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Expected production of wheat, raspberries and sour cherries and areas sown with maize, sugar beet, sunflower and soya in the Republic of Serbia, 2012

– Preliminary results –

Data on expected production of wheat, raspberries and sour cherries, and areas sown with maize, sunflower and soya are presented as of 25th May 2012.

According to the estimations of crops, the production of wheat is expected to be 1916 thous. tons in the Republic of Serbia, which is a fall of 7.7% relative to the production output in 2011. Compared to ten-year average (2002-2011), the production of wheat fell by 4.1%.

When compared to 2011, the production of raspberries and sour cherries is expected to increase by 5.6% and 17.4% respectively.

As for sown areas in spring sowing in 2012, preliminary results show that, in relation to 2011, there was an increase of maize by 1.1%, of sugar beet by 15.8%, and a decrease of sunflowers by 4.8%, and soya by 4.8%

When compared to ten-year average, there was an increase of sown maize by 4.9%, soya by 11.7%, sugar beet by 3.3%, and a decrease of sunflower by 6.1%.

Since 1999, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia doesn't dispose of certain data for AP Kosovo and Metohia, so they are not contained in the data coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

The territory has been divided in compliance with the Regulation on the Nomenclature of Statistical Territorial Units ("Official Gazette of the RS", 109/09 and 46/10).

Final results on spring sowing in 2012, by sectors of ownership, i.e. municipalities, areas, regions and for the Republic of Serbia, will be available at the end of July 2011.

1. Expected production of wheat , raspberries and sour cherries

	Republic of Serbia	Serbia – North			Serbia – South			
		total	Belgrade region	Vojvodina region	total	Šumadija and Western Serbia region	Southern and Eastern Serbia region	Kosovo and Metohija region
Wheat								
Sowing area, ha	491174	270514	27612	242902	220660	85836	134824	...
Yield per ha, kg	3822	4173	4126	4178	3392	3631	3240	...
Production, t	1877309	1128811	113925	1014886	748498	311655	436843	...
Index, 2010=100	115.1	113.9	131.2	112.3	117.0	122.4	113.5	...
Raspberries								
Sowing area, ha	15750	617	158	459	15133	13988	1145	...
Yield per ha, kg	6068	1846	2804	1516	6240	6451	3659	...
Production, t	95565	1139	443	696	94426	90236	4190	...
Index, 2010=100	113.9	37.0	98.2	26.5	116.9	117.5	105.5	...
Sour cherries								
Number of fertile trees	8380285	2070736	473741	1596995	6309549	1375118	4934431	...
Yield per tree, kg	10.5	15.8	18.7	14.9	8.8	11.9	7.9	...
Production, t	88274	32633	8878	23755	55641	16416	39225	...
Index, 2010=100	133.3	154.4	112.0	179.9	123.4	166.9	111.3	...

2. Areas sown with maize, sugar beet, sunflower and soya

	Republic of Serbia	Serbia – North			Serbia – South			
		total	Belgrade region	Vojvodina region	total	Šumadija and Western Serbia region	Southern and Eastern Serbia region	Kosovo and Metohija region
Maize								
Sown area, ha	1261246	785908	53418	732490	475338	260216	215122	...
Index, 2010=100	102.1	104.0	100.5	104.2	99.2	100.0	98.2	...
Sugar beet								
Sown area, ha	56570	56231	1438	54793	339	193	146	...
Index, 2010=100	84.7	84.6	89.7	84.5	113.0	107.8	120.7	...
Sunflower								
Sown area, ha	177424	163786	3366	160450	13638	1919	11719	...
Index, 2010=100	104.0	103.1	203.1	102.0	116.1	87.9	122.5	...
Soya								
Sown area, ha	166134	157222	4674	152548	8912	8092	820	...
Index, 2010=100	97.1	96.3	103.6	96.1	114.0	118.5	82.7	...

Methodological notes:

Data presented in this statistical release are obtained on the basis of the Report on Areas and Crops at the End of Spring Sowing (PO-22), which is the main survey in the statistical system of plant production. Companies and farm cooperatives use accounting records to fill in the questionnaire, while for family holdings estimations are made by estimators by estimation areas (one cadastre municipality or more).

Sown areas are areas that are tilled and sown with crops, while sowing areas are areas from which production is expected.

Yield per hectare is estimated on the basis of the plant structure, age, density, etc. taking into account agricultural practices and the weather.

When estimating, one supposes that production conditions will be normal until the next harvesting period.

For more information refer to the abridged Methodology of Plant Production Statistics which is available on the website of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia: www.stat.gov.rs.