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FRENCH GRAIN PRODUCTION : WHAT ABOUT THE QUANTITY?

RECORD LEVEL OF PRODUCTION IN 2015

Good weather conditions in 2015, combined with the professional intervention of French farmers at the right time, led to a **very good level of harvest** over summer, for milling wheat and barley, both in quantity and quality. ([Table 1](#)).

Table 1 : the French production of cereals in 2015

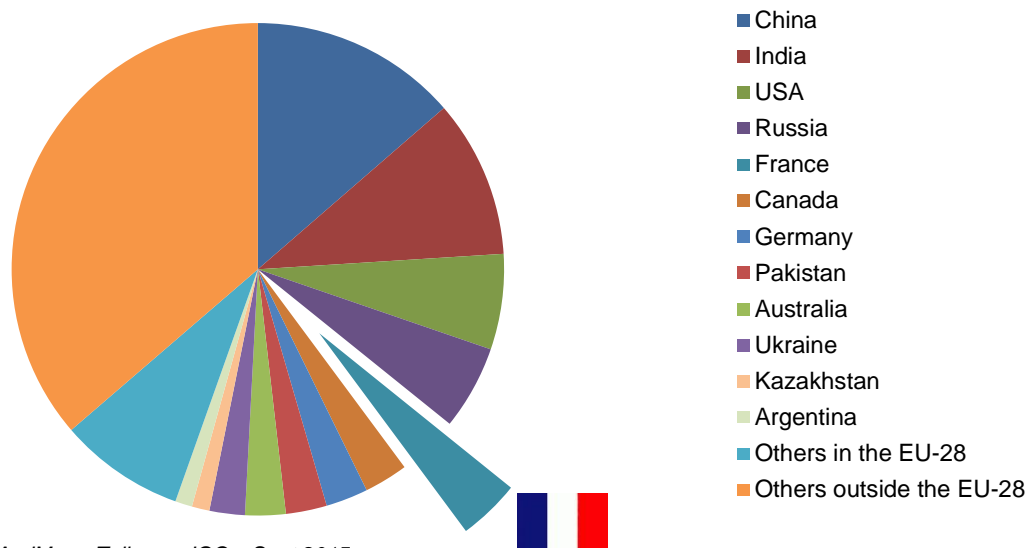
	Average 3 MY (2012-13 to 2014-15)			Year 2015-16 (July-august 2015 harvest)			2015/16 / average 3MY
	Area (Mha)	Yield (t/ha)	Production (Mt)	Area (Mha)	Yield (t/ha)	Production (Mt)	Δ production
TOTAL GRAIN	9.3	-	23.2	9.4	-	69.7	3 %
Milling wheat	4.95	7.4	36.6	5.16	7.9	40.7	1.1 %
Barley	1.69	6.6	11.1	1.7	7.1	12.4	1.1 %
Durum	0.35	5.3	1.9	0.3	5.7	1.83	1 %
TOTAL 3 grains	6.99	-	49.6	7.1	-	-	-

Source: FranceAgriMer- September 2015

A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR to the WORLD WHEAT and BARLEY PRODUCTION

In 2015, France is a major producer on international markets with not less than 55 million of tons of all wheat and barley this year. Looking at **milling wheat only**, France is the **fifth largest producer in the World** ([Chart1](#)).

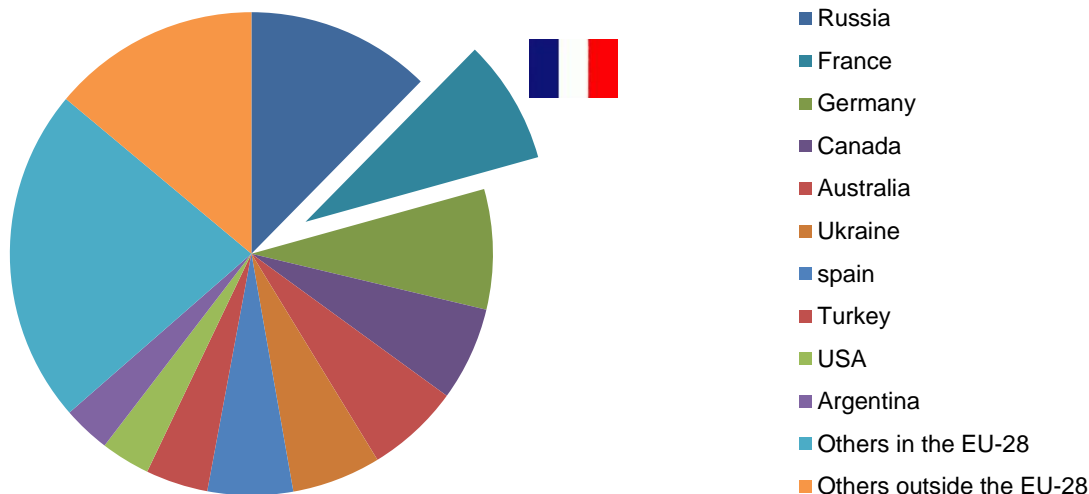
Chart 1: France is the Fifth World producer of Wheat (average 3 MY 2012-13 to 2014-15)



Source: FranceAgriMer + Tallage + IGC – Sept 2015

Regarding **barley production**, France is the **second largest producer in the World** ([Chart 2](#)).

Chart 2: France is the Second World producer of Barley (average 3 MY 2012-13 to 2014-15)



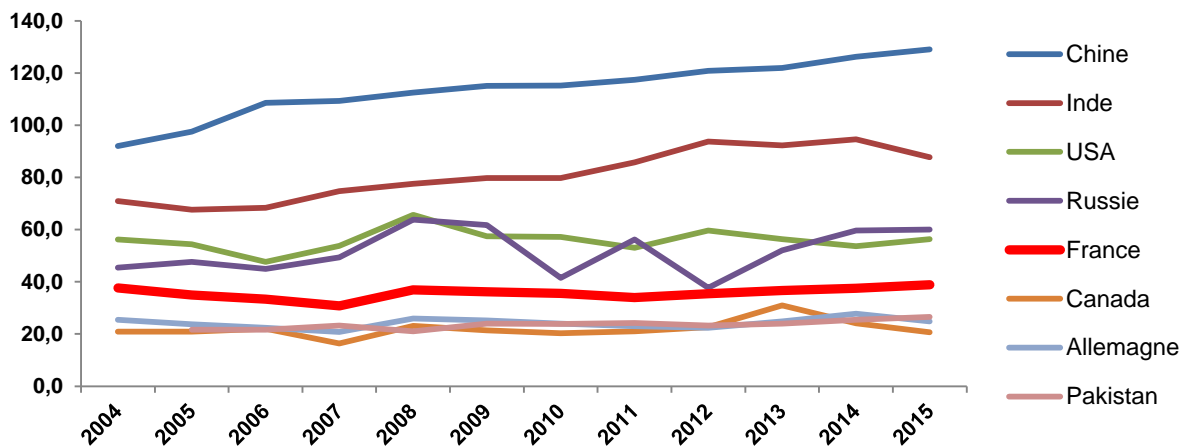
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THE FRENCH MILLING WHEAT PRODUCTION

French production is very stable, meanwhile grain production is highly fluctuating in other major producing countries ([Chart 3](#)).

Looking at this steady production, and considering the stable domestic consumption pattern (roughly 15 Mt/year) and the absence of any export restriction, France is a major and a reliable partner in international trade and can export at any time.

Chart 3: Wheat Production (Mt) in the 8 major wheat producing countries



Source: IGC – Sept 2015

“France Export Céréales” (FEC), is a non profit organization, founded in 1997 as an initiative of grain producers (wheat, other cereals & maize). It promotes French cereals and the French cereal sector on export markets and provides information to their members on current and future needs of France’s export customers, so that they can adjust French offer to specific requirements, and capture new markets.

