Germany exported more soybean meal and less rapeseed meal

Berlin, 22 January 2025. – According to information from the German Federal Statistical Office, German oil mills increased their soybean exports 13 per cent to 834,000 tonnes in the period July to the end of November 2024 compared to the same period in 2023. At the same time, exports of rapeseed meal declined around 15 per cent to 675,900 tonnes.

According to investigations conducted by Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft (mbH), most rapeseed and soybean meal produced in Germany was exported to other EU countries. The ports in the Netherlands were the main recipients for global shipments, as they were in previous years. From July to November 2024, Germany sold around 285,800 tonnes of rapeseed meal to this neighbouring country, representing a 17 per cent decline from the same period the previous year. At around 89,200 tonnes, Denmark also received 3 per cent less, dropping down to third place among the most important recipients. Rapeseed meal exports to Sweden and Switzerland also remained below the previous year's levels. German deliveries to Finland rose around 16 per cent to 91,000 tonnes compared to the first five months of the 2023/24 marketing year. Notably, deliveries to France climbed around 81 per cent, reaching 42,000 tonnes.

The soybean meal produced also went mostly to EU countries. Denmark, one of the EU's leading producers of pork, is the largest market. Nevertheless, in the period from July to November 2024, Germany's deliveries of soybean meal dropped approximately 6 per cent to 153,200 tonnes compared to the same year-earlier period. In contrast, deliveries to the Netherlands jumped 31,000 tonnes to 116,000 tonnes.



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German rapeseed and soybean meal exports

153 286 2024/25 Denmark Netherlands Rapeseed 346 164 Soybean 147 91 Czech Republic Finland 79 131 Cumulative soybean meal exports 116 89 Netherlands Denmark 2024/25: 834,400 tonnes 92 31 2023/24: 737,800 tonnes 76 Cumulative Austria France 56 rapeseed meal exports: 2024/25: 675,900 tonnes 2023/24: 796,100 tonnes 59 Switzerland Spain 33 36 48 United Kingdom Sweden 32 49

from July to November, by marketing years, in 1,000 tonnes

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