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## Croatia

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### Oil Seed Report

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**Report Highlights:**

This report contains marketing year (MY) 2019/20 forecast for Croatia's production in soybean, rapeseed, and sunflower and updated numbers for MY 2018/19.

**General Information:**

The Croatian livestock sector has not recovered from the decline that began just before Croatia's EU accession in 2013 due to uncompetitive prices. This decline deepened in 2014 due to the Russian embargo on EU agro-food products and in 2015 due to the EU's abolition of dairy quotas. Thus, soy oil and cake production is decreasing sharply, while rapeseed and sunflower oil production are on the rise. These trends are expected to continue.

**Soy**

In MY 2018/19, soybean acreage was 80,000 ha with yields of 240,000 MT. This is after soybean acreage almost doubled in 2015 due to Danube soy contracts. Croatian exports of soybeans are increasing (from 160,564 MT in 2016 to 231,594 MT in 2017), resulting in a rise in soybean meal imports. In 2017, soybean meal imports were 189,790 MT, valued at \$77.7 million. In 2018, soybean meal imports totaled approximately 196,000MT, valued at \$82.9 million. However, total meal imports are not rising in correlation with exports of soybeans due to a drop in cattle demand and the subsequent drop in demand for cattle feed. In MY2019/20, area and production are expected to remain similar.

**Rapeseed**

In MY 2018/19, acreage is expected to be 53,000 ha with total production at 148,000MT. Rapeseed oil is the second most used cooking oil in Croatia. Winter was mild and overwintering of fall crops was good. Croatian exports of rapeseed are increasing (from 58,021 MT in 2016 to 109,881 MT in 2018 going mainly to Germany). In MY2019/20, area and production are expected to remain similar.

**Sunflower**

In MY 2018/19, area sown with sunflower was 40,000 ha with a yield of 120,000 MT. In MY2019/20, acreage and production of sunflower will level off at 40,000 ha and approximately 118,000 MT of yield. Sunflower oil is the preferred cooking oil in Croatia with stable production.

**Tariffs**

Tariffs and quota information can be found at [http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/dds2/taric/taric\\_consultation.jsp](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/taric_consultation.jsp) or obtained from the USDA/FAS office in Zagreb by sending a message to [AgZagreb@fas.usda.gov](mailto:AgZagreb@fas.usda.gov).