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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, 2017

**– Preliminary results –**

Data on expected production of wheat, raspberries and sour cherries, and areas sown with maize, sunflower and soya are presented as of 23rd May 2017.

According to the estimations of crops, the production of wheat is expected to be 2277 thous. tons in the Republic of Serbia, which is a fall of 21.0% relative to the production output in 2016.

When compared to 2015, the production of raspberries and sour cherries is expected to decrease by 6.9% and 6.5% respectively.

When compared to the previous year, estimations show that in spring sowing 2017 there was a decrease of maize by 1.3%. An increase of 9.9%, 9.5% and 9.3% was noted in sugar beet, sunflower and soya, respectively.

When compared to ten-year average (2007 – 2016), the production of wheat decreased by 9.1%. There was a decrease of sown maize by 0.5% and sugar beet by 12.9%, but an increase of 25.8% and 26.0% was noted in soya and sunflower, respectively.

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).

**1. Expected production of wheat, raspberries and sour cherries**

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|  | Republic of Serbia  | Srbija – sever | Srbija - jug |
| total | Beogradski region | Region Vojvodine | total | Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije | Region Južne i Istočne Srbije | Region Kosovo i Metohija |
| ***Wheat*** |
| Sowing area, ha | 557702 | 312480 | 25541 | 286939 | 245222 | 115275 | 129947 | ... |
| Yield per ha, kg | 4084 | 4620 | 3581 | 4713 | 3401 | 3302 | 3489 | ... |
| Production, t | 2277655 | 1443676 | 91462 | 1352214 | 833979 | 380606 | 453373 | ... |
| Index, 2016=100 | 79.0 | 75.9 | 72.0 | 76.2 | 84.9 | 82.7 | 86.9 | ... |
| ***Raspberries*** |
| Sowing area, ha | 11041 | 39 | 5 | 34 | 11002 | 10513 | 489 | ... |
| Yield per ha, kg | 5219 | 6487 | 6000 | 6559 | 5215 | 5296 | 3479 | ... |
| Production, t | 57631 | 253 | 30 | 223 | 57378 | 55677 | 1701 | ... |
| Index, 2016=100 | 93.1 | 89.7 |  68.2 | 93.7 |  93.2 |  93.3 |  87.8 | ... |
| ***Sour cherries*** |
| Number of fertile trees | 13990 | 2202 | 737 | 1465 | 11788 | 2962 | 8826 | ... |
| Yield per tree, kg | 5388 | 7147 | 7631 | 6903 | 5060 | 5217 | 5007 | ... |
| Production, t | 75384 | 15737 | 5624 | 10113 | 59647 | 15452 | 44195 | ... |
| Index, 2016=100 | 93.5 | 92.3 |  96.8 | 90.0 |  93.9 |  97.9 |  92.5 | ... |

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

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|  | Republic of Serbia  | Srbija – sever | Srbija - jug |
| total | Beogradski region | Region Vojvodine | total | Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije | Region Južne i Istočne Srbije | Region Kosovo i Metohija |
| ***Maize*** |
| Sown area, ha | 1007429 | 611837 |  41253 | 570584 | 395592 | 214628 | 180964 | ... |
| Index, 2016=100 | 98.7 | 98.6 | 95.5 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 98.7 | 99.1 | ... |
| ***Sugar beet*** |
| Sown area, ha | 54183 | 53890 | 2078 | 51812 | 293 | 161 | 132 | ... |
| Index, 2016=100 | 109.9 | 109.8 | 106.5 | 109.9 | 140.2 | 145.0 | 134.7 | ... |
| ***Sunflower*** |
| Sown area, ha | 221735 | 202500 | 2367 | 200133 | 19235 | 3415 | 15820 | ... |
| Index, 2016=100 | 109.5 | 109.2 | 117.7 | 109.1 | 113.4 | 131.8 | 110.1 | ... |
| ***Soya*** |
| Sown area, ha | 203114 | 191685 | 5698 | 185987 | 11429 | 10776 | 653 | ... |
| Index, 2016=100 | 109.3 | 109.0 | 110.6 | 109.0 | 115.0 | 115.4 | 108.7 | ... |

**Methodological notes:**

Data presented in this statistical release are obtained on the basis of the “Survey of areas and crops at the end of the spring sowing”, estimations of agricultural expert counseling stations and other administrative sources on the expected production of wheat, raspberries and sour cherries, and areas sown with major crops at the end of spring sowing.

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.

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