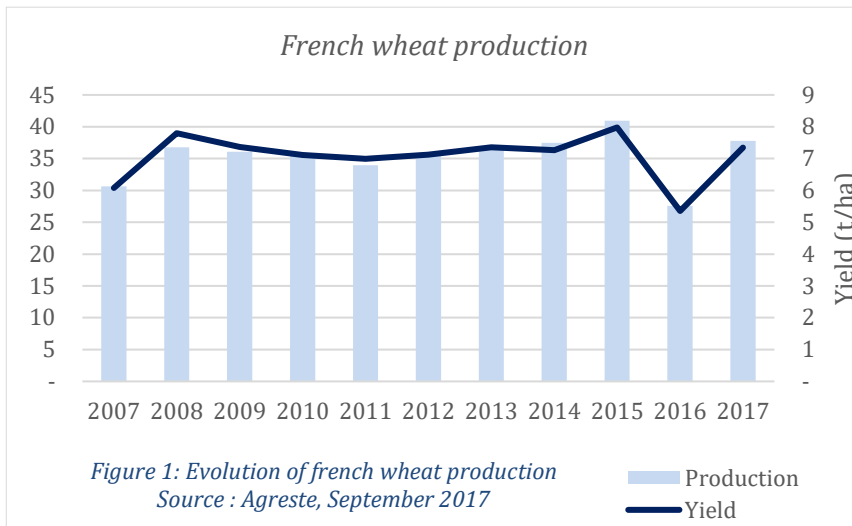


## FRENCH MILLING WHEAT PRODUCTION : QUANTITY AND QUALITY FOR 2017

### Production : high level for 2017 (37,9 Mt)



After an exceptionally low production in 2016, the harvest of wheat returned to normal in 2017, to 37.9 millions tons (Mt). It would be the third highest harvest in terms of quantity after 1998 and 2015.

This record results from an increase in milling wheat area (5,1 millions of hectares) and a good yield (7,36 t/ha).

### Quality : a very good year

According to the results of the FranceAgriMer and Arvalis's survey, the quality of French milling wheat is good for this year, no problem of falling number were encountered : 65% of the volume reaches at least 12% of protein contents, and the national average is 12,3%. Compared to last year, marked improvement is seen for specific weights with 74% of samples tested over 76 kg/hl (25% in 2016 – 80% for the five year averages), and for Hagberg Falling Numbers with 85% of samples over 240s (76% last year and 73% for five years average).

In relation to the high protein contents, the baking strength (W) is good this year : 196 for the national average. The average of P/L is in the order of 0,7 and 95% of the production is below 1.

The baking quality of French milling wheat should meet a large panel of bread-making requirements.

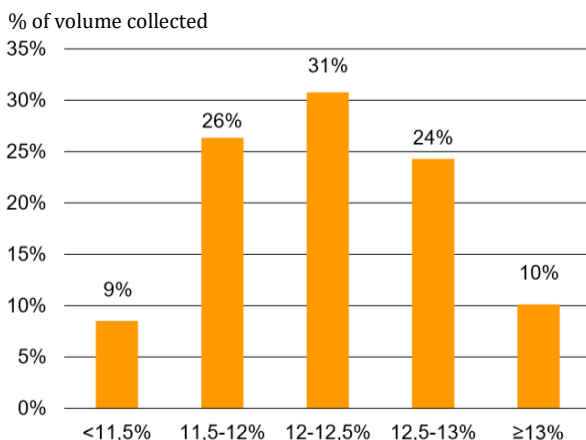


Figure 2: **Protein contents**, harvest 2017  
Source : Survey FAM/Arvalis, September 2017

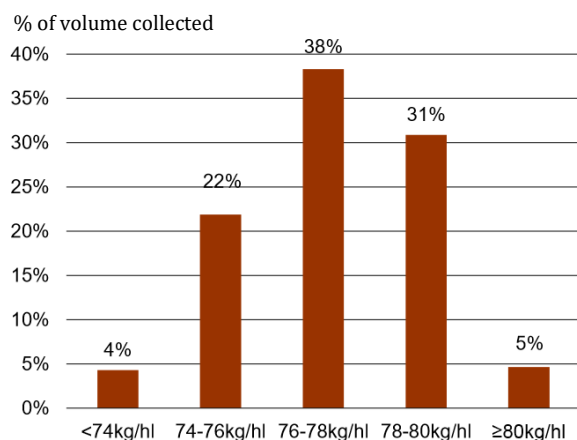


Figure 3: **Specific weights**, harvest 2017  
Source : Survey FAM/Arvalis, September 2017

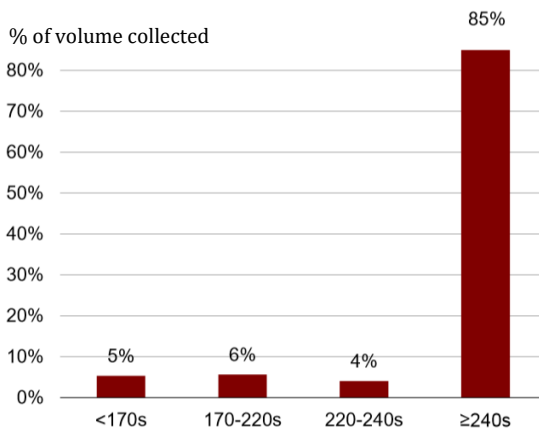


Figure 4: **Hagberg Falling Numbers**, harvest 2017  
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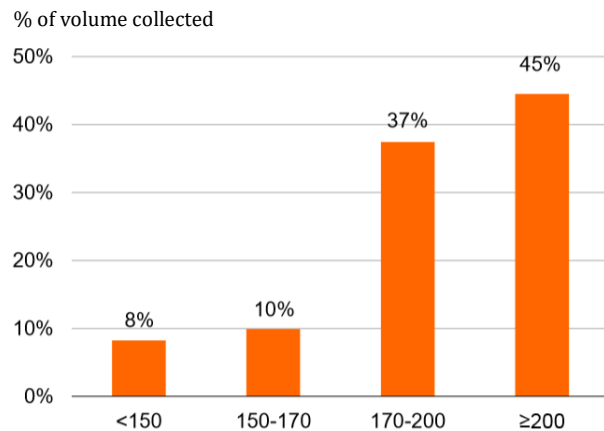


Figure 5: **Baking strenghts**, harvest 2017  
Source : Survey FAM/Arvalis, September 2017

## A comfortable volume to export

Previsions made by FranceAgriMer for the French exportations are much higher than last year (Figure 6).

Intra-EU trade should regain its previous level (7,9 Mt). Exports to the Third Coutries should be higher in 2017-18 than in 2016-17 but lower than the five years average (11 Mt).

The quantity and the quality of this year allow the French wheat to supply again its favorite customers (Algeria, Morocco, Subsaharian Africa, ...) and potentially other customers who could take opportunities.

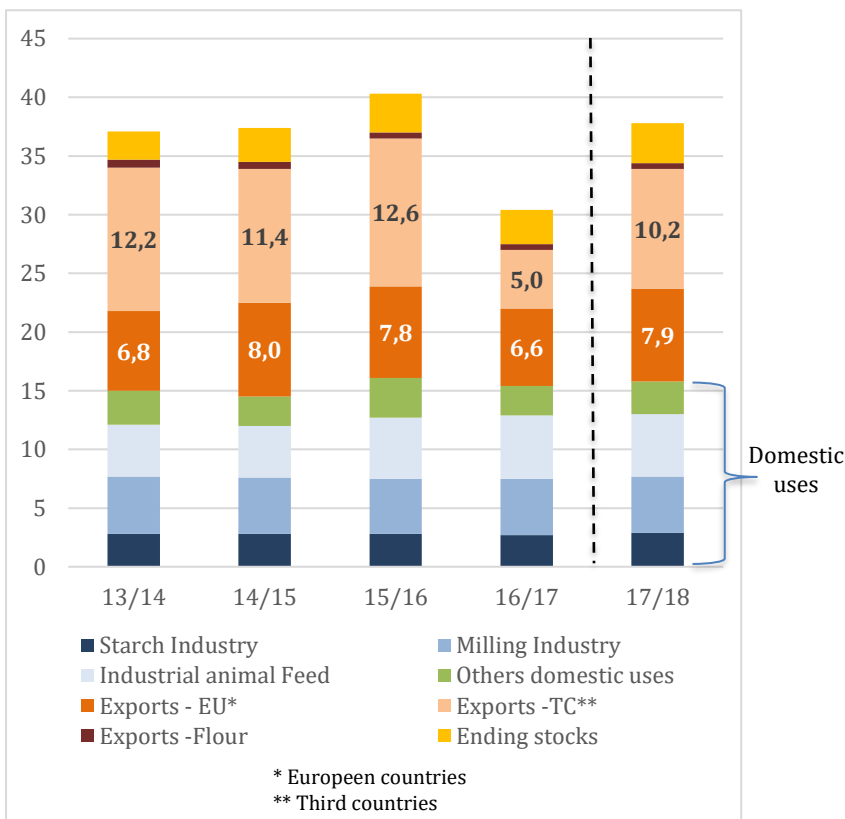


Figure 6: **French wheat market balance (Mt)**  
Source : FranceAgriMer, September 2017

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