



USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

GAIN Report

Global Agriculture Information Network

Template Version 2.09

Voluntary Report - public distribution

Date: 11/10/2003

GAIN Report Number: E23213

European Union

Wine

2003 Wine Production lowest in 10 years

2003

Approved by:

Christine Strossman

U.S. Mission to the European Union, Brussels

Prepared by:

Stephanie Frye

Report Highlights:

Wine production in the EU-15 will be the lowest in 10 years, according to a recent COPA-COGECA report. The drop in production is primarily the result of the heat wave and drought that hit central and southern Europe during the summer months.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
Brussels USEU [BE2]
[E2]

Europe will see its weakest wine and must harvest in the past 10 years this year, according to a recent report from COPA-COGECA. The production of 156 million hectoliters is a 9.3% drop in the 171.9 million hectoliter average of the past 5 years. The drop in production is primarily the result of the heat wave and drought that hit central and southern Europe during the summer months.

This is the fourth year in a row that wine production has dropped in the EU-15. The most significant falls in productions are in Germany (-21%), France (-16%), Italy (-16%), Luxembourg (-15%) and Austria (-11%). Overall production increased, however, in Spain, Portugal and Greece.

Production forecasts for marketing year 2003-2004

(Total production in 1,000 HI)

1000 HI	Quality wines produced in specific regions	Table wine	Other wines	Must	TOTAL
Germany	8 300				8 300
Austria	2 000	300			2 300
Spain	13 200	23 200	40	5 300	42 100
France	21 851	17 936	7 533		47 320
Greece	372	3 299			3 671
Italy	10 200	33 800		1 000	45 000
Luxembourg	130				130
Portugal					7 115
Total EU-15	56 053	78 535	7 573	6 300	15 5936

Comparison between the marketing year 2003-2004 and the average production of the 5 last marketing years

(Total production in 1,000 HI)

1000 HI	Forecast 2003-04	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	Average 1998-99 to 2002-03	% Variation
Germany	8 300	10 727	12 244	9 950	8 980	10 800	10 540	-21.3%
Austria	2 300	2 703	2 803	2 337	2 531	2 599	2 595	-11.4%
Spain	42 100	34 741	37 908	45 572	33 850	38 186	38 051	10.6%
France	47 320	54 271	62 935	59 741	55 338	51 580	56 827	-16.7%
Greece	3 671	3 826	3 680	3 558	3 447	3 098	3 528	4.1%
Italy	45 000	57 913	58 955	54 088	51 912	46 000	53 774	-16.3%
Luxembourg	130	159	184	132	135	154	153	-14.9%
Portugal	7 115	3 750	7 859	6 694	7 691	6 210	6 441	10.5%
EU-15	155936	168090	186568	182072	163914	158897	171908	-9.3%

Source: COPA-COGECA

Visit our website: our website www.useu.be/agri/usda.html provides a broad range of useful information on EU import rules and food laws and allows easy access to USEU reports, trade information and other practical information. E-mail: AgUSEUBrussels@usda.gov

Related reports from USEU Brussels:

Report Number	Title	Date Released
23180	Wine – EU Import & Labeling Rules	9/24/03
23063	Wine - EU Subsidies	4/29/03