## COMMENTARY

At the beginning of the 1st half-year 2025, agricultural organizations showed the following stocks of crop products: 2 793 thous. tonnes of cereals, 42 thous. tonnes of field peas, 135 thous. tonnes of potatoes (total), 775 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 244 thous. tonnes of rape seed, 8 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 8 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed. In total 9 thous. tonnes of cereals (total) and 21 thous. tonnes of potatoes were harvested until 30 June 2025. During the 1st half-year, agricultural organizations purchased 175 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest amount – 72 thous. tonnes – was wheat), 15 thous. tonnes of field peas, 69 thous. tonnes of potatoes (total), 26 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 15 thous. tonnes of rape seed, 1 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 1 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed.

Sales of crop products in the 1<sup>st</sup> half-year comprised of 1 890 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (the largest share – 1 155 thous. tonnes – was recorded for wheat). Direct exports of cereals, total, reached 63 thous. tonnes. Further sales included 24 thous. tonnes of field peas, of which 207 tonnes were directly exported. Sales of potatoes (total) were 134 thous. tonnes and their direct exports reached 445 tonnes. Sugar beet sales reached 740 thous. tonnes. The amount of rape seed sold during the 1<sup>st</sup> half-year was 218 thous. tonnes, of which 5 thous. tonnes were directly exported. Agricultural organizations sold 7 thous. tonnes of poppy. The amount of sunflower seed sold was 7 thous, tonnes.

The consumption of cereals, total, in agricultural organizations during the 1<sup>st</sup> half-year reached 490 thous. tonnes, with the largest share – 216 thous. tonnes – of wheat. Out of this amount, 434 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 46 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 10 thous. tonnes for other use. The consumption of field peas reached 17 thous. tonnes, of which 4 thous. tonnes for feed purposes and 12 thous. tonnes as seeds. 60 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total, were consumed: 3 thous. tonnes for food purposes, 2 thous. tonnes for feed purposes, 53 thous. tonnes as seeds, and 2 thous. tonnes for other use. The amount of consumed rape seed was 3 thous. tonnes: 2 thous. tonnes for feed purposes and 1 thous. tonnes for other purposes. The poppy consumption reached 59 tonnes, mainly as seeds. Agricultural organizations consumed 171 tonnes of sunflower seed, of which 37 tonnes for feed purposes and 86 tonnes as seeds.

Storage losses during the 1<sup>st</sup> half-year 2025 amounted to 3 thous. tonnes of cereals, total, 112 tonnes of field peas, 4 thous. tonnes of potatoes, total), 6 thous. tonnes of sugar beet, 635 tonnes of rape seed, 89 tonnes of poppy and 22 tonnes of sunflower seed.

Stocks at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> half-year 2025 were 594 thous. tonnes of cereals, total (of which the largest – 291 thous. tonnes – of wheat), 16 thous. tonnes of field peas, 27 thous. tonnes of potatoes, 55 tonnes of sugar beet, 36 thous. tonnes of rape seed, 2 thous. tonnes of poppy, and 2 thous. tonnes of sunflower seed.