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### HARVESTED PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES IN THE COMMUNITY IN 1988 (Provisional figures)

#### SLIGHTLY BELOW-AVERAGE HARVEST

According to figures already available but as yet incomplete, the overall harvested production of vegetables for EUR-12 was about 41.45 Mio t, or slightly lower than the 1983-87 average (41.9 Mio t) and just above the 1987 figure (41.3 Mio t). Experience has shown, however, that the final result is often corrected upward and therefore the final estimate for 1988 may be even closer to the average.

Although the area devoted to vegetable growing is about the same as in 1987 (1.9 Mio ha), it does show a slight upward trend ending the decline recorded since 1985.

#### VEGETABLE PRODUCTION: DECLINE IN ITALY AND INCREASE IN THE FR OF GERMANY

In 1988, vegetable production in the FR of Germany exceeded the 1.6 Mio t mark for the first time, whereas Italian production (11.1 Mio t) fell to the lowest level for the past nine years. The increase in German production is the result of an increase in area and high unit yields. In Italy, yields remained lower than in previous years whilst areas declined. Greece's production fell, but only because of a decline in area. As far as the other major producer countries are concerned, there was a slight increase in area in France and Spain and a decline in the Netherlands and United Kingdom; these four countries recorded an increase in production of 5-10% above the average and 1-5% above the 1987 figure.

## **NEW DECLINE IN ITALIAN TOMATO PRODUCTION**

After approaching 6.6. Mio t in 1984 and 1985, tomato production in Italy fell to about 4.65 Mio t in 1988. The reason lies in the relatively low yields due to the problems of plant health and drought encountered in this country last year. Apart from Italy, Portugal saw its production (500 000 t) fall fairly sharply compared with previous years ( $M = 800\ 000$  t). As far as the other countries are concerned, production figures were close to those of 1987 in Greece and the Netherlands, whereas there were increases of about 5% in France and the United Kingdom. Spain's production approached the 2.6 Mio t threshold for the first time ( $M = 2.4$  Mio t), whilst in Belgium tomatoes continued their upward trend towards the 200 000 t mark ( $M = 155\ 000$  t). The total of the above figures leaves us with a Community production of about 11.1 Mio t, or slightly less than that of 1987.

## **HIGHER CABBAGE AND CAULIFLOWER PRODUCTION**

At over 5.5. Mio t (including 2.1 Mio t of cauliflowers), brassica production was at its highest since 1972 following the very high harvest figures achieved in the FR of Germany and France.

Production of the "leafed and stalked" and "roots and tubercles" groups vegetables remained more or less the same as in 1987, though slightly higher than the average; nevertheless, mention should be made of the relative decline in the production of lettuces and asparagus compared with the previous year.

As far as pulses are concerned, green pea production increased whilst that of other pulses continued the downward trend started in 1985.

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## Energy and industry

### CORRIGENDUM

After our Rapid Report n° 8/1989 had gone to press we were informed of the following corrections to the figures for coal imports to public supply power stations in the Netherlands (GKE) :

The figure of 356 000 t for 1988 shown as coming from South Africa did, in fact, come from Australia. The public supply power stations (GKE) of the Netherlands did not import coal from South Africa in 1988.

Please replace the relevant pages 3 and 7 of our Rapid Report "Energy and Industry" n° 8/1989 with the pages in annex.

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1 000 t (t = t)

	1987		1988		1988/87		1987/86
E U R    1 2 *							
<b>Hard coal from EUR 12</b>	145 685	78,2%	143 323	78,2%	-1,6%		+0,3%
of which :							
1 - domestic origin	143 777	77,2%	141 912	77,5%	-1,3%		+0,8%
among which : recovered coal	3 654	2,0%	3 354	1,8%	-8,2%		-13,8%
2 - other Community countries	1 908	1,0%	1 411	0,7%	-26,1%		-25,6%
F.R. of Germany	98	0,0%	119	0,1%	+21,4%		-60,6%
France	136	0,1%	634	0,3%	+366,2%		-41,9%
Belgium	20	0,0%	11	0,0%	-45,0%		-74,7%
United Kingdom	1 514	0,8%	639	0,3%	-57,8%		-22,3%
Other countries	140	0,1%	8	0,0%	-94,3%		+146,0%
<b>Hard coal from third-party countries</b>	40 647	21,8%	39 873	21,8%	-1,9%		-3,4%
of which :							
USA	9 495	5,1%	12 055	6,6%	+27,0%		-16,5%
USSR	744	0,4%	853	0,5%	+14,7%		+6,4%
Poland	4 839	2,6%	3 884	2,1%	-19,7%		+13,4%
Canada	585	0,3%	349	0,2%	-40,3%		-31,3%
Australia	10 333	5,5%	6 503	3,6%	-37,1%		+15,1%
Republic of South Africa	8 932	4,8%	8 512	4,6%	-4,7%		-32,9%
Other countries	5 719	3,1%	7 717	4,2%	+34,9%		+118,7%
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	186 332	100,0%	183 196	100,0%	-1,7%		-0,5%

**BELGIQUE/BELGIË**

<b>Houille en provenance d'EUR 12</b>	2 831	59,6%	3 034	60,4%	+7,2%		-0,2%
soit :							
1 - provenance nationale	2 831	59,6%	3 034	42,0%	+7,2%		-0,2%
dont : produits de récupération	864	18,2%	924	18,4%	+6,9%		+10,3%
2 - provenance d'autres pays	-	-	-	-	-		-
R.F. d'Allemagne	-	-	-	-	-		-
France	-	-	-	-	-		-
Belgique	-	-	-	-	-		-
Royaume-Uni	-	-	-	-	-		-
Autres pays	-	-	-	-	-		-
<b>Houille en provenance des pays tiers</b>	1 918	40,4%	1 988	39,6%	+3,6%		+16,9%
soit :							
Etats-Unis	647	13,6%	591	11,8%	-8,7%		+21,6%
URSS	-	-	-	-	-		-
Pologne	-	-	-	-	-		-
Canada	-	-	-	-	-		-
Australie	72	1,5%	78	1,6%	+8,3%		-56,9%
République d'Afrique du Sud	1 199	25,2%	1 259	25,1%	+5,0%		+30,2%
Autres pays	-	-	60	1,1%	-		-
<b>APPROVISIONNEMENT</b>	4 749	100,0%	5 022	100,0%	+5,7%		+6,1%

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1 000 t (t = t)

	1987		1988		1988/87		1987/86
<b>I T A L I A</b>							
<b>Hard coal from EUR 12</b>	68	0,7	119	1,2%	+75,0%	-	-
of which :							
1 - domestic origin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
among which : recovered coal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - other Community countries	68	0,7	119	1,2%	+75,0%	-	-
F.R. of Germany	68	0,7	119	1,2%	+75,0%	-	-
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other countries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Hard coal from third-party countries</b>	10 109	99,3%	9 410	98,8%	-6,9%	+7,6%	
of which :							
USA	4 108	40,4%	4 708	49,4%	+14,6%	-8,6%	
USSR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	490	4,8%	385	4,0%	-21,4%	+113,0%	
Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	341	3,4%	47	0,6%	-86,2%	+80,4%	
Republic of South Africa	4 494	44,2%	3 942	41,4%	-12,3%	+0,3%	
Other countries	676	6,5%	328	3,4%	-51,5%	-	
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	10 177	100,0%	9 529	100,0%	-6,4%	+8,3%	

N E D E R L A N D

<b>Hard coal from EUR 12</b>	100	1,6%	524	6,5%	+424,0%	+96,1%
of which :						
1 - domestic origin	-	-	25	0,3%	-	-
among which : recovered coal	-	-	25	0,3%	-	-
2 - other Community countries	100	1,6%	499	6,2%	+399,0%	+96,1%
F.R. of Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	-	-	499	6,2%	-	-
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other countries	100	1,6%	-	-	-	-
<b>Hard coal from third-party countries</b>	6 174	98,4%	7 524	93,5%	+21,9%	+19,1%
of which :						
USA	1 158	18,5%	1 614	20,1%	+39,4%	-43,1%
USSR	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	644	10,3%	651	8,1%	+1,1%	+46,0%
Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	3 999	63,7%	3 432	42,6%	-14,2%	+55,1%
Republic of South Africa	3	0,0%	-	-	-	-
Other countries	370	5,9%	1 827	22,7%	+393,8%	+233,0%
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	6 274	100,0%	8 048	100,0%	+28,3%	+19,8%



## EUR-12: Harvested production of vegetables in 1988 (1 000 t)

Products	M			p)	1988 compared with	
	1983-1987	1986	1987	1988	M	1987
	1 000 t				in %	
<b>A. By countries</b>						
EUR-12	41 910	42 235	41 285	41 450*	99	100
D	1 370	1 510	1 280	1 610	118	125
GR	3 980	3 690	3 755	3 620*	91	96
ES	9 370	9 575	9 780	9 875*	105	101
F	5 125	5 105	5 115	5 370*	105	105
I	12 565	12 225	11 655	11 090*	88	95
NL	2 745	2 990	2 825	2 900*	106	103
UK	3 470	3 665	3 630	3 780*	109	104
Other	3 285	3 475	3 245	3 195*	97	98
<b>B. By main products</b>						
Total vegetables	41 910	42 235	41 285	41 450*	99	100
All brassicas	5 130	5 315	5 205	5 550*	108	107
of which: cauliflowers	1 865	1 870	1 970	2 100*	113	107
Leafed and stalked	6 305	6 575	6 620	6 630*	105	100
of which: Lettuces	1 875	1 880	1 975	1 940*	103	98
Asparagus	170	185	195	185*	109	95
Globe artischoke	880	960	855	950	108	111
Vegetable cult. for fruit	20 060	19 500	18 930	18 600*	93	98
of which: Tomatoes	12 695	11 940	11 255	11 070*	87	98
Melons	1 610	1 760	1 720	1 675*	104	97
Roots and tubercles	6 620	6 835	6 765	6 910*	104	102
of which: Carrots	2 260	2 370	2 315	2 380*	105	103
Onions	2 930	3 025	3 010	3 060*	104	102
Pulses	2 080	2 125	1 980	1 950*	94	98
of which: Green peas	665	680	580	610*	92	105
Mushrooms	550	590	600	605*	110	101

p) Provisional.

\* Estimated by EUROSTAT.

