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## AGRICULTURAL FORECASTS

January 2009

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### **Cold and rainy January prevented the final winter cereals sowings**

On 31 January, early estimates point to a general decline of the winter cereals surface, due to high costs of inputs and low prices of raw materials. For this situation also contributed the heavy rains that soaked the soil and prevented the last sowings, mainly barley.

In the olive grove it is expected, despite the abandonment of many olive yards, a production increase of 15%.

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