

International Grains Council (IGC) does not expect any changes in global broad bean production

Berlin, 28 August 2024 – The global broad bean market is set to recover only slightly in 2024/25 following the 2023 slump in production, which also limited consumption.

Broad beans are a niche product on the world market. With global production amounting to around 6 million tonnes, supply is still relatively small compared to 484 million tonnes of soybeans or 20 million tonnes of chickpeas. The EU has the largest share of the global broad bean market – and Germany in turn has the largest share within the EU.

For the running 2024/25 marketing year, the International Grains Council (IGC) expects worldwide production to increase 1 per cent to 6.1 million tonnes, mainly due to the foreseeable larger European harvest of 2 million tonnes. The expectation is based on a larger production area and higher yields. The IGC sees EU production at a seven-year high, up 1.3 million tonnes or 15 per cent on the previous year's volume. Broad bean output in the UK is expected to drop 7 per cent or 0.6 million tonnes, because the area has been significantly reduced. Australia is also anticipated to see a decline in harvest compared to 2023 (minus 7 per cent to 0.5 million tonnes). However, in this case the reason is lower yields. The expectation for Asia, with China as the main producer, remains at 1.8 million tonnes. African production is also seen to remain stable at 1.5 million tonnes, with Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt contributing the largest share.

Following the 1.6 per cent decline in consumption in 2023/24, demand is expected to remain unchanged at 6.1 million tonnes in the current marketing year, according to research by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH). In terms of consumption, Europe ranks third behind Africa (2.1 million tonnes) and Asia (2 million tonnes), consuming 1.7 million tonnes. Consequently, ending stocks are likely to decline for the fourth time running, reaching the mark of 672,000 tonnes in 2024/25. This compares to 817,000 tonnes in 2022/23.

The Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen e. V. (UFOP) sees the gradual development of the production of broad beans and large-grained pulses such as pea, lupin and soybean in Germany and the EU, in the medium to long-term, as a major contribution towards regional supply of feed and, increasingly, also food markets. According to the UFOP, higher added value through regional farming and regional processing must "pull" the production area in the future. Legumes are an essential element of resilient and sustainable arable farming.



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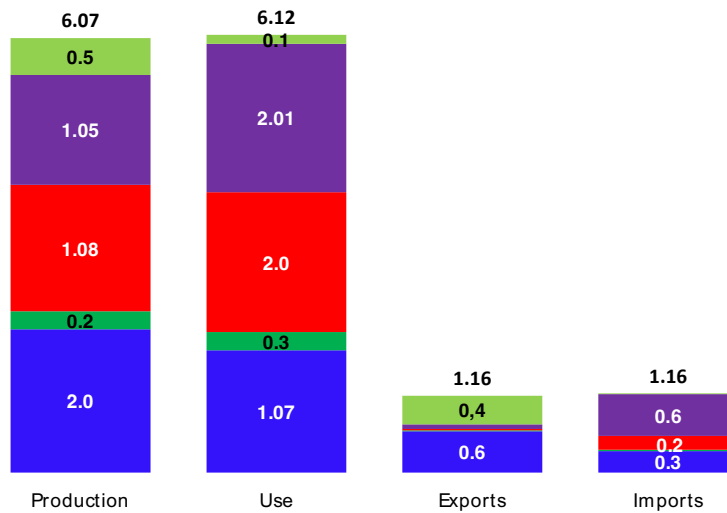
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The UFOP has indicated that, as part of the of BMEL-funded joint project LeguNet (<https://legunet.de/english>), UFOP's responsibility is not only to impart knowledge about cultivation at the producer level, but also to procure the necessary collection and processing structures and help build networks.

World market broad beans
in million tonnes, projection 2024/25



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