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WPTC CROP UPDATE AS OF 27 MAY 2026

AMITOM COUNTRIES

BULGARIA

The low temperatures during the first two weeks in May have delayed plant growth.

EGYPT

It is currently the transition period with the harvest of the summer crop due to start in the first week of June. There is currently no change in the forecast but hopefully temperatures will not get too high. There is currently some pressure on fertilisers and other costs including transports so growers may start asking processors for increases in prices.

FRANCE

Planting is expected to be completed by the end of next week. The heatwave is putting the final stages of planting under considerable strain but, so far, there have not been any reports of problems. The total surface is expected to be below 2,000 hectares, compared with 2,422 hectares in 2025.

GREECE

The situation is normal with a good weather apart from some localised storms or hailstorms in May but with no serious effect. Temperatures are currently only about 2°C above normal so there is no serious heatwave as there is in other countries. There is a slight delay in the **South**, but it could be an early crop in the **Centre**.

HUNGARY

The planting took place between the beginning of May and May 21st, and was completed on time. The quality and yield of the seedlings were good, so the surface was planted according to the plans. In recent weeks there have been unusually many weather effects: at the beginning of the month there was still frost, then within a few days a heat wave, and finally 50-60 mm of precipitation arrived after two months dry period. Seedling growth varies depending on conditions, but is typically fine.

ITALY

In the **North**, already about 80% of the surfaces have been planted and operations should be finished during the second week in June. The weather was cold with rains until 15 May but currently temperatures are 8 to 10 °C higher than normal with 34-35°C which is completely unusual. Consequently, transplanting operations are stopping in the central part of the day. The situation is actually quite smooth with no major issue, and we will see if the heat has any incidence. There is no change in the forecast.

In the **Centre and South**, it is also currently very hot. Transplanting is going well despite delays in the northern zones in Puglia and Molise due to the rains in early May, which however had the advantage of filling the reservoirs. Negotiations with growers are continuing but a meeting

in Foggia this week did not enable to reach an agreement as OPs argue that higher costs of energy, fertilisers and other inputs should lead to a price no lower than last year, while processors would like to see a reduction as was agreed in the north. As usual processors are ready to pay a higher price consequently to the harvest in small bins. It is more expensive for farmers and for processors, but ensures a better quality. It is probable that surfaces will increase in the south, and thus possibly volumes although yields are uncertain based on the issues of the last few years.

PORTUGAL

The weather changed a few days ago when temperatures rose from a low 21-22°C to about 30°C now but they should go back to a reasonable 28°C in a couple of days. About 95% of the surfaces have now been planted and all should be done by the end of the week. There is no change in the forecast.

SERBIA

Serbia experienced a cold period until mid-May with some frost damage to seedlings, but the recent warm weather has been favourable for plant growth. Temperatures are now about 30°C with no rain expected in the next few weeks. Polimark has planted about 60-70% of its own surface of 500 hectares and the other companies have finished planting. Growers and processors have seen all costs increase.

SPAIN

Transplanting operations have been finished both in **Extremadura** and **Andalusia** and plant development has been good to date. Since last Friday temperatures have risen sharply to 35°C or up 40°C. There are no significant impacts reported on the crop to date, but the heat could last for another ten days. Final surfaces will be confirmed by mid-June and to date the forecast remains unchanged at 2.75 million tonnes.

TUNISIA

The planted area covered 14,340 hectares as of 5 May. A delay in transplanting the seedlings has been observed following rains during planting. The start of the season is scheduled for late June 2026. Processing estimates for this year are around 800,000 to 900,000 tonnes, with carry-over stocks of paste of between 30,000 and 40,000 tonnes.

TURKIYE

There is no significant update. The planting has been interrupted by rainfall throughout the period. The weather has only recently started to reach seasonal normals. This is expected to add a delay to an already late crop. The forecast remains the same.

UKRAINE

Conditions are good and the forecast remains 550,000 tonnes.