

Actual news on crop production at DFA member companies



Goodvalley Ukraine, Lars Paulsen 11 December

General summary of the growing season and harvest 2024

It has been a good growing season, with an easy harvest, where everything has been harvested on time. With record yields in Barley, Rapeseed and maize, we are very satisfied. As well as a generally good start to the crops and preliminary tillage for the 2025 season

Achieved yields 2024 crops.

<i>Crops 2024</i>	<i>Yield Ton pr. ha</i>
Winter Barley	8.7
Winter Wheat	7.77
OSR	4.75
Maize silage	48
Soya	3.2
Corn	11.96

Progress of winter seed sowing

Establishing the rapeseed in August was easy, but very dry. Fortunately, rain has come afterwards, so today we generally have an ok rapeseed, although with late-germinating areas.



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Establishing the winter seed after the rapeseed has gone quite well, and the sowing went smoothly. We got off to a good start after Soybean, where we had a rainy break of a couple of weeks at the beginning of October. The weather was dry again, and we have been able to make a good seedbed for all the late-sown wheat after Soybean, and have achieved a really nice and even germination now.

Goodvalley Poland, Christoffer Pedersen, 11 December

Summary of Autumn Sowing Season 2024

The autumn sowing season in 2024 presented both challenges and opportunities, reflecting the varied conditions across our fields.

The sowing of oilseed rape began under dry soil conditions, which required us to plant seeds deeper than usual to ensure proper germination. While early growth on most fields was satisfactory, the end of the sowing period was disrupted by sudden and intense storms. These conditions reduced plant density on some of the final fields sown. Interestingly, the lower plant density proved beneficial for the development of the remaining plants. This allowed for better growth conditions and reduced the need for growth regulators, especially when combined with the application of natural fertilizers.

In contrast, cereal sowing progressed under excellent conditions. We managed to plant all cereal fields within the optimal timeframe, including those that followed the maize grain harvest. The cereals on these fields germinated well, reaching a robust three-leaf stage before winter, setting a strong foundation for the next growing season.

Despite the challenges with oilseed rape, the overall outcome of the autumn sowing season was positive. The timely sowing of cereals and their favorable early development promise a solid start for the 2025 season.

Yields in late harvested crops

Corn 9.6t/ha wet avg 22% moisture

Maize silage 29.5t/ha