

## Oilseed Rape in Poland 1992

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Two new varieties of winter oilseed rape have been licenced in 1992. They are Polish variety Leo and German variety Libravo, both double low quality. These varieties are good yielding, but Libravo is higher in glucosinolate content, above the Polish limit for breeder seed. Fat content is similar for both varieties and it is about 46-47 percent in dry matter. Libravo is 7 cm taller. Winterhardiness is similar. Leo is one day earlier.

Participation in seed production for 1992 sowings was as follow:

- Bolko	(PL)	39,4 %
- Ceres	(D)	27,1 %
- Libravo	(D)	17,4 %
- Mar	(PL)	15,7 %
- Leo	(PL)	0,3 %

Growing conditions for rapeseed production were very unfavorable in 1992. Unusual drought in main production areas substantially lowered the yield. This year the total rainfall in April, May, June and July on fields of IHAR Stations was:

- in Poznań	21,0 mm	which is 12,0 per cent of multiyear average
- in Borowo	130,3 mm	" " 59,7 " " - " -
- in Zielęcín	70,0mm	" " 44,9 " " - " -

The country average for seed yield per hectare was only 18,2 dt, what is 26,2 per cent lower than during last five years (24,66 dt/ha). Total seed production was 758 thousand tons.

The drought made difficulties in soil preparation for new sowings, so the sown area is probably lower than in last years.

Rapeseed production in Poland is not supported by the State, so the CAP - policy is not applied.