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### Poland's Horticulture Production Update 2011-2012

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**Report Highlights:**

National Statistic Office estimates field vegetable production at nearly 4.4 million tons, tree fruit production at 2.9 million tons, and berry fruit production at over 0.5 million tons. Vegetable and tree fruit crops production is expected to be significantly higher than previous season; however final berry fruit production is estimated to be lower due to smaller currants and strawberry crops earlier this summer.

**General Information:**

Vegetable growing conditions this year were very diverse and varied in different regions of the country. Spring sowing of vegetables was generally delayed, and the initial plant growth started mostly in unfavorable conditions (cold weather in April, frosts in early May, shortage of soil moisture in May and June). Rainfall in July improved soil moisture significantly. Rainfall provided a positive boost for vegetation growth early in July but then became excessive the latter half of the month crop, negatively affecting quality of many vegetable plots. August and September brought drier weather, dramatically improving conditions for growing vegetables thus salvaging quality of various varieties that had suffered earlier. Total vegetable production is estimated at approximately 4.4 million tons, up from last season as well as from the July estimate.

Conditions for fruit production were very different as well, depending on the region. High winter tree losses due to freeze damage were recorded among peach, pear, cherry, and apple producers. In addition, some low-lying orchards that had suffered flood damage the previous season were cut down due to root system rot. Many cherry, plum, and sweet cherry orchards fell into this category. Fruit trees flowered nicely in April but an early May freeze caused widespread damage to orchards across the country. August and September brought favorable growing conditions for fruit trees throughout the country. Soil moisture and favorable temperature supported good production of apples, pears, and plums. National Statistic Office estimates tree fruit production at 2.9 million tons.

<b>Commodity production estimates (in thousand tons)</b>	<b>2011/12</b>
Apple	2500.0
Pear	65.0
Tart cherry	175.0
Sweet cherry	40.0
Plum	99.0
<b>TOTAL TREE FRUIT (incl. walnut, peach, apricot )</b>	<b>2900.0</b>
Strawberry	159.0
Raspberry	105.0
Currants	160.0
<b>TOTAL BERRY FRUIT (incl. chokeberry, blueberry, gooseberry)</b>	<b>505.0</b>
Cabbage	1100.0
Cauliflower	200.0
Onion	630.0
Carrot (edible)	820.0
Red beets	340.0
Tomatoes	260.0
Cucumbers	260.0
Other field vegetable	760.0
<b>TOTAL FIELD VEGETABLE</b>	<b>4370.0</b>

Based on data from Central Statistic Office, Warsaw, Poland (September 2011).

