



PRESS RELEASE

Potato harvest at historical low level

Impact on potato supply and processed potato products

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After completion of the potato harvest the expected low yield of the crop due to the extreme drought this summer became true.

The German association of fruit, vegetable and potato processing industry (BOGK) confirmed therefore the content of their press release statement from July this year.

With only 8.7 million tons of potatoes the crop quantity reached a historical all-time low level this year.

Farming and potato processing industry experts have currently established a reduction of 25 – 30 % for processing potatoes.

There is also a possibility of further reduction of processing potatoes due to quality issues such as glassy structure or germination during storage.

As a result of this year's drought it is also expected that the crop in 2020 will be affected in a negative way because the seed potatoes, especially the seed potatoes for the early crop potatoes, will not be sufficiently available.

At the same time the demand for processed products is very high, a significant price increase in comparison to average harvests is already expected as it can be seen in the stock-exchange prices.

With present knowledge it is furthermore most likely that a continuous supply with potatoes in good quality until next seasons crop is not secured.

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