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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, 2013

### – Preliminary results –

Data on expected production of wheat, raspberries and sour cherries, and areas sown with maize, sunflower and soya are presented as of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

According to the estimations of crops, the production of wheat is expected to be 2328 thous. tons in the Republic of Serbia, which is a growth of 21.8% relative to the production output in 2012, and the result of the increase of areas sown with maize and of the yield. Compared to ten-year average (2003-2012), the production of wheat grew by 4.1%.

When compared to 2012, the production of raspberries and sour cherries is expected to decrease by 115.8% and 12.9% respectively.

As for sown areas in spring sowing in 2013, preliminary results show that, in relation to 2012, there was an decrease of maize by 7.3%, of sugar beet by 4.0%, and of soya by 1.6%, and an increase of sunflowers by 11.8%.

When compared to ten-year average, there was an increase of sown sunflower by 4.4%, soya by 9.2%, and a decrease of maize by 2.7% and sugar beet by 2.2%.

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 2013, by sectors of ownership, i.e. municipalities, areas, regions and for the Republic of Serbia, will be available at the end of July.

### 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
<b>Wheat</b>								
Sowing area, ha	557396	320923	26958	293965	236473	98824	137649	...
Yield per ha, kg	4177	4641	4032	4697	3548	3712	3430	...
Production, t	2328276	1489367	108701	1380666	838908	366824	472084	...
Index, 2012=100	121.8	128.1	108.8	129.9	112.1	114.3	110.5	...
<b>Raspberries</b>								
Sowing area, ha	15683	548	122	426	15135	13870	1265	...
Yield per ha, kg	3777	2216	3262	1916	3834	3971	2329	...
Production, t	59239	1214	398	816	58025	55079	2946	...
Index, 2012=100	84.2	91.6	96.1	89.5	84.1	84.1	84.5	...
<b>Sour cherries</b>								
Number of fertile trees	7969555	2161807	438590	1723217	5807748	1377324	4430424	...
Yield per tree, kg	10.6	10.3	11.6	10.0	10.7	11.6	10.4	...
Production, t	84323	22317	5095	17222	62006	16013	45993	...
Index, 2012=100	112.9	111.4	82.4	124.4	113.5	121.8	110.9	...

## 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
<b>Maize</b>								
Sown area, ha	1193695.5	740263	53616	686647	453432	248668	204764	...
Index, 2012=100	92.7	90.7	94.7	90.4	96.2	96.5	95.9	...
<b>Sugar beet</b>								
Sown area, ha	62377	62004	2167	59837	373	228	145	...
Index, 2012=100	96.0	95.9	59.7	98.1	114.1	119.4	106.6	...
<b>Sunflower</b>								
Sown area, ha	186556	171753	1955	169798	14803	2185	12618	...
Index, 2012=100	111.8	112.8	126.5	112.7	101.0	100.9	101.0	...
<b>Soya</b>								
Sown area, ha	160865	152050	4588	147462	8815	8052	763	...
Index, 2012=100	98.4	98.3	117.7	97.8	99.7	99.4	103.4	...

### 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. Enterprises 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 harvesting 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.

More information is available in 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](http://www.stat.gov.rs).