



Market statistics in the cotton, flax and hemp sectors

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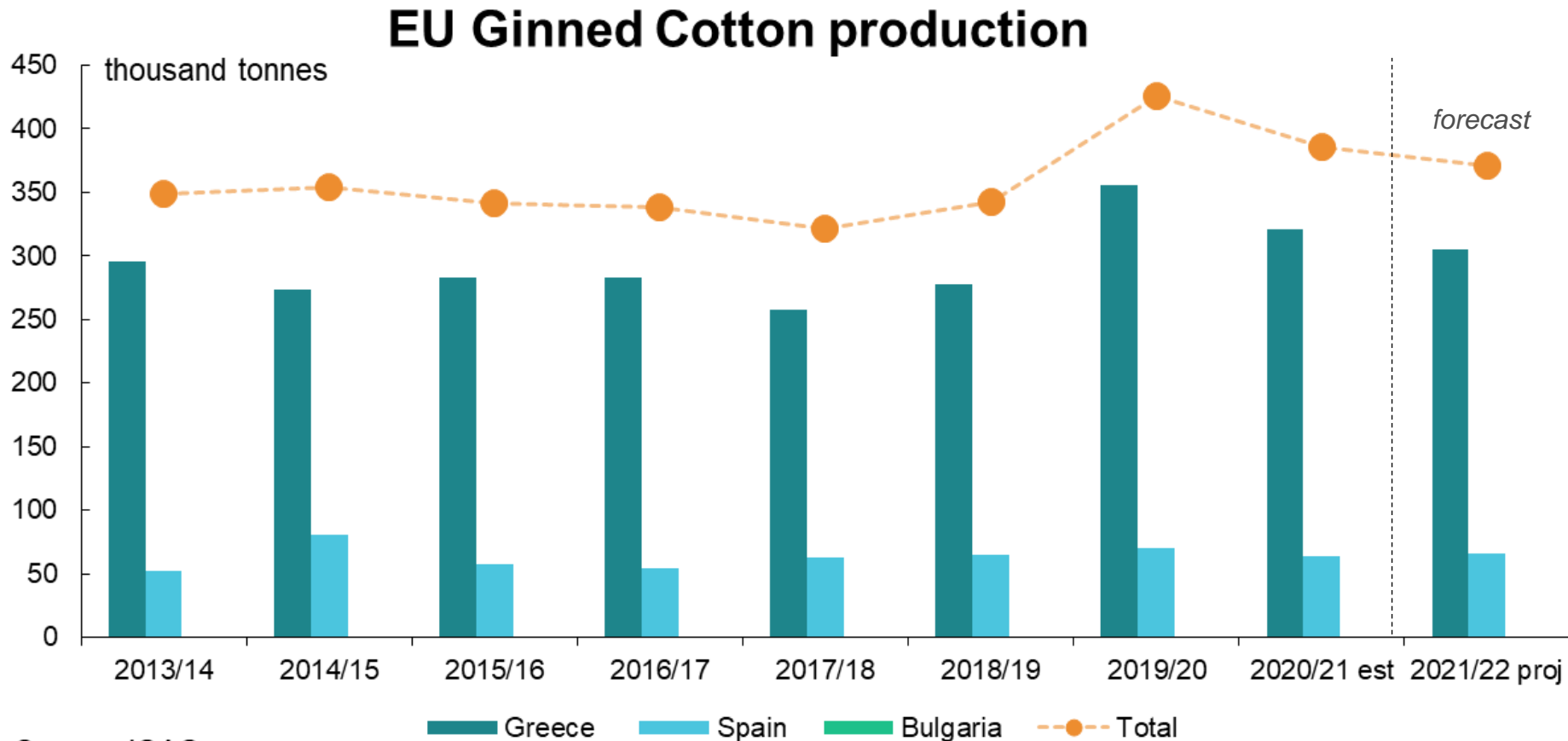
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COTTON

Area, Production, Trade and Prices

EU cotton production forecast to further decrease in 2021/22



EU area, unginned production and unginned cotton prices

AREA (1 000 ha)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 estimates
Bulgaria	4.0	4.2	2.8	2.5
Greece	291.5	276.5	262.3	254.0
Spain	66.1	61.6	57.9	51.6
Totals	361.6	342.2	323.0	308.1

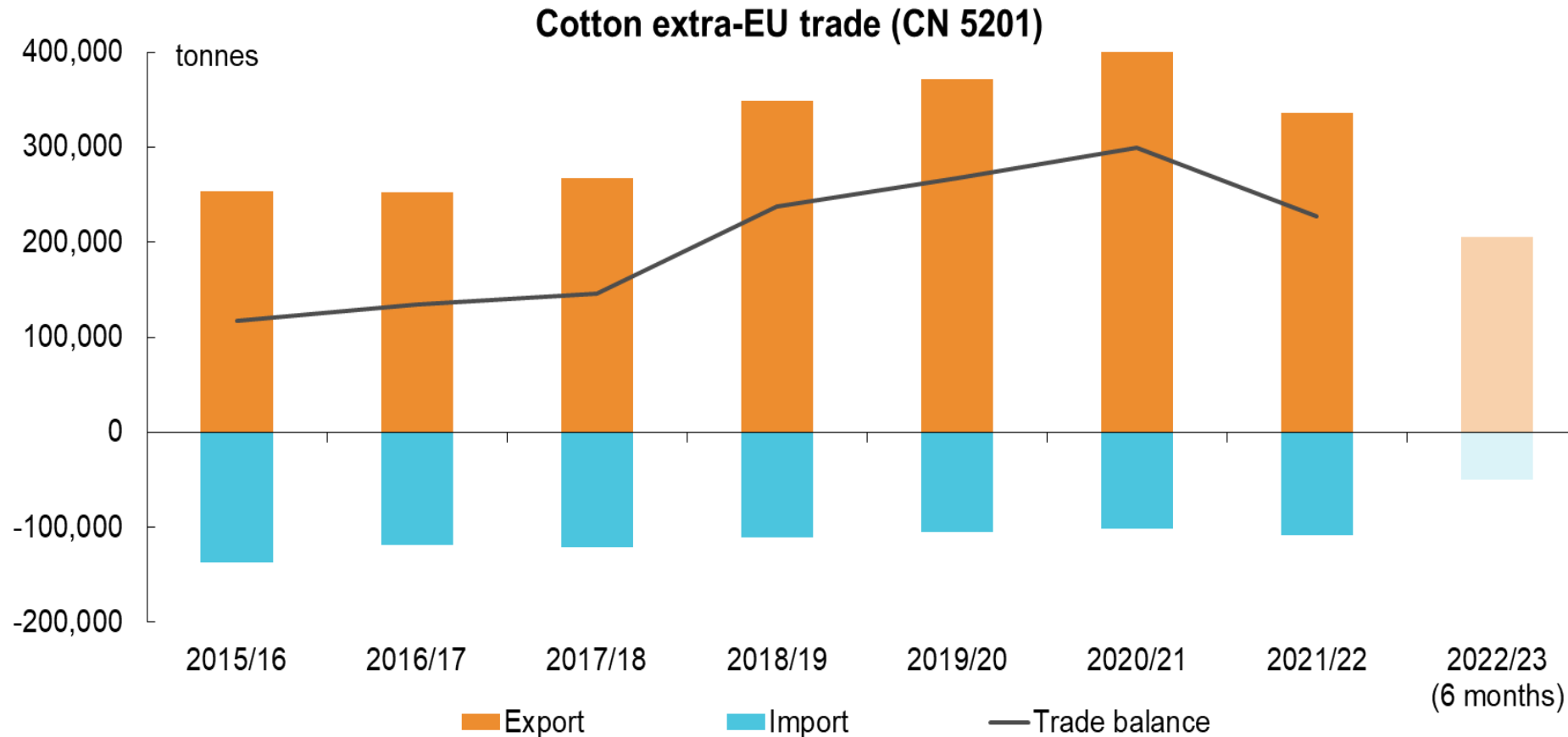
PRODUCTION (1 000 t)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 estimates
Bulgaria	3.1	2.5	1.5	
Greece	1,044.2	914.8	869.2	800.0
Spain	209.6	167.8	174.8	127.8
Totals	1,256.8	1,085.0	1,045.5	

PRICE (EUR per tonne)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Bulgaria	364.79	336.57	455.11
Greece	440.00	415.00	700.00
Spain	445.20	421.70	609.20

Note: 1 EUR = 1.9558 BGN.

Source: Member States notifications (Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1185).

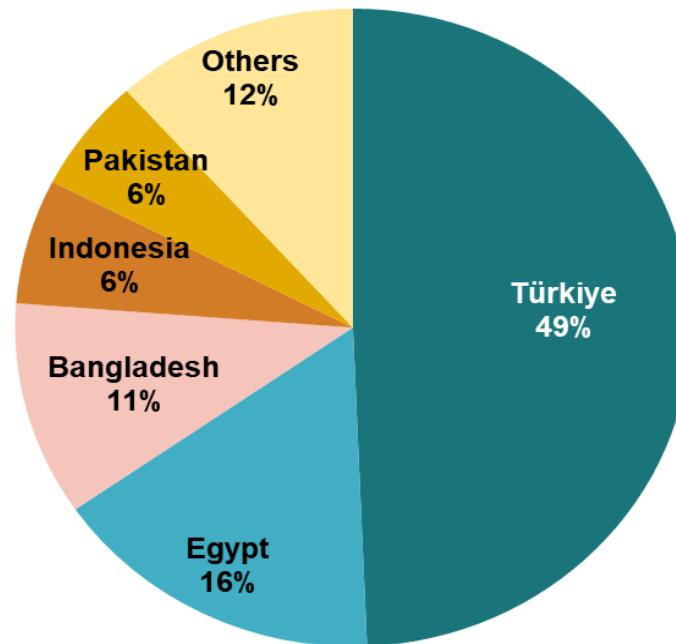
EU cotton trade balance increased for four consecutive marketing years



Source: Eurostat. Note: Trade corresponds to EU27, therefore the United Kingdom is considered as extra-EU. All trade regimes

EU exports of cotton main destinations

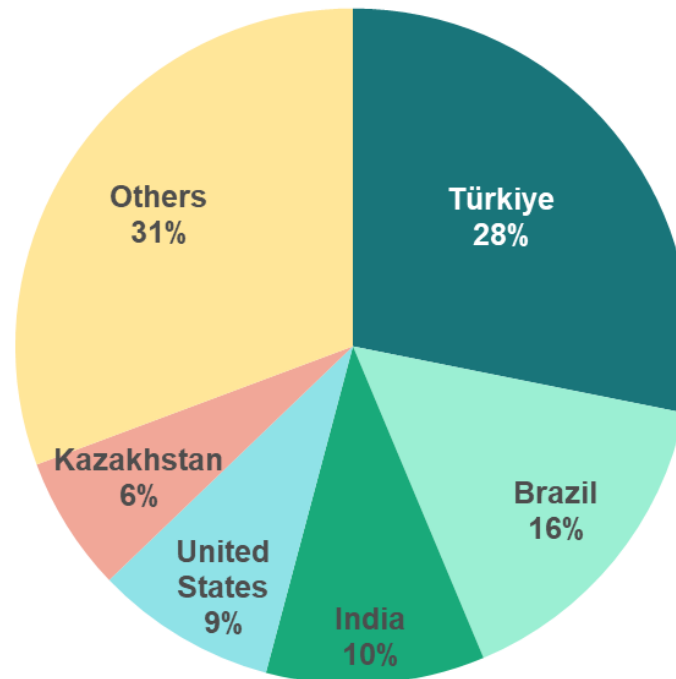
Cotton - EU exports destinations
369 640 tonnes: 3-year average 2019/20-2021/22



Source: EUROSTAT - CN 5201- All trade regimes

EU imports of cotton main origins

Cotton - EU imports destinations
104 908 tonnes: 3-year average 2019/20-2021/22



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Flax

Area, Production, Prices and Trade

Long FLAX fibres: EU area and production

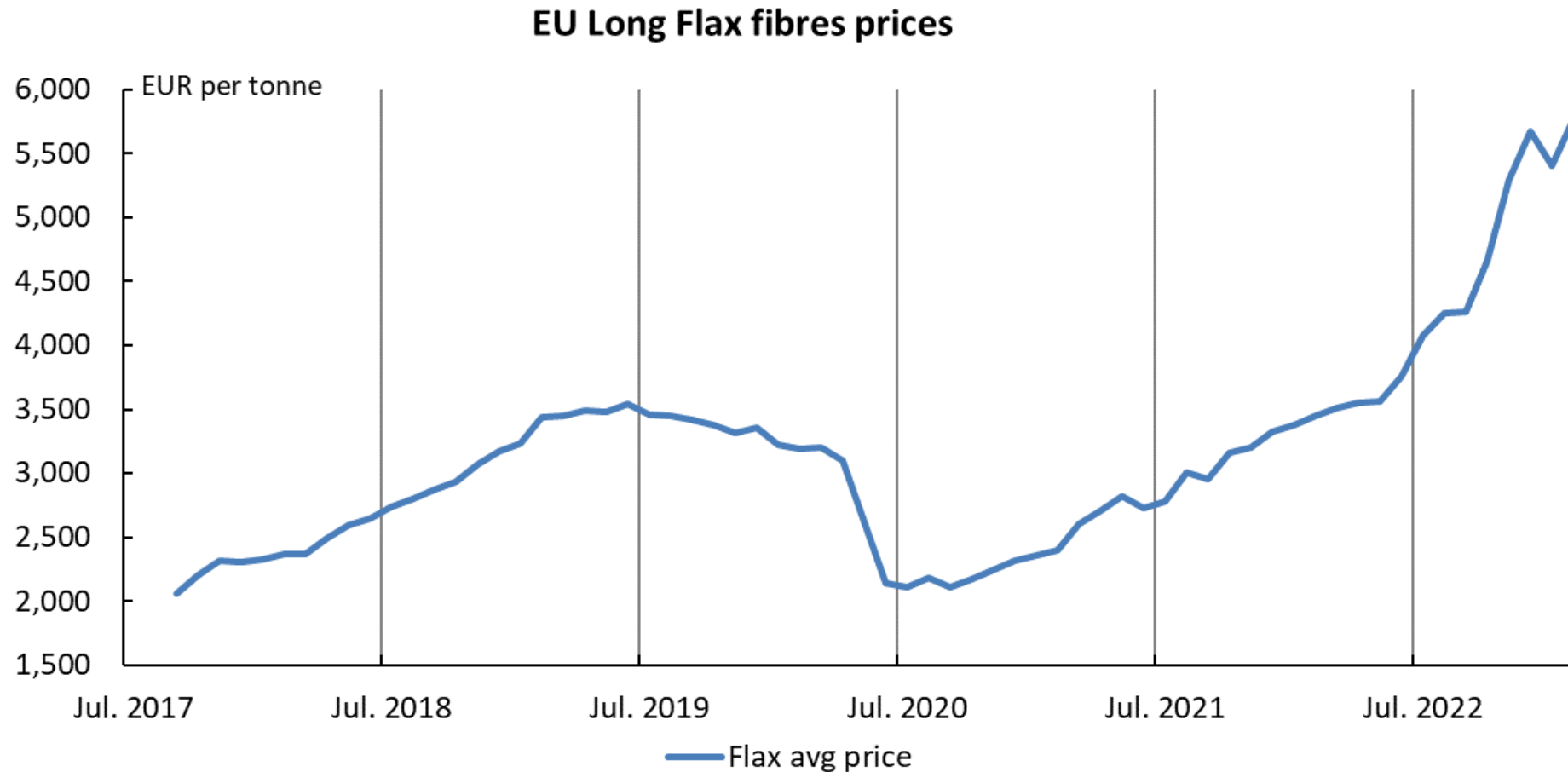
AREA (ha)	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 estimates
Belgium	15,764	16,637	15,646	15,506	19,047	15,515	15,297
France	89,329	98,431	105,709	121,674	141,346	112,578	
Netherlands	2,415	2 425*	:	:	2,378		
Totals	107,508	117,493	121,355	137,180	162,771	128,093	15,297

* Estimate.

PRODUCTION (tonnes)	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 estimates
Belgium		15,198	16,921	19,662	16,761		
France	115,780	110,907	135,100	122,473	121,941		
Netherlands	3,370	3,312	3,614	3,364	2,828		
Totals	119,150	129,417	155,635	144,835	141,530	136,312	17,791

Source: Member States notifications (Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1185).

Long FLAX fibres prices



Source: Member States notifications (Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1185). NL missing for the months of Jan and Feb23.

Imports drop in 2021/22

EU27 imports of flax fibres from third countries, by marketing year

Trade partner	2016/21 (5-year average)		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		
	volume (t)	share (%)	volume (t)	share (%)	volume (t)	share (%)	volume (t)	share (%)	vs. 2020/21 (%)
Belarus	3,501	61.6	2,763	46.5	5,806	70.4	4,430	61.1	-24
Russia	250	4.4	346	5.8	803	9.7	1,484	20.5	85
Egypt	1,153	20.3	1,052	17.7	1,404	17.0	987	13.6	-30
Ukraine	186	3.3	111	1.9	0	0.0	279	3.9	465165
Turkey	76	1.3	76	1.3	71	0.9	48	0.7	-32
India	86	1.5	111	1.9	34	0.4	8	0.1	-77
China	376	6.6	1,463	24.6	120	1.5	5	0.1	-96
Others	55	1.0	25	0.4	13	0.2	9	0.1	-27
Extra EU	5,683		5,947		8,250		7,250		-12.1

Source: COMEXT. Period: July - June. CN codes: 5301 21 and 5301 29. All trade regimes

Exports increased by 3.1% in 2021/22

EU27 exports of flax fibres to third countries, by marketing year

Trade partner	2016/21 (5-year average)		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		
	volume (t)	share (%)	volume (t)	share (%)	volume (t)	share (%)	volume (t)	share (%)	vs. 2020/21 (%)
China	146,446	82	126,563	80	157,217	81	146,440	73	-6.9
India	17,289	10	16,017	10	21,023	11	30,042	15	42.9
Hong Kong	4,742	3	3,498	2	3,856	2	4,925	2	27.7
Tunisia	3,156	2	2,921	2	2,976	2	3,917	2	31.6
Turkey	1,905	1	2,596	2	2,112	1	3,259	2	54.3
Bangladesh	827	0	1,021	1	1,645	1	1,601	1	-2.7
United States	972	1	528	0	432	0	840	0	94.3
Others	4,316	2	5,584	4	5,948	3	10,238	5	72.1
Extra EU	179,651		158,729		195,209		201,262		3.1

Source: COMEXT. Period: July - June. CN codes: 5301 21 and 5301 29. All trade regimes

Hemp Area and Production

Hemp: EU area

AREA (1 000 ha)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-year average	%
EU27	27.00	28.05	34.96	33.89	31.87	33.00	32.35	100%
Belgium	0.45	0.14	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.11	0.11	0%
Bulgaria	0.00	0.00	1.01	0.61	0.16	0.04	0.36	1%
Czechia	0.57	0.79	0.40	0.41	0.20	0.34	0.43	1%
Germany	1.60	2.80	3.60	4.50	4.60	5.60	4.22	13%
Ireland	0.05	0.07	0.31	0.17	0.04	0.02	0.12	0%
Greece	0.02	0.00	0.36	0.15	0.13	0.15	0.16	0%
Spain	0.14	0.14	0.17	0.57	0.46	0.46	0.36	1%
France	17.63	16.46	14.55	16.88	18.32	19.54	17.15	53%
Italy	0.46	0.67	0.91	0.61	0.60	0.49	0.66	2%
Latvia	0.10	0.10	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0%
Lithuania	0.28	1.50	6.00	2.25	0.87	0.97	2.32	7%
Hungary	0.08	0.05	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0%
Netherlands	1.27	1.99	1.88	1.83	1.70	1.68	1.82	6%
Austria	1.50	1.58	2.01	2.14	1.88	1.34	1.79	6%
Poland	1.17	0.30	1.83	2.40	2.12	1.55	1.64	5%
Romania	1.69	1.45	1.43	1.18	0.69	0.71	1.09	3%
Slovakia	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.03	0%

Source: Eurostat, National statistical offices. For 2022 data might be estimates or provisional figures.

Hemp: EU production

PROD (1 000 t)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-year average
EU27	168.13	169.82	152.82	:	211.55	:	
Belgium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bulgaria	0.00	0.00	1.48	1.65	0.16	0.08	0.67
Czechia	0.47	0.37	0.18	0.28	0.06	0.40	0.26
Germany	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Ireland	0.00	0.00	0.00	:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Greece	0.01	0.19	0.48	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.27
Spain	0.83	0.75	0.29	1.56	1.16	1.16	0.98
France	129.63	124.79	78.05	102.58	143.11	121.66	114.04
Italy	3.44	4.63	7.71	4.67	4.71	3.95	5.13
Latvia	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lithuania	0.20	1.50	9.80	2.42	1.80	1.99	3.50
Hungary	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
Netherlands	9.54	15.32	14.07	12.79	13.28	14.14	13.92
Austria	5.09	6.64	8.92	8.67	10.70	5.20	8.03
Poland	9.47	1.74	13.96	14.64	15.08	6.36	10.36
Romania	2.61	2.76	3.16	2.97	2.77	1.29	2.59
Slovakia	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.05
Finland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Thank you



Market statistics

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