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The Republic of Belarus

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FOOD SECURITY SNAPSHOT

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- Above-average cereal production obtained in 2024
- Import requirements in 2024/25 forecast at above-average level
- Prices of wheat flour above previous year's level

Harvest of winter wheat crops expected to begin in July 2025

Sowing of the 2025 winter cereal crops, mainly wheat and triticale, took place last September under favourable weather conditions. Crops are currently in dormancy phase and snow cover was reported to be sufficient to protect them from frosts and to secure good moisture reserves for April and May, when their growth will resume, and for planting of the 2025 spring crops. The harvest of winter crops is expected to begin in July 2025.

Above-average cereal production obtained in 2024

Harvesting of the 2024 winter and spring cereal crops finalized in August and November 2024, respectively. According to final official data, aggregate 2024 cereal production is estimated at about 7.9 million tonnes, slightly above the five-year average.

Import requirements in 2024/25 forecast at above-average level

In the 2024/25 marketing year (July/June), total cereal import requirements are forecast at about 540 000 tonnes, above the five-year average volume. Wheat, maize and barley import requirements are forecast at 350 000 tonnes, 50 000 tonnes and 100 000 tonnes, respectively, slightly above the average level. The increased total import demand reflects growing domestic consumption needs.

Prices of wheat flour slightly above previous year's level

According to the Eurasian Development Bank, the national annual inflation rate is forecast at 6.6 percent in 2025, as of last February, slightly below than the estimated rate of 6.2 percent in 2024. National average retail prices of wheat flour were generally stable between February and December 2024. From

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Crop Calendar

(*major foodcrop)

Wheat* (Winter)

Maize* (Spring)

Barley (Spring)



Sowing

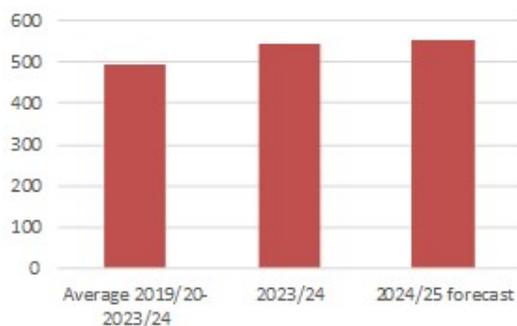
Growing

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Cereals Imports

000 tonnes



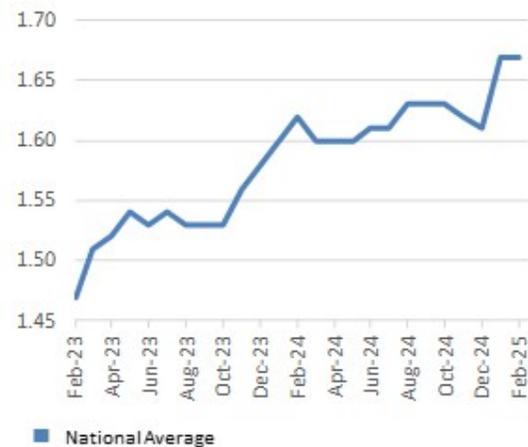
Note: Includes rice in milled terms. Split years refer to individual crop marketing years (for rice, calendar year of second year shown).

December 2023 onwards, prices increased moderately, and, in February 2025, they were about 3 percent above the previous year's level, mainly due to seasonal demand.

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Retail prices of wheat flour

Belarusian rouble per Kg



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FAO/GIEWS Food Price Monitoring and Analysis (FPMA) Tool <https://fpma.fao.org/>.

FAO/GIEWS Earth Observation for Crop Monitoring <https://www.fao.org/giews/earthobservation/>.

Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) <https://www.ipcinfo.org/>.

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