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Record harvest of potatoes and onions

The 1999 potato harvest reached a record 8.2 billion kilo. Never before did Statistics Netherlands record a harvest of 47 thousand kilos per hectare in consumer and industrial potatoes.

The onion harvest likewise reached a record total. The land used for growing seeding onions increased by 65% in a ten-year period.

Good year for potatoes

Farmers managed to harvest over 50% more potatoes than in 1998. However, in 1998 a third of the land used for growing potatoes flooded, problems were especially serious on heavy clay. In 1999 there were more favourable circumstances in the growing season, leading to an 80% increase of the consumer and industrial potato harvest on clay.

More and more onions

The total harvest of seeded onions in 1999 was over 750 million kilos. This is a 16% increase on the record harvest of 1998. More land was used for growing onions, but the average yield fell by 14%.

More sugar beet

More sugar beet was harvested in 1999, bringing the total up 33% on 1998. The average yield per hectare increased by 22%.

The total crop in cereals fell by almost 7% on last year. Far less cereal was sown this year. The yield per hectare, however, increased.

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