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Report Highlights:

The Government of Poland's Main Statistical Office (MSO) published preliminary marketing year (MY) 2018/19 crop estimates for Poland. MSO estimates wheat, rye, barley, oats, mixed grains, and triticale at approximately 24.0 million metric tons (MMT), 14 percent less than in MY 2017/18.

Background:

MSO published a preliminary MY 2018/19 crop estimates for Poland. MSO estimates wheat, rye, barley, oats, mixed grains, and triticale at approximately 24.0 MMT, 14 percent less than in MY 2017/18. MSO expects that rapeseed production will be 2.2 MMT, 16 percent less than the previous year. Deciduous and stone fruit production will achieve record levels, at over 4.2MMT, a 50-percent increase over last year. Berry production will be upwards of 600,000 metric tons (MT), 25-percent increase over MY 2017/18. Production of root vegetables is estimated at over 4.2 MMT, a decrease of nearly eight percent from the previous year.

In MY 2018/19, Poland's grain and rapeseed crops were negatively affected by drought conditions. In May and June 2018, hot and dry conditions accelerated the ripening of grains. In July 2018, stormy and windy weather further damaged grain crops in some areas. The cereal harvest, mainly winter barley, started in the third week of June, two weeks earlier than usual. Weather conditions during the ongoing harvest may continue to affect grain size and quality. June and early July rains boosted sugar beets, corn, deciduous and stone fruit development. For most grains and rapeseed crops the rains occurred too late to help production and only made harvest more difficult.

Table 1: Production of Grains by Variety 2017 – 2018 (000) MT

	Winter grains	Change year to year 2018/17 (%)	Spring Grains	Change year to year 2018/17 (%)
Wheat	8,400	-16	1,700	-1
Rye	2,400	-9	-	-
Barley	800	-10	2,500	-13
Triticale	3,700	-20	400	-35
Mixed grains	200	-7	2,500	-3
Oats	-	-	1,200	-15
Total	15,500	-15	8,300	-10

Source: MSO

Table 2: Grain Area by Variety 2017 – 2018 (000) Ha

	MY 2017/18	MY 2018/19	Change year to year 2018/17 (%)
Wheat	2,392	2,400	0.3
Rye	873	900	3.1
Barley	954	1,000	4.8
Triticale	1,352	1,300	-3.8
Mixed grains	880	1,100	25.0
Oats	491	500	1.8
Total	6,942	7,200	3.7

Source: MSO