

RAPSEED MARKET 2026/27: BIGGER GLOBAL CROP DOES NOT IMPLY A COMFORTABLE MARKET

- **USDA expects new record of global rapeseed production in the new season**
- **USDA is more optimistic about the future rapeseed harvest in Ukraine than Ukrainians**
- **Ukraine will remain among the world's TOP rapeseed exporters**
- **EU is a key destination for rapeseed and oil exports, the meal market is more diversified**

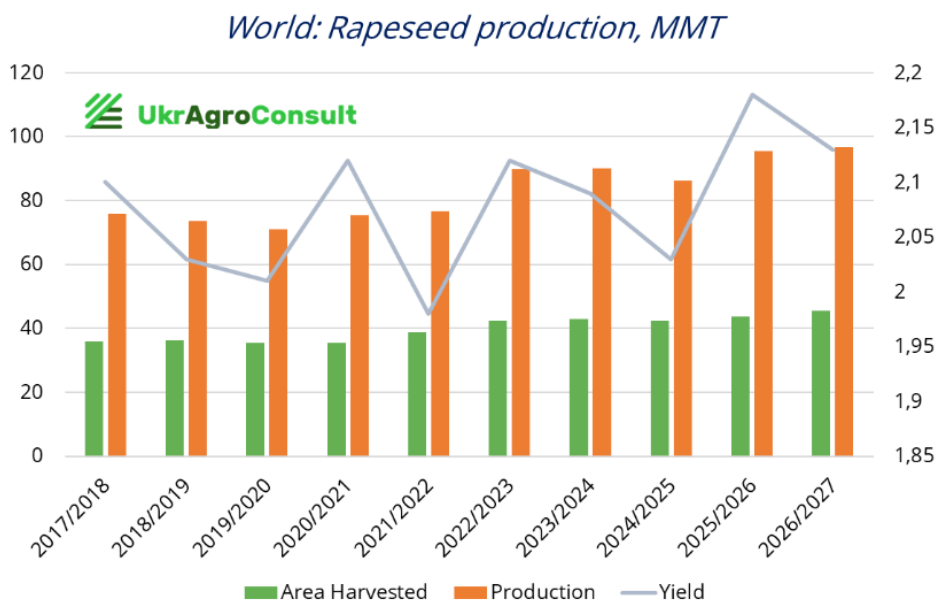
The global rapeseed market will be in 2026/27 season under contradictive drivers - record production vs. rising uncertainty over weather, biodiesel demand and processing competition. According to the May USDA, global rapeseed production may be at new record of 96.9 M mt, up by 1.4 M mt y/y. The increase is driven mainly by expansion of planted areas to a record 45.5 M ha (+4% y/y), while yields are expected to decline slightly after the exceptionally strong 2025/26 season.

The Black Sea-Danube-Balkan and EU region key trend is oilseeds continue gaining planted area vs. grains. The oilseeds processing margins are still stronger, their exports are more flexible while biofuel sector demand increases even more. UkrAgroConsult considers this trend as a long-term shift.

USDA expects the largest production in Ukraine (+0.7 M mt), Russia (+0.5 M mt) and India (+0.4 M mt), while Australia may lose around 0.9 M mt due to weaker crop conditions. Canada will remain the dominant global supplier with production stable near 22 M mt and exports rising to 8.2 M mt thanks to very large carry-over stocks above 3 M mt.

The market remains highly sensitive to:

- weather risks in Canada, Australia and the EU;
- volatility in crude oil prices;
- biodiesel margins;
- geopolitical risks in the Middle East;
- freight and logistics costs.



Source: USDA, May 2026

Rapeseed oil will be traded more like an energy commodity than a traditional food product. This correlation with biodiesel is becoming stronger every season. Any sharp move in crude oil immediately changes crush economics and processor behaviour. Energy market is now looking like weather as a price driver.

World TOP rapeseed producers and exporters, M ha

Country	Production			Exports		
	2026/27	2025/26	+/-	2026/27	2025/26	+/-
Canada	22.0	22.0	-	8.2	7.6	+0.6 (at the expense of large carryovers—over 3 M mt)
EU	20.7	20.5	+0.2	0.5	0.65	-0.15
China	16.2	16.0	+0.2	0	0	0
India	12.4	12.0	+0.4	0	0	0
Australia	6.8	7.7	-0.9	5.3	5.55	-0.25
russia	6.0	5.5	+0.5	1.0	0.9	+0.1
Ukraine	4.2	3.5	+0.7	2.6	2.3	+0.3
USA	2.2	2.1	+0.1	0.5	0.3	+0.2

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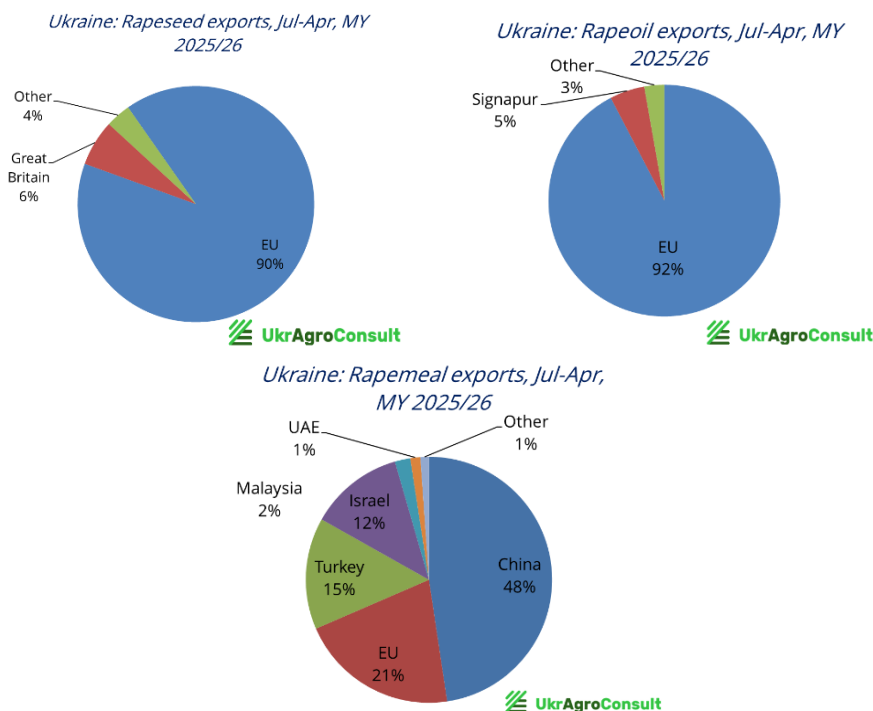
UkrAgroConsult estimates the 2026 crop more conservative, closer to 3.4 M mt, vs. USDA at 4.2 M mt. Ukraine exports seem to be strong with estimation at 2.6 M mt (+0.3 M mt y/y, USDA). Ukraine will be among the global TOP-3 rapeseed exporters.

Expectations of the 2026/27 rapeseed market, Ukraine

Ukraine continues moving gradually away from raw oilseed exports toward higher value-added exports such as rapeseed oil and meal. Still, in 2026/27 around 60% of the crop will likely to be exported as seed.

If USDA is too optimistic and the real crop remains closer to 3.4 M mt, internal competition for rapeseed between exporters and crushers will intensify in 2026/27. That could be the central contradiction of Ukrainian rapeseed market next season.

Margins inside Ukraine increasingly depend not only on crop size but also on logistics, crushing capacity and access to EU buyers. EU remains the key Ukrainian rapeseed destination with the EU shares of around 90% of rapeseed and 92% of rapeseed oil exports. That makes Europe both the biggest opportunity and the biggest risk.



Source: Ukrainian Statistics Office

Official EU 2026 crop forecasts still look relatively optimistic at 20.7-20.8 M mt according to both USDA and European Commission.

But field conditions across parts of Poland and several Central European countries are not so good due to drought and spring frosts. So, the EU may officially estimate rapeseed crop higher y/y, but increase imports later in the 2026/27 season if weather remains unfriendly. That scenario could sharply support Ukrainian rapeseed prices.

Risks for Ukrainian rapeseed market in 2026/27

- EU harvest: record or high rapeseed harvest in EU countries (especially in France, Germany and Poland) may significantly reduce import demand for Ukrainian seeds and oil;
- Ukrainian rapeseed oil exports will continue to grow with the EU being the main destination. But the share may decrease slightly if the EU rapeseed harvest is high. Exports increase is expected to China, Singapore, India and North African countries;
- Rapeseed meal exports is already sufficiently diversified. The key sales areas will remain China and the EU. The export may increase to Turkey, Israel, Malaysia and the Middle East;
- Logistics: increasing freight costs, border closures or transit restrictions through Romania and Poland may significantly worsen the competitiveness of Ukrainian rapeseed;
- Biodiesel prices: a decrease in biodiesel prices or decreased production margins in Europe due to regulatory changes or a drop in crude oil prices will lead to a sharp reduction in demand for rapeseed oil (if the Middle East conflict is over);
- Intensified competition with Canada and Australia on the EU market.

The main trend of the 2026/27 MY for Ukraine is a further shift from oilseed exports to processed products.

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