



Le NEPG s'attend à une récolte de 2 millions de tonnes en moins.

Le NEPG (Groupe des producteurs de pommes de terre du nord-ouest européen / North-Western European Potato Growers), a calculé qu'à travers les 5 pays membres, la récolte totale de pommes de terre devrait être inférieur de 2 millions de tonnes par rapport à celle de 2009.

8 % de rendement en moins.

The provisional estimations are based upon recent trial digs by the various member organizations, apart from Great Brittan whose yield is based upon the last 5 years average. The total production of 22.872.000 tons includes the early processing potatoes which were recently harvested, and for this crop even more realistic figures could be used.

Compared to last year Belgium is the only country with a 5,4% higher expected crop, however here the total potato area has been increased with 9,2%. The total NEPG area decreased with 0,1% only. The average expected yield is 42,9 to/ha compared with 46,8 to/ha last year. With these yields this season can be compared with the drought year 2006 when the average yields were 42,6 to/ha in the NEPG country. These figures will be updated in early November once the 2010 harvest is in store and actual yields have been accessed.

Quality

In spite of the difficult growing conditions in general the quality that the growers have produced is good. These figures however are based upon gross harvested quantities, and the NEPG expects quality issues as low dry matter content, smaller tubers and problems with secondary growth. The yields for the processing crop will be lower than last year. Due to the low dry matter content in the potatoes the factories will need more potatoes for the same amount of end products.

During the harvest period some growers might decide not to store their potatoes due to the quality. This will lead to some extra pressure on the price levels on the short run. However the NEPG predicts with a much higher price level at the end of the year and spring 2011. The future market price € 24,30 for April 2011, and realized transaction for spring 2011 proof that this expectation is very realistic.