crops" (+3.6%).

Decreases have been also forecasted as regards areas for cultivation of potato (-3.6%) and sugar beet (-3.9%).

For the agricultural year 2014-2015, the land used for flowers and ornamental plants is expected to increase 1%. Moderate increase should also characterize fallow land (+0.2%), mainly due to the multi-yearly agronomic rotation (61.9% of agricultural holdings) and, to a lesser extent, to the uncertainty about the market dynamics and/or to poor earnings (19.2% of agricultural holdings).

TABLE 1 – SURFACE USED FOR ARABLE LAND, BY KIND. AGRICULTURAL YEAR 2014-2015. Percent changes compared with the agricultural year 2013-2014

Kind of crop	Percent changes	Kind of crop	Percent changes
ARABLE LAND	-1.3	Tobacco	-26.2
CEREALS	-1.8	Rape and turnip rape	-6.5
Common wheat	-7.6	Sunflower	-0.7
Durum wheat	2.9	Soya	13.5
Barley	3.6	Other industrial crops	-30.2
Oat	0.3	FORAGE LAND	-1.0
Grain Maize	-8.0	Fodder maize	-20.1
Sorghum	-8.5	Other fodder crops	3.6
Rice	0.7	VEGETABLES	-6.3
Other cereals	10.5	Tomato	-1.9
DRIED PULSES	8.2	Fresh vegetables	-0.3
Peas (protein and dry)	5.3	Other fresh vegetables	-9.9
Broad and field beans	12.7	POTATOES	-3.6
Other dried pulses	4.4	OTHER ARABLE LAND	0.3
SUGAR BEET	-3.9	Flowers and ornamental plants, seeds	1.0
INDUSTRIAL CROPS	1.7	Fallow land	0.2

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