

Romania ranked 2nd in EU, after France, in corn for grain production last year

Romania ranked second in the European Union (EU), after France, in terms of corn for grain production last year, with a total of 10.8 million tonnes, although the harvest decreased due to the drought by almost 40pct compared to 2019, according to provisional data reported by the National Institute of Statistics (INS).

On the other hand, Romania continues to rank first in terms of the area cultivated with corn, with over 2.6 million hectares (ha).

Thus, in the ranking of corn for grain production in the EU, France reported a quantity of 13.333 million tonnes, last year, Romania - 10.844 million tonnes, Hungary - 8.334 million tonnes and Italy - 6.793 million tonnes.

According to the same source, the area cultivated with corn in Romania exceeded 2.639 million ha last year, while the surface cultivated in France was by almost one million ha smaller, covering 1.664 million hectares, Hungary cultivated 973,000 ha and Italy - 603,000 ha.

In 2018 and 2019, Romania was the "champion" among the member states in terms of area cultivated with corn for grain.

Last year, Romania exported 5.71 million tonnes of corn for grain to the intra and extra-community space, half of the obtained production, having the highest revenues in the top of agri-food products delivered on the foreign market, respectively 1.08 billion euros, according to data provided by the Ministry of Agriculture at the request of AGERPRES.

On the other hand, Romania also imported corn for grain, but in smaller quantities, of 1.338 million tonnes in total, worth 321.3 million euros.

Domestic consumption of corn for grain stands at approximately 4.5 million tonnes.