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## **Denmark**

### **Grain and Feed**

#### **2002 Grain harvest**

#### **2002**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**2002 grain harvest calculated at 8.8 million tons, down 10 percent from the previous year.**

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Includes PSD changes: No  
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The Danish Government Statistical Office (Danmarks Statistik) has published its preliminary 2002 grain harvest data.

The 2002 grain harvest is estimated 10 percent below the 2001 harvest. Total yield is 8.8 million tons, the second lowest since 1995. The decline is due to a combination of lower yields for all grains except oats and a much lower area planted to high yielding winter wheat, a result of bad weather during planting time.

The winter wheat yield declined from 7.47 tons per hectare in 2001 to 7.01 in 2002 while yields for spring barley declined from 5.28 tons per hectare in 2001 to 4.83 tons in 2002. Calculated with the area changes, total winter barley harvest declined 18 percent and spring barley by 8 percent.

The water content in this year's harvest was 15 percent against 16 percent in 2001. The relatively modest harvest in combination with lower prices will reduce Danish farmers income by about \$135 million.

Rape seed harvest is calculated at 213,000 tons in 2002 compared to 212,000 tons in 2001. This is a result of slightly higher area and lower yield for winter rape seed.

Final harvest figures (expected to be published in April 2003) may deviate slightly from the figures below.

Crop	Yield (Tons/hectare)		Total harvest (million tons)	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Winter wheat	7.47	7.01	4.85	4.00
Spring wheat	4.76	4.25	0.04	0.05
Winter rye	5.15	4.90	0.34	0.23
Winter barley	5.86	5.49	0.87	0.64
Triticale	4.93	4.53	0.17	0.17
Spring barley	5.28	4.83	3.20	3.44
Total Grains	6.21	5.68	9.76	8.79
Winter rape seeds	2.80	2.63	.20	0.20
Spring rape seeds	1.56	1.79	.01	0.1
Total Rape seeds	2.68	2.57	.21	.21