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- In 2015, compared to the previous year, the cultivated area decreased for cereal grains, sugar beet and potatoes.
- Crop production decreased for most crops, except for dried pulses
- Crop production decrease was mainly caused by unfavourable climatic conditions

Table 1: Cultivated area and production of main crops

					Differences (±)	
	Cultivated area -thou ha-		Production -thou tonnes-		year 2015 as against 2014	
	2014	2015 ²⁾	2014	2015 ²⁾	-thou ha-	-thou tonnes-
Cereal grains	5443	5319	22071	19040	-124	-3031
of which:						
-wheat	2113	2043	7585	7851	-70	+266
-barley and two-row barley	516	462	1713	1582	-54	-131
-oats	180	179	382	364	-1	-18
-maize	2513	2528	11989	8871	+15	-3118
Dried pulses	40	45	71	76	+5	+5
Oilseed crops	1497	1518	3461	2987	+21	-474
of which:						
-sunflower	1001	1000	2189	1758	-1	-431
-soya	80	127	203	262	+47	+59
-rape	407	383	1059	959	-24	-100
Sugar beet	31	26	1399	1009	-5	-390
Potatoes	199	189	3519	2779	-10	-740
Vegetables ¹⁾	239	240	3802	3640	+1	-162

¹⁾ It includes the cultivated area and the production of vegetables grown in fields, greenhouses, under protective cover and in kitchen gardens.

Table data in (xls) format

²⁾ Provisional data.

Year 2015 compared to 2014

Increases:

- The area cultivated with maize increased by 0.6%
- The wheat production increased by 3.5% due to the yield per hectare (+7.0%)
- The production of dried pulses increased by 7.0%, mainly due to the cultivated area (+12.5%)
- The soybean production increased by 29.1% due to the cultivated area (+58.8%)

Decreases:

- The area cultivated with wheat decreased by 3.3%.
- The maize production decreased by 26.0% due to the yield per hectare (-26.5%)
- The production of barley and two-row barley decreased by 7.6% due to the cultivated area (-10.5%)
- The sunflower production decreased by 19.7% due to the yield per hectare (-19.6%)
- The sugar beet production decreased by 27.9% both due to the decrease of the cultivated area (-16.1%) and due to the yield per hectare (-14.0%)
- The potato production decreased by 21.0%, mainly due to the yield per hectare (-16.8%).

Table 2: The area of bearing vineyards and of fruit bearing tree plantations, grape production and fruit production

		Area -thou ha-		Production -thou tonnes-		Differences (±) year 2015 as against 2014	
	2014	2015 ²⁾	2014	2015 ²⁾	-thou ha-	-thou tonnes-	
Bearing vineyards ¹⁾	177	179	784	802	+2	+18	
-grafted vineyards	90	93	466	480	+3	+14	
-hybrid vineyards	87	86	318	322	-1	+4	
Fruit bearing tree plantations (fruit bearing orchards)	141	136	732	673	-5	-59	

¹⁾ It includes the cultivated area and the production of grapes from vineyards grown in fields and in kitchen gardens.

Table data in (xls) format

Year 2015 compared to 2014

Increases:

- The grape production increased by 2.3%, both for grafted vineyards (+3.0%) and for hybrid vineyards (+1.3%)
- The area cultivated with grafted vineyards increased by 3.3%.

Decreases:

• The area and the fruit production in orchards decreased by 3.5% and by 8.1%, respectively.

²⁾ Provisional data.

Chart: The cultivated areas and the productions of wheat, maize, sunflower and potatoes, in Romania and in some Member States of the European Union, in 2015

a) Cultivated area

-thou hectares-

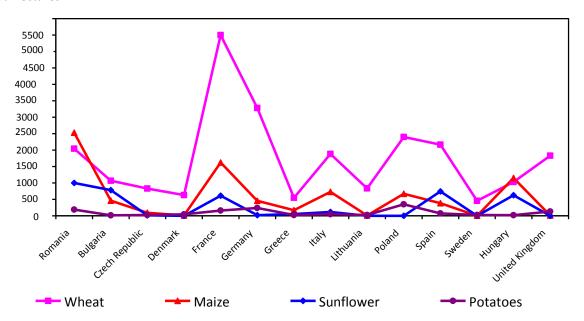


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b) Output

-thou tonnes-

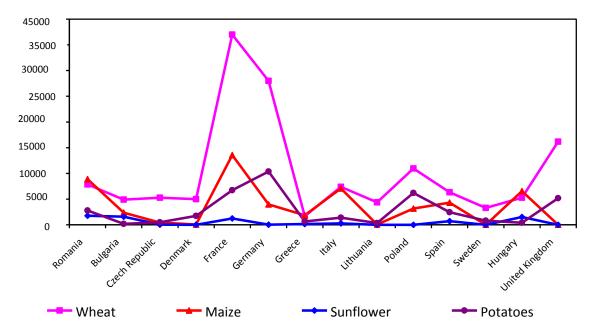


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Romania compared to some Member States of the European Union

- Wheat: Romania occupied the fifth place both for cultivated area and for output.
- Maize: Romania occupied the first place for the cultivated area and the second place for output.
- Sunflower: Romania occupied the first place both for cultivated area and output.
- Potatoes: Romania occupied the third place for cultivated area and the fifth place for output.

Additional information:

For the correct interpretation of the indicators, kindly see the Methodological Notes attached to the press release on the homepage.

Additional information can be obtained from the statistical publication Crop production for the main crops, in 2015, date of issue May 25, 2016.

The next press release on Crop production will be issued on Friday, March 31, 2017.

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