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## Introduction

It was already clear at the start of the 2022/23 season that the summer heat and drought had affected the onion production in terms of quantity and quality in large parts of Europe. But it was not until the storage season progressed that the actual extent of the losses became clear.

Across Europe, reduced crop area combined with the high temperatures in the summer of 2022 resulted in a lower onion production than the year before. According to estimates of the “Euronion group” the onion production in the EU and the UK reached only 6.4 million T, 13 % less than the previous year's volume. Strong export demand in the Netherlands, a high proportion of small sizes of onions and high sorting losses led to a rapid decline of stocks. At the start of 2023, onions appear to be in historically short supply across Europe, with prices reaching record highs. At the end of February 2023, there is no end in sight to the price spiral.

Many countries outside the EU also harvested lower crop volumes. This includes the small onion production in Ukraine and the limited supply in much of Central Asia. In New Zealand, Europe's most important supplier of onions from the southern hemisphere, several severe weather events in important growing regions have heavily affected the onion crop. It remains to be seen what quantities are still suitable for long-distance transport to Europe. To what extent can alternative supplier countries step in and supply the European market with onions until the new season in northwest Europe begins in July? In this respect, we are looking to South America, North and South Africa, but also to Asia.

But which countries actually have growing potential for export to Europe or other parts of the world? This AMI Market Report Onions shows worldwide developments on the onion market up to the present time. Onions are not in short supply everywhere. For example, availability in India and China remains high. A look at the cultivation areas, harvest volumes and trade flows in important producing countries helps to assess the developments.