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## COCERAL Crop Forecast on Cereals and Oilseeds – December 2017 Update *Background Note*

**COCERAL published its final estimates for the EU's 2017/18** total grain crop down from 300.3 mln tonnes to 299.7 mln tonnes. The crop is thus only slightly higher than the 296.5 mln tonnes harvested in 2016/17. The wheat crop (including durum wheat) is forecast at 150.9 mln tonnes, which remains well above the 145.2 mln tonnes harvested last year.

**The EU's barley crop stands** at 58.3 mln tonnes. **Corn** harvests took place later than usual and the production is at 59.9 mln tonnes.

**The 2017/18 rapeseed crop** in the EU is estimated at 22 mln tonnes. The production estimate for Poland has been lowered due to disappointing yields.

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