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# EU Oat Trade

## Exports

- Complete EU-27 2019/20 crop year oat exports are up a huge 17.9% to 1,270 ThMt as exports from Sweden and Finland recovered from the drought impacted 2018 crop. This compares with five-year annual growth of 2.9%. Exports have averaged 1,128 ThMT over the past five-years.
- Scan exports (48% of EU total) climbed 60.8% to 629 ThMt. This compares with the average of 523 ThMt. Finnish exports are up 43.9% to 433 ThMt versus the average of 337 ThMt. Sweden exports climbed 117%. Both major exporters have recovered many of their traditional demand markets lost during the drought years.
- While Scan exports have recovered, other exporters in the Top-10 saw a combined drop of 12.1%. France, Poland, Spain Lithuania, Germany and Czechia all recorded declines in 2019/20. Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia posted gains. Estonia and Latvia continue to report solid annual growth of between 34% and 52%.
- Exports in the combined Top 10 are up 17.8% with minor country exports up 18.4%, mainly on gains from Belgium and Ireland and the Netherlands.
- Total raw oat exports to 3<sup>rd</sup> countries (non-EU) are up 84.5% YTD (pg. 7). The top 15 countries account for 98% of total 3<sup>rd</sup> country exports. Exports to the US and South Africa recovered due to the Scan return to the market. Longer term, third country export trends remain down with a negative 3.6% CAGR. Longer term growth to the US, the largest 3<sup>rd</sup> country market is also negative (-6.8% CAGR).

## Imports

- Complete EU-27 2019/20 oat imports are up 7.9% to 1,230 ThMT. This compares with the five-year average of 1,006 ThMT. Imports have been growing at an annual rate of 5.3%.
- Imports in the Top 10 are up a combined 7.7% to 1,129 ThMt with annual growth of 4.8% annually. These countries account for 94% of total EU-27 imports. Minor importing country imports for 2019/20 are down 12.6%
- German oat imports, the largest EU raw oat importer (48% share) are up 6.6% for 2029/10 with growth of 3.1%. Belgium is up 3.9% with the Netherlands up 30.6% (mainly exports from other EU countries) Spain is up 90.% as domestic oat milling use has increased there.
- Swedish oat imports dropped sharply as production recovered in 2019. Gains were noted in France, Denmark and Poland, Declines in Italy and Latvia. All countries in the Top 10 with the exception Poland and Italy are posting positive annual growth rates.