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### **Preliminary Reports on Winterkill Loses in Poland**

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**Report Highlights:**

Preliminary estimations show extensive winter wheat and rapeseed winter-kill in Western and Central Poland after late winter deep freeze weather. Two provinces have already requested assistance from the central government to mitigate the effects of the winterkill losses

**General Information:**

According to the preliminary evaluation of winterkill losses published on March 12, 2012 by the National Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation in Pulawy, significant losses in winter wheat and rapeseed plantations were registered in the Provinces of Wielkopolska, Kujawsko-Pomorskie, Lodzkie, Mazowieckie, and partly Lubelskie.

On March 27, 2012, self governments of Kujawsko-Pomorskie and Lodzkie Provinces requested the Prime Minister of Poland to introduce a state of natural disaster in their regions due to winterkill losses in the rapeseed and winter wheat plantations.

According to the first estimates of winterkill losses published by Sparks Polska (based on information from local extension service centers) in Kujawsko-Pomorskie Province (North Western Poland) eighty percent of winter wheat and 70 percent of rapeseed plantations were damaged, while in Lodz Province (Central Poland) damage amounted to 90 and 20 percent, respectively. It is estimated that in Kujawsko-Pomorskie and Lodzkie Provinces 214,000 hectares of winter wheat and 87,000 hectares of rapeseed were damaged by winterkill, which amounts to 10 percent of total planted area of these crops in Poland.