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**WAPA – World Apple and Pear Association**

**Prognosfruit 2022 releases its annual apple and pear crop forecast, showing a 1% increase in apple production and a 20% increase for pears**

**Prognosfruit’s 2022 European apple and pear crop forecast reveals that apple production is set to increase by 1% compared to 2021, while the upcoming pear crop is estimated to increase by 20% compared to last year’s record low crop of the decade and by 5% compared to the 3-year average. On 4 August 2022, more than 200 international representatives from the apple and pear sector joined Prognosfruit 2022 in Belgrade, Serbia, the first in-person Prognosfruit event after two online editions, to discuss the 2022 production forecast for apples and pears.**

The World Apple and Pear Association (WAPA) released the 2022/2023 European apple and pear crop estimate on the occasion of the 47<sup>th</sup> edition of the Prognosfruit, which took place on August 3-5 in Belgrade, Serbia, returning as an in-person event after two years of online editions. Philippe Binard stated: *“The apple production in the EU27 and UK is estimated to increase by 1% to reach 12.167.887 T compared to last year. This year’s crop is also forecasted to be 9% above the average of 2019-2020-2021”*. The European crop continues its adaptation to the varieties and quality specifications demanded by consumers. Dominik Wozniak, President of WAPA, indicated: *“The prospects for the upcoming season are positive, although the sector will have to be prepared to face a variety of challenges including significant rising costs impacting the competitiveness of the sector, intense weather conditions, logistical issues, inflation, and difficulty to secure seasonal workers, with the ultimate goal of increasing consumption thanks to the quality of the products of the season and reverse the recent negative trend”*.

Philippe Binard added: *“The EU pear crop for 2022 is estimated to increase by 20% compared to last year’s record low crop of the decade and by 5% compared to the 3-year average, rising to 2.077.000 T, mainly due to Italy and France more than doubling their production compared to 2021 (reaching 473.690 T and 137.000 T respectively), although, in the case of the former, the crop remains below its full potential.”*. WAPA will continue to monitor the developments of the Northern Hemisphere crop and will issue updates when available.

The 2022 Prognosfruit Conference gathered more than 200 apple and pear sector experts from 23 countries. The event, organised by WAPA and Serbia Does Apples, featured the forecast and market analysis for the European apple and pear market as well as an overview of the latest trends in processing, organic, and the cider market. Luc Vanoideek (COPA COGECA-VBT) commented: *“The Belgrade meeting was the ideal opportunity to learn more about the development in the EU neighbourhood, including Serbia, Moldova, Ukraine, Turkey, as well as the Central Asia and Caucasus region”* He further explained: *“The additional contributions from representatives of China, India, and the USA provided to the conference a global outreach with the full picture of the whole Northern Hemisphere crop forecast.”*

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Prognosfruit is the compass for the apple and pear sector. Philippe Binard concluded: *“The strong attendance at this first in-person Prognosfruit Conference after two years of online meetings is a clear sign that the sector representatives also very much appreciate the sense of community and networking opportunities that Prognosfruit provides. We look forward to continuing this tradition next year in Trento, Italy from 2 to 4 August 2023”*.

The summary of the 2022/2023 forecast is enclosed and available on [www.prognosfruit.eu](http://www.prognosfruit.eu).

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WAPA was founded in August 2001 with the objectives of providing a forum for discussion on matters of interest to the apple and pear business and initiating recommendations to strengthen the sector. The current President of the Association is Nicholas Dicey (HortGro - South Africa) and the current Vice-President is Dominik Woźniak (Society for Promotion of Dwarf Fruit Orchards / Rajpol - Poland). WAPA membership includes the following countries and areas: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, France, Germany, Italy, Moldova, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Scandinavia, Slovenia, South Africa, Ukraine, the UK and the USA.



# EU 27 and United Kingdom

## Apple production by country

Country	<i>x 1000 tons</i>											
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	F2022 (1)	(2)	
<b>Austria</b>	155	188	177	40	67	184	146	126	120	148	23	13
<b>Belgium</b>	220	318	285	234	88	231	242	168	250	219	-12	0
<b>Croatia</b>	96	62	101	35	66	86	60	55	65	57	-12	-5
<b>Czech Rep</b>	121	131	156	139	102	145	103	118	110	128	16	16
<b>Denmark</b>	23	26	24	24	19	24	15	24	18	24	33	26
<b>France</b>	1.576	1.444	1.674	1.514	1.424	1.477	1.651	1.337	1.383	1.468	6	1
<b>Germany</b>	804	1.116	973	1.033	597	1.093	991	1.023	1.005	1.067	6	6
<b>Greece</b>	236	245	242	259	231	301	276	280	246	294	20	10
<b>Hungary</b>	585	920	522	498	530	782	452	350	520	350	-33	-21
<b>Italy</b>	2.122	2.456	2.280	2.272	1.704	2.264	2.096	2.124	2.053	2.150	5	3
<b>Latvia</b>	15	10	8	10	8	14	10	14	8	8	0	-25
<b>Lithuania</b>	40	27	46	50	48	62	26	60	32	25	-22	-36
<b>Netherlands</b>	314	353	336	317	228	267	272	220	243	245	1	0
<b>Poland</b>	3.170	3.750	3.979	4.035	2.870	4.810	2.910	3.410	4.300	4.495	5	27
<b>Portugal</b>	284	272	329	263	314	267	354	278	368	294	-20	-12
<b>Romania</b>	387	382	336	327	230	425	327	384	444	410	-8	6
<b>Slovakia</b>	42	46	40	17	15	44	35	30	31	34	10	6
<b>Slovenia</b>	56	68	71	12	6	72	36	46	44	47	7	12
<b>Spain</b>	464	505	482	495	480	476	555	425	563	431	-23	-16
<b>Sweden</b>	17	16	21	20	18	32	20	32	27	30	11	14
<b>UK</b>	204	206	243	239	207	219	205	196	186	245	32	25
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10.929</b>	<b>12.541</b>	<b>12.326</b>	<b>11.833</b>	<b>9.251</b>	<b>13.275</b>	<b>10.783</b>	<b>10.700</b>	<b>12.016</b>	<b>12.168</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>

(1) Percentage difference between F2022 and 2021

(2) Percentage difference between F2022 and the average of 2021 - 2020 - 2019



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## Pear production by country

Country	<i>x 1000 tons</i>											
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	F2022	(1)	(2)
<b>Belgium</b>	315	374	369	322	310	369	332	393	356	366	3	2
<b>Croatia</b>	3	2	2	1	6	4	3	2	2	2	0	-8
<b>Czech Rep</b>	7	4	10	7	4	7	6	6	7	8	10	26
<b>Denmark</b>	6	6	6	6	5	6	4	6	6	7	17	31
<b>France</b>	157	131	155	138	133	134	121	133	58	137	136	32
<b>Germany</b>	34	45	43	35	23	45	42	39	37	37	0	-6
<b>Greece</b>	32	37	60	47	59	60	58	80	67	101	51	48
<b>Hungary</b>	36	40	33	38	35	38	32	16	16	17	4	-21
<b>Italy</b>	726	736	764	681	738	730	363	611	202	474	135	21
<b>Latvia</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	-3
<b>Netherlands</b>	327	349	349	374	330	402	373	400	340	368	8	-1
<b>Poland</b>	65	50	80	55	40	70	70	65	70	95	36	39
<b>Portugal</b>	162	203	134	113	186	142	202	139	225	167	-26	-11
<b>Romania</b>	24	17	13	16	12	21	16	19	21	21	-3	10
<b>Slovakia</b>	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	-14	-5
<b>Slovenia</b>	3	4	4	1	0	5	1	1	1	2	96	85
<b>Spain</b>	403	400	344	311	331	298	313	307	309	256	-17	-17
<b>Sweden</b>	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	18	28
<b>UK</b>	26	25	25	24	23	23	20	17	15	16	4	-10
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.330</b>	<b>2.425</b>	<b>2.394</b>	<b>2.171</b>	<b>2.237</b>	<b>2.358</b>	<b>1.959</b>	<b>2.236</b>	<b>1.736</b>	<b>2.077</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>

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