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to the Commission**

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Subject: Six-million tonne shortage of rapeseed on the European market

Experts at 'Stratégie grains' have adjusted their estimates for rapeseed production in the EU and the United Kingdom for the 2020/2021 season from 17.02 million tonnes to 16.68 million tonnes. These adjusted estimates are less than for the previous season and the lowest since 2006.

The projected drop in production is due to weather conditions such as drought and spring frosts in several European countries, and to the reduction in the area under oil seed cultivation in the EU. Experts are also predicting a shortage of rapeseed supply in the EU for the coming season, as the increase forecast in oilseed imports (of up to 6 million tonnes) will not be enough to fully offset the drop in overall production levels of this crop.

What is the EU's strategy on support for rapeseed crops on the European market?