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### Oilseeds and Products

#### First projection of winter rapeseed area for harvest in 2005

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**Report Highlights:**

The German association for the promotion of protein plants and oilseeds (UFOP) has released a first projection of the area planted with winter rapeseed for harvest in 2005. According to their figures, total winter rapeseed area has only marginally increased by 0.41 percent and amounts to 1,27 million ha.

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The German promotion association for protein plants and oilseeds has released a first projection of the area under winter rapeseed for harvest in 2005. The projection is based on interviews with a representative group of farmers. Total winter rapeseed area is projected at about 1,27 million ha. This is a marginal increase of 0.41 percent compared to the area harvested in 2004.

Given the high demand for rapeseed oil from the biodiesel and food industry, a larger increase had been expected. This did not materialize due to a late wheat harvest in 2004. Rapeseed is often planted after wheat in the crop rotation. If the wheat is harvested late, the crop land cannot be prepared in time for timely rapeseed plantings on the same land or labor capacity is too small to cope with the wheat harvest and rapeseed plantings on other fields at the same time.

Winter rapeseed planted on set-aside land (or colloquially called "non-food area") increased by 103,400 ha or 49 percent, while rapeseed planted on other land (colloquially called "food area") decreased by 98,000 ha or 9.3 percent. This change is due to increased obligatory set-aside rates. For 2004 the set-aside rate was fixed at 5 percent. With the implementation of the CAP reform in Germany set-aside rules were modified and set-aside rates are now fixed on a regional basis. The average set-aside rate for 2005 amounts to 8.4 percent.

The colloquial distinction between "food" and "non-food" area is somewhat misleading. While all crops on non-food areas can only be used for non-food purposes, the production from "food" area is used for both, food and non-food purposes.

**Table: German winter rapeseed area by state\***

State	"Food use"			Set-aside/"non-food"			Total Winter Rapeseed		
	2004 (1000 ha)	2005 (1000 ha)	Change (in %)	2004 (1000 ha)	2005 (1000 ha)	Change (in %)	2004 (1000 ha)	2005 (1000 ha)	Change (in %)
Mecklenburg- West Pomerania	212.6	195.4	-8.1	19.9	38	91.0	232.5	233.5	0.4
Saxony-Anhalt	108.6	97.2	-10.5	29.2	44.2	51.4	137.8	141.4	2.6
Bavaria	114.8	104.9	-8.6	21.4	35.2	64.5	136.2	140.1	2.9
Saxony	86.5	77.1	-10.9	31	36.6	18.1	117.5	113.7	-3.2
Thuringia	81.7	69.8	-14.6	27.1	38.8	43.2	108.8	108.5	-0.3
Lower Saxony	83.6	84.2	0.7	16.5	23.6	43.0	100.1	107.8	7.7
Schleswig-Holstein	96.1	71.9	-25.2	16.5	33.5	103.0	112.6	105.5	-6.3
Brandenburg	92.4	89.1	-3.6	13.9	16.3	17.3	106.3	105.4	-0.8
Baden-Wuerttemberg	49.8	43.4	-12.9	12.6	16.8	33.3	62.4	60.2	-3.5
North Rhine-Westfalia	45.9	47.4	3.3	10.2	12.4	21.6	56.1	59.9	6.8
Hessia	47.7	45.4	-4.8	7.4	12.9	74.3	55.1	58.3	5.8
Rhineland-Palatinate	32.3	27.9	-13.6	4	4.8	20.0	36.3	32.7	-9.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,051.8</b>	<b>953.6</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>209.8</b>	<b>313.2</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>1,261.7</b>	<b>1,266.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>

\*Ranked by total ha in 2005