

German biodiesel exports at a high level

UFOP: exports take pressure off rapeseed market

Berlin, 6 September 2023 - Foreign trade in biodiesel is poised to be brisk in 2023. German exports in the first six months rose 16 per cent on the year-earlier period. Imports declined 11 per cent. The export surplus amounted to approximately 0.81 million tonnes. From the perspective of the Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen e. V. (UFOP), exports are an extremely important outlet that takes pressure off the rapeseed oil market. They are therefore highly significant for oil mills' capacity utilization. The UFOP assumes the main imports to be biodiesel and HVO from waste oils which HVO is accounted for in the statistics, but not shown separately. This forecast is confirmed by the Evaluation and Progress Report that is published annually by the German Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE).

According to figures published by the German Federal Statistical Office, Germany exported around 1.5 million tonnes of biodiesel in the first half year of 2023. On the other hand, imports amounted to 686,117 tonnes. The Netherlands continued to be the primary trading partner, accounting for 46 per cent and 58 per cent of total exports and imports respectively. Rotterdam is the largest EU port for biodiesel imports and also the EU's largest location for HVO production. The import volume increased for the second consecutive year. According to investigations conducted by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), larger shipments also came from Malaysia, Austria and Finland, whereas imports from Belgium and Poland fell short of the previous year's volumes.

The main recipient countries of German biodiesel also were EU countries (76 per cent), headed by the Netherlands, Belgium, Poland, Sweden and France. The most important non-EU country was the USA. The country even moved up to second place in the first half of 2023 because imports more than doubled year-on-year to just under 242,000 tonnes.



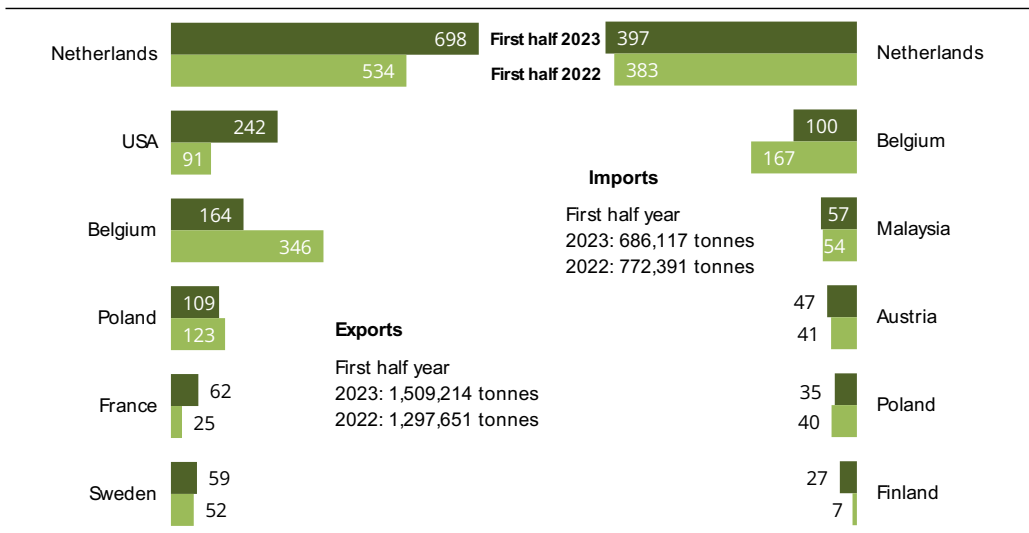
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Germany: destinations and countries of origin for biodiesel in 1,000 tonnes, in the first half years



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