

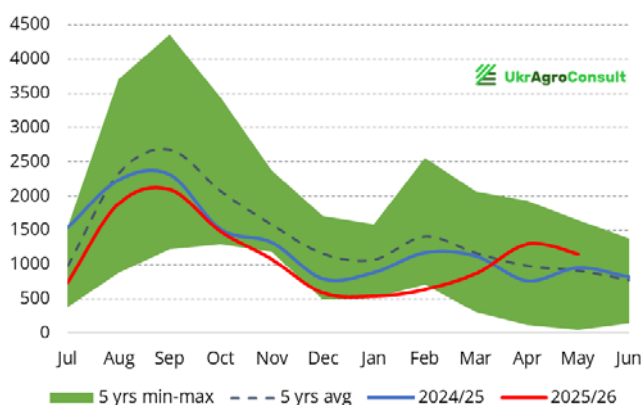
UKRAINE WHEAT: EXPORTS ACCELERATE, BUT CARRYOVER STOCKS REMAIN HIGH

- ***UkrAgroConsult Ukraine's wheat harvest estimate for 2026 remains unchanged at 23 M mt***
- ***Wheat exports increase in April-May, but still, it is unlikely to realize the season's full export potential***
- ***Forward prices for new harvest wheat in Ukraine remain close to or sometimes higher than spot values***

Ukraine exported 12.35 M mt of wheat during the first eleven months of the 2025/26 season, down 16% vs. previous season. Export activity accelerated noticeably in April and May, but not enough to fully clear the available supply from the 2025 harvest.

As late-season demand strengthened, UkrAgroConsult raises its 2025/26 wheat export forecast by 1 M mt to 13.5 M mt. Even so, ending stocks are expected to remain unusually high at 5-6 M mt.

Wheat exports, K mt



Source: UkrAgroConsult basing on open sources

The key destinations for Ukrainian wheat this season include North Africa, led by Egypt and Algeria, alongside Indonesia. Spain also increased imports after the renewal of duty-free access quotas, although demand remained below last season's exceptional levels.

Top destinations for Ukrainian wheat exports, July 2025 – May 2026:

- Egypt - 3.7 M mt
- Algeria - 2.25 M mt
- Indonesia - 1.55 M mt
- Yemen - 0.98 M mt
- Spain - 0.6 M mt

Indonesia market is of special attention. This importer traditionally concentrates its purchases during the first half of the marketing year. The potential development of El Niño could increase demand for feed wheat from the Black Sea region. However, beginning June 1, Ukrainian wheat exports to Indonesia will face stricter phytosanitary requirements, including mandatory certification and fumigation procedures.

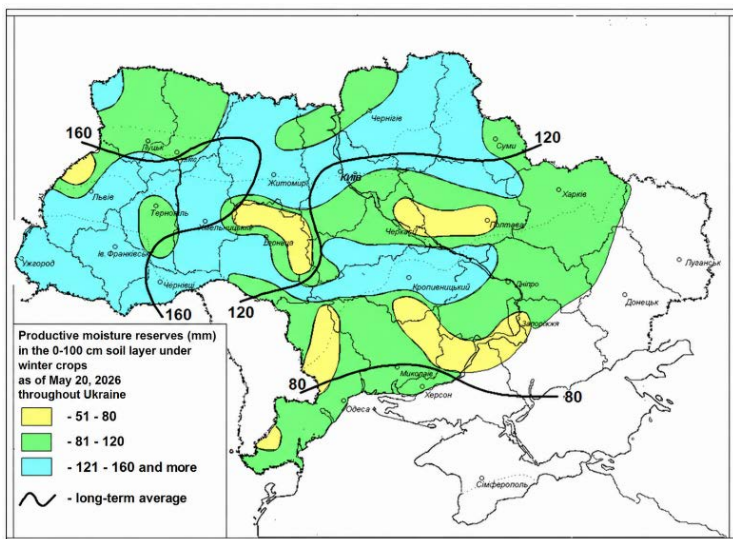
Competition is also intensifying after Indonesia agreed to increase wheat purchases from the United States from 1.1 M mt to 2 M mt. As a result, Ukrainian wheat competitiveness in Southeast Asia will increasingly depend not only on price but also on logistics reliability, contract execution, and quality assurance.

Crop 2026: Weather supports 2026 yield prospects

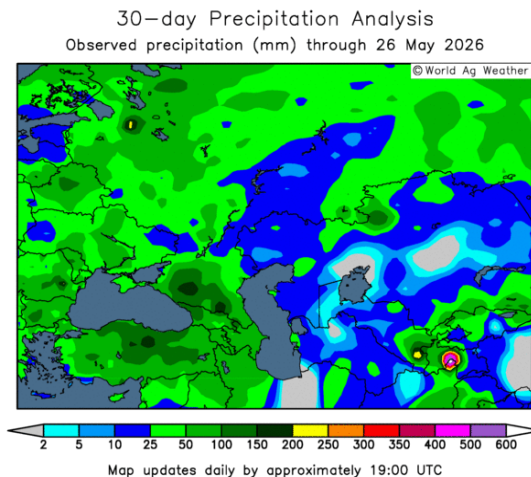
USDA's first estimate for Ukraine's 2026 wheat crop stands at 23 M mt, fully aligned with UkrAgroConsult's current outlook.

Moderate temperatures and timely May rainfall have significantly improved winter wheat conditions. Since winter wheat accounts for approximately 95% of total Ukrainian wheat production, favorable weather has strengthened confidence that yields may remain close to last year's level.

Map of available soil moisture



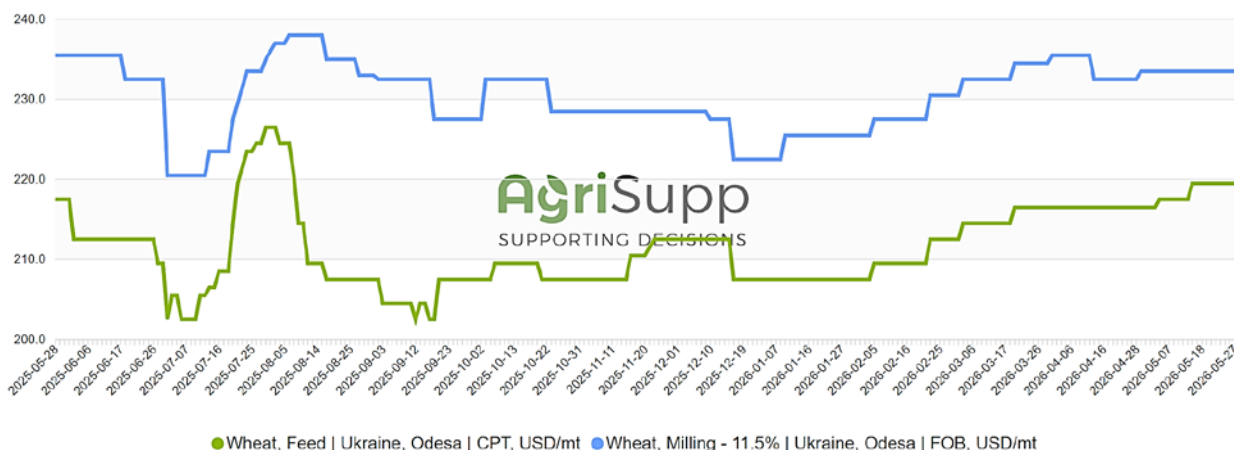
May precipitation, mm



Productive soil moisture remains generally sufficient across major growing regions. Unlike last season, when weather concerns dominated market discussions, current conditions support a relatively stable production outlook.

Prices recover despite heavy stocks

Ukraine. Wheat prices at POC ports, USD/mt



Source: UkrAgroConsult database AgriSupp

Wheat prices have remained highly volatile throughout the 2025/26 season. Winter weakness was largely driven by record Argentine wheat exports and aggressive Russian competition, which contributed to three consecutive months of disappointing Ukrainian export volumes.

Since March, however, prices have gradually recovered. The current rally is supported by stronger local demand and elevated geopolitical uncertainty about the Strait of Hormuz.

Perhaps the most surprising feature of the market is that large carryover stocks have not yet created significant downward pressure on prices.

Forward contracts for new-crop 11.5% protein wheat are currently trading around \$227/mt, slightly above nearby spot market values. Most likely, the market remains more concerned about supply risks in 2026/27 rather than about 2026 wheat stocks. However, this is unusual - carryover stocks are large, but forward prices remain firm. High Ukrainian stocks are becoming now less bearish than expected.

Why large stocks may not be bearish

At first glance, 5-6 M mt of carryover stocks look bearish. However, several factors may absorb this surplus during the first months of 2026/27.

- Asian demand remains the key variable. Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines and other feed grain importers could increase purchases if weather risks intensify across competing origins.
- At the same time, wheat production concerns remain strong in parts of the United States, while Southern Hemisphere exporters may harvest smaller crops compared with recent strong seasons.

Black Sea-Danube-Balkan: Demand is the main export driver in 2026/27

Regional trends are more complicated with higher risks for exports volumes. Up to now, Black Sea-Danube-Balkan wheat supply looks like the following:

- Ukraine expects a strong wheat crop in 2026 and sufficient exportable stocks.
- Russia is likely to maintain wheat production near 90 M mt and defend its leadership in global exports.
- Romanian and Bulgarian wheat production prospects are also promising in 2026.

At the same time, some traditional importers may reduce their demand:

- Turkey is expected to import less wheat.
- Algeria may rely more heavily on domestic production and diversified suppliers.
- Morocco is recovering from previous drought losses.
- North Africa generally faces a less urgent import requirement than one year ago.

Is this a long-term trend rather than a market fluctuation will be clear in Aug-Sep 2026?

Conclusion for the 2026/27 is that Black Sea-Danube-Balkan region in 2026/27 most likely will be with adequate supplies but fierce competition for every importer's tender.

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