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Record onion crop in 2000

The number of sown onions will be 8% higher this year than the record number in 1999, at an expected gross crop of 815 million kilos. The newest figures from Statistics Netherlands further show that the total production of consumption and seed potatoes will probably be at the same level as last year, at an estimated 6 billion kilos. The yield per hectare of potatoes is 2% down on 1999.

Fewer potatoes per hectare

The crop of potatoes grown in clay soil will be slightly higher in 2000 than in 1999 at 4.5 billion kilos, while the total potato harvest on sand and peat soil will be 2% down on last year's figure, in spite of more land being devoted to these crops: 1.5 billion kilos, with an average crop per hectare of 45 thousand kilos. This is 8% less than in 1999.

Half of onions grown in Flevoland

The sown-onion crop has never been as high as this year. In 2000 14 thousand hectares of land were used to grow sown onions, slightly more than in 1999. The average yield per hectare this year is 58 thousand kilos, 8% more than last year. In Flevoland, where half the sown onions are grown, the average yield per hectare is 67 thousand kilos, 12% up on 1999.

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