

Rapeseed Production and Changeover to Double Low Varieties in Poland

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The year 1988-89 was the last year of cultivation of low erucic varieties in Poland. Changeover to double low varieties started in 1984 and was completed in 1989-90.

The west-north part of Poland suffered exceptional heavy drought this year. Nevertheless seed yield of winter rape was satisfactory. 1,450 thousand tons were collected from 560 thousand hectares. The average yield was on the same level, as in very favourable 1988 year and reached 2,58 tons/ha. The double low varieties were grown on 230 thousand hectares (ca. 40%).

In autumn 1989, all rapeseed areas, excluding Suwalki voivodaship, were sown with double low varieties. The dominating variety is the new Polish variety Bolko (POH-285) licensed in 1989. Other varieties were Jantar, Ceres and Liporta.