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Report Highlights:

National Statistic Office estimates grain production at 26.3 million tons and rapeseed production at 1.9 million tons. In comparison to the 2010 crop year, the 2011 crops are lower by 3.5 percent and 10.1 percent, respectively. Grain quality is reported as poorer due to fungi presence after excessive rainfall prior/during harvest.

General Information:

July saw frequent and very heavy rains which interfered with early harvest of grains and rapeseed crops. Heavy rains combined with high winds caused extensive lodging among crops. Many parts of the country experienced field flooding. Second half of August brought warm, sunny weather creating generally good conditions for field work enabling farmers to finish harvest by the end of the month. By the end of August sowing of winter rapeseed had been completed as well.

Crop	Production (in thousand tons)	Area (in thousand hectares)
Wheat	9255.7	2300.0
Rye	2565.5	1100.0
Barley	3335.7	1000.0
Oats	1352.8	500.0
Mixed grain	3407.5	1200.0
Triticale	4192.0	1300.0
Corn	2130.0	336.8
Rapeseed	1900.0	827.6

Source: National Statistic Office, Warsaw

The Ministry of Finance reports MY2010/11 grain imports at 1.18 million tons, including wheat (555 thousand tons), corn (434 thousand tons), and barley (171 thousand tons). Grain exports declined to 1.45 million tons, down from 2.2 million tons the previous season. In MY2010/11 Poland exported over 800 thousand tons of wheat.