



**Mixed feed producers and production volumes by federal state in the marketing year 2017/2018 - an official statement from the German Federal Office for Agriculture and Food**

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*Mischfutterhersteller und Produktionsmengen nach Bundesländern im Wirtschaftsjahr 2017/2018*

[https://www.ble.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2018/180928\\_Mischfutterherstellung.html](https://www.ble.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2018/180928_Mischfutterherstellung.html)

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“In the marketing year 2017/18, 299 registered companies produced 31.9 million metric tons (MT) of mixed feed, 0.1% (31,000 MT) less than in the same period the previous year.

Average production per company increased from 77,574 MT to 80,065 MT. Around 21 million MT of raw materials (those required to be reported) were processed for the total production of mixed feed.

For the first time, the 2.7 MT of rapeseed meal used was more than the 2.6 MT of soybean meal. One reason for this is probably an increase in GM-free feeding.

The processing of legumes amounted to 105.663 MT. This rose significantly compared to the previous year, likely due to higher acreage (including winter cover crops).

Oats had the highest increase in raw material use at 42,369 MT, or 97 percent more than in the previous year (16/17: 42,697 MT, 17/18: 86,066 MT). Since 2017, oats have been increasingly used in poultry feed. It is said to have positive effects on the health of poultry.

Further information and the tables for the "Structure of Mixed Feed Producers 2018" (in German) can be found on the BLE website: [http://www.ble.de/DE/BZL/Daten-Berichte/Futter/Futter\\_node.html](http://www.ble.de/DE/BZL/Daten-Berichte/Futter/Futter_node.html) The information graphic for download can be found at: <http://www.ble.de/infografiken>.”

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