

**Table 2: EU-27 Commercial Apple Production by Country and Year in MT**

COUNTRY	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 e	Change 2022:2021	Share of Total Production in 2022
Poland	3,555,200	4,067,400	4,400,000	8%	37%
Italy	2,123,640	2,052,779	2,150,220	5%	18%
France	1,322,000	1,316,000	1,423,000	8%	12%
Germany	1,023,316	1,004,625	1,051,000	5%	9%
Spain	445,500	563,000	431,000	-23%	4%
Romania	400,000	440,000	400,000	-9%	3%
Hungary	368,836	475,710	321,000	-33%	3%
Greece	303,577	272,065	310,000	14%	3%
Portugal	286,080	342,860	294,000	-14%	2%
Netherlands	220,000	243,000	245,000	1%	2%
Belgium	161,000	245,000	214,000	-13%	2%
Austria	160,053	152,171	208,000	37%	2%
Czech Republic	115,585	114,958	127,950	11%	1%
Croatia	63,614	59,131	56,200	-5%	0.47%
Slovenia	66,124	23,011	55,000	139%	0.46%
Bulgaria	36,274	40,930	41,000	0%	0.35%
Slovak Republic	28,429	31,000	34,000	10%	0.29%
Sweden	32,000	27,000	30,000	11%	0.25%
Lithuania	60,000	32,000	28,000	-13%	0.24%
Denmark	24,000	18,000	24,000	33%	0.20%
Ireland	19,470	19,830	20,000	1%	0.17%
Latvia	14,000	10,000	10,000	0%	0.08%
Finland	7,170	7,890	7,500	-5%	0.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,835,868</b>	<b>11,558,360</b>	<b>11,880,870</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	

e= estimated; Note: The table is grouped by ranking in MY 2022/23. Due to rounding percentages add up to marginally more than 100%. Source: FAS EU posts

- In Poland, weather conditions were favorable during the winter of 2021/22. Abundant rainfall in the fall of 2021, supported sufficient water accumulation in the soil's deeper layers and frost damage was insignificant. Flowering and pollination were good, despite drought conditions in March, which delayed development. This resulted in abundant fruit set. Due to a shortage of seasonal workers, it is likely that farmers will only partially harvest their orchards. Should that occur, they will focus on the orchards with the best quality apples and the most popular varieties. Fruit quality is very good. However, the fruit size is on average smaller than usually due to abundant crop. One of the biggest apple producers' concerns was the sharp price increase of production inputs, mainly energy, fertilizers, and pesticides. The progressive restriction of authorized crop protection products is also a major setback for producers. In 2022, the Polish government launched a mechanism for emergency adjustment aid for apple producers. Aid to