



Fruit production in Bulgaria – harvest 2025

The area under fruit, berries and nuts in agricultural holdings in 2025 occupies 60 thousand ha. 18.8 thousand hectares are harvested. The fruit production is 65.4 thousand tons.

The area under fruit, berries and nuts in 2025 is 60 031 hectares – an increase of nearly 1% compared to the previous year. The harvested area drops 58% compared to 2024 due to unfavorable weather conditions. The largest decrease is observed in apricots – 93%, followed by cherries – 74 %, almonds – 73%, plums as well as peaches and nectarines – 64%. The least negatively affected are cultivated rose hips and raspberries. 23% of the total area* under fruit species are irrigated.

The area under young orchards, not yet in production amounts to 6.5 thousand ha. Walnuts have the largest relative share of young plantations – 24%, followed by plums with 21%.

Of the newly established plantations in the 2024/2025 crop year, plums take the largest share with 30%, followed by apricots – 18% and cherries – 12%.

The total quantity of harvested fruit amounts to 65 421 tons in 2025, which is 68% less compared to 2024, as a result of unfavorable meteorological conditions. The largest decrease is observed in apricots – 94%, followed by cherries – 81% and plums – 75%. The most significant decline in fruit production is recorded in the Severen tsentralen region – 92% compared to the previous year, and the smallest – in the Yuzhen tsentralen region – 46%.

Table 1. Area, production and average yield of fruit, berries and nuts – harvest 2025

Crop	Total area*	Young, not yet in production	Harvested area	Production	Average yield
	(ha)	(ha)	(ha)	(tons)	(kg/ha)
Apples	4 170	415	2 310	20 482	8 867
Pears	836	156	287	1 376	4 794
Peaches and nectarines	2 880	329	842	5 952	7 069
Apricots	3 634	588	239	1 043	4 364
Plums	12 627	1 363	3 493	15 359	4 397
Cherries	11 891	856	2 647	9 490	3 585
Sour cherries	1 593	403	456	1 070	2 346
Walnuts	12 833	1 564	4 153	2 097	505
Almonds	2 583	109	500	322	644
Hazelnuts	2 535	169	950	372	392
Raspberries	1 611	63	1 426	4 847	3 399
Cultivated rose hips	1 761	324	950	1 662	1 749
Other	1 077	210	564	1 349	///
TOTAL	60 031	6 549	18 817	65 421	///

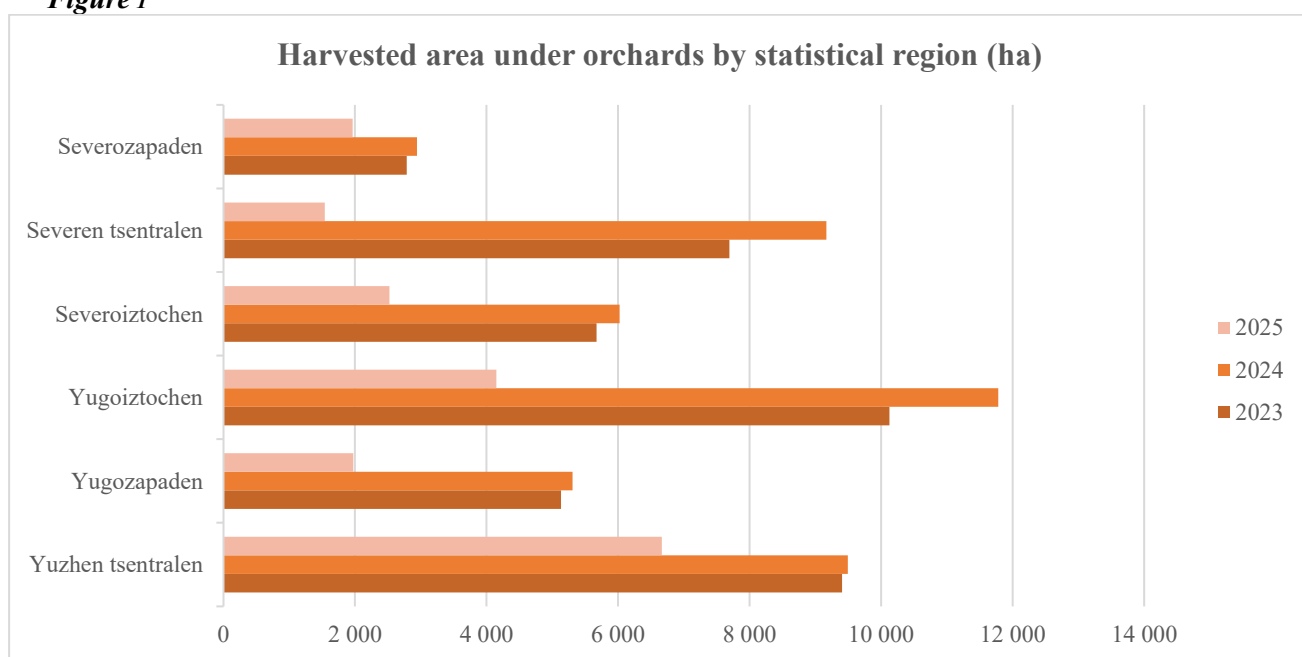
* Total area – orchards, young, not yet in production and abandoned area with the possibility of restoration
Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Agrostistics Department, Fruit production – harvest 2025

Table 2. Harvested area – harvest 2025, by statistical zones and statistical regions (ha)

Statistical zone, statistical region	Apples	Pears	Peaches and nectarines	Apricots	Plums	Cherries	Sour cherries	Walnuts	Raspberries	Cultivated rose hips	Other fruit types	TOTAL
Bulgaria	2 310	287	842	239	3 493	2 647	456	4 153	1 426	950	2 014	18 817
<i>Severna i Yugoiztochna Bulgaria</i>	<i>949</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>555</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>1 687</i>	<i>903</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>2 917</i>	<i>1 024</i>	<i>580</i>	<i>1 160</i>	<i>10 175</i>
Severozapaden	259	7	19	65	839	65	63	321	90	131	104	1 963
Severen tsentralen	144	19	24	21	127	57	c	586	223	62	210	1 542
Severoiztochen	186	8	26	10	203	69	49	938	511	131	390	2 521
Yugoiztochen	360	49	486	26	518	712	14	1 072	200	256	456	4 149
<i>Yugozapadna i Yuzhna tsentralna Bulgaria</i>	<i>1 361</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>287</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>1 806</i>	<i>1 744</i>	<i>261</i>	<i>1 236</i>	<i>402</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>854</i>	<i>8 642</i>
Yugozapaden	417	74	126	50	270	373	c	99	219	47	268	1 974
Yuzhen tsentralen	944	130	161	67	1 536	1 371	230	1 137	183	323	586	6 668

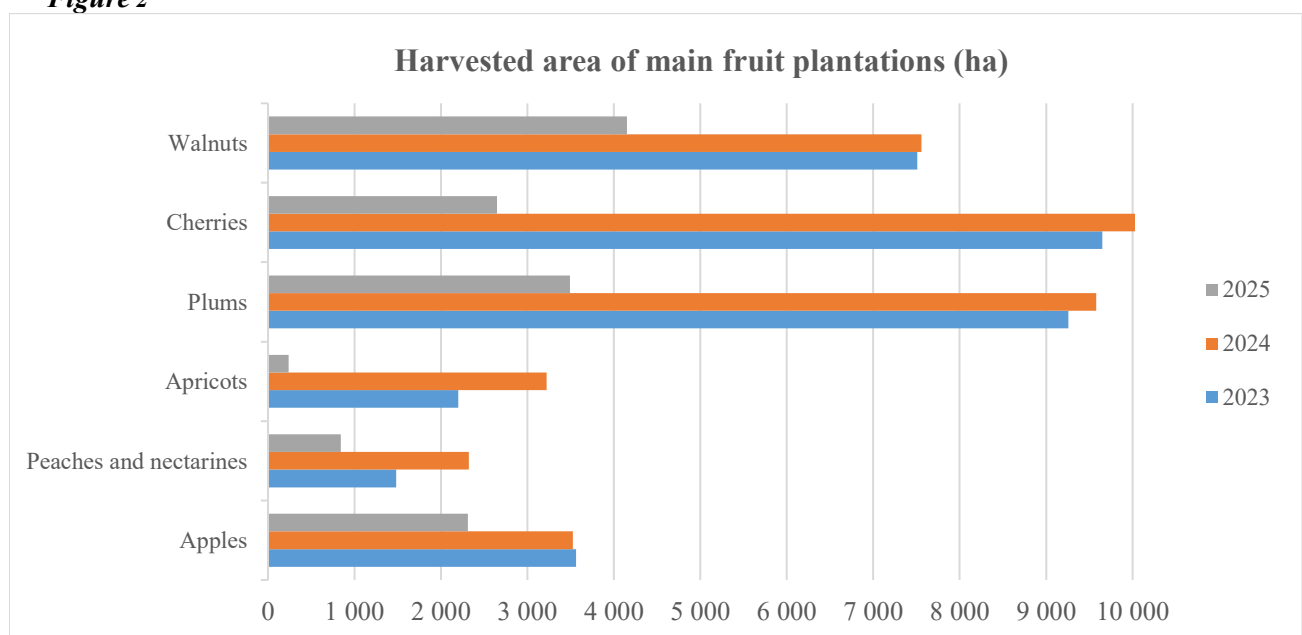
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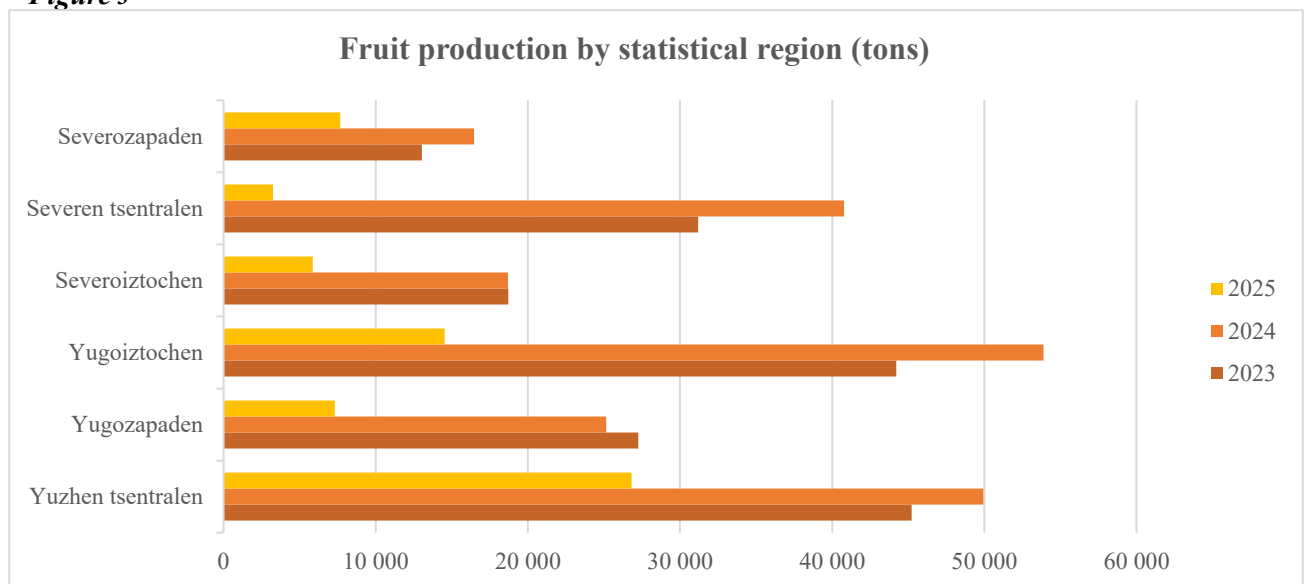
In 2025, apples account for the largest relative share of fruit production, followed by plums and cherries – 31%, 23% and 15%, respectively. A significant decrease in production is observed for most major fruit species compared to the previous year. An increase in production is reported for rosehips – 32%.

Table 3. Fruit production – harvest 2025, by statistical zones and statistical regions (tons)

Statistical zone, statistical region	Apples	Pears	Peaches and nectarines	Apricots	Plums	Cherries	Sour cherries	Walnuts	Raspberries	Cultivated rose hips	Other fruits	TOTAL
Bulgaria	20 482	1 376	5 952	1 043	15 359	9 490	1 070	2 097	4 847	1 662	2 043	65 421
<i>Severna i Yugoiztochna Bulgaria</i>	<i>9 702</i>	<i>407</i>	<i>4 025</i>	<i>513</i>	<i>6 836</i>	<i>2 869</i>	<i>365</i>	<i>1 426</i>	<i>3 622</i>	<i>636</i>	<i>899</i>	<i>31 300</i>
Severozapaden	2 594	23	145	309	3 724	156	232	91	238	105	47	7 664
Severen tsentralen	1 068	86	168	84	283	106	c	679	709	8	52	3 245
Severoiztochen	2 127	44	128	19	663	196	113	143	1 859	246	331	5 869
Yugoiztochen	3 913	254	3 584	101	2 166	2 411	18	513	816	277	469	14 522
<i>Yugozapadna i Yuzhna tsentralna Bulgaria</i>	<i>10 780</i>	<i>969</i>	<i>1 927</i>	<i>530</i>	<i>8 523</i>	<i>6 621</i>	<i>705</i>	<i>671</i>	<i>1 225</i>	<i>1 026</i>	<i>1 144</i>	<i>34 121</i>
Yugozapaden	2 066	345	942	248	1 048	1 515	c	81	545	105	331	7 303
Yuzhen tsentralen	8 714	624	985	282	7 475	5 106	628	590	680	921	813	26 818

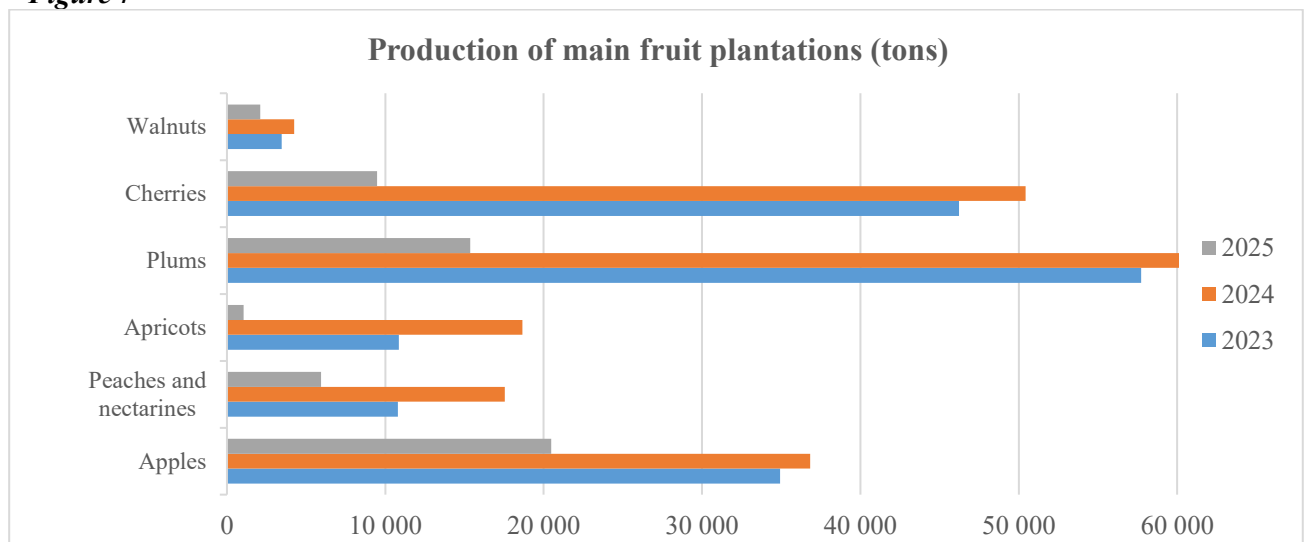
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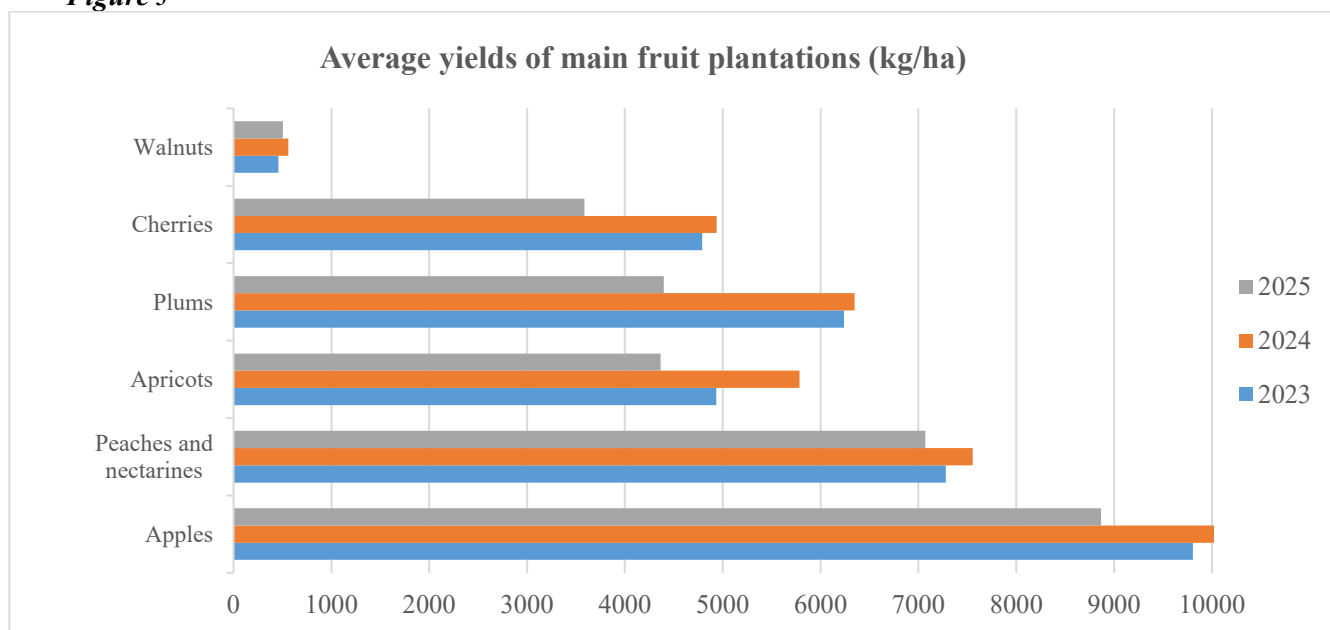
The average yields for most fruit crops are low due to unfavorable climatic conditions in 2025. A significant decrease in average yields is observed in plums, sour cherries and cherries – 31%, 30% and 27%, respectively, compared to the previous year. Compared to the same period, 39% higher average yields are recorded for rosehips and 4% for almonds. The average yield of raspberries does not change significantly.

Table 4. Average yield – harvest 2025, by statistical zones and statistical regions (kg/ha)

Statistical zone, statistical region	Apples	Pears	Peaches and nectarines	Apricots	Plums	Cherries	Sour cherries	Walnuts	Raspberries	Rose hips
Bulgaria	8 867	4 794	7 069	4 364	4 397	3 585	2 346	505	3 399	1 749
<i>Severna i Yugoiztochna Bulgaria</i>	10 223	4 904	7 252	4 205	4 052	3 177	1 872	489	3 537	1 097
Severozapaden	10 015	3 286	7 632	4 754	4 439	2 400	3 683	283	2 644	802
Severen tsentralen	7 417	4 526	7 000	4 000	2 228	1 860	c	1 159	3 179	129
Severoiztochen	11 435	5 500	4 923	1 900	3 266	2 841	2 306	152	3 638	1 878
Yugoiztochen	10 869	5 184	7 374	3 885	4 181	3 386	1 286	479	4 080	1 082
<i>Yugozapadna i Yuzhna tsentralna Bulgaria</i>	7 921	4 750	6 714	4 530	4 719	3 796	2 701	543	3 047	2 773
Yugozapaden	4 954	4 662	7 476	4 960	3 881	4 062	c	818	2 489	2 234
Yuzhen tsentralen	9 231	4 800	6 118	4 209	4 867	3 724	2 730	519	3 716	2 851

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Table 5. Fruit distribution – harvest 2025

Crop	For own consumption	Sales	For processing	Other
Apples	1.7%	68.8%	21.1%	8.4%
Peaches and nectarines	2.5%	73.1%	24.3%	0.1%
Apricots	2.2%	73.7%	22.9%	1.2%
Plums	3.0%	64.5%	28.2%	4.3%
Cherries	1.1%	75.8%	21.3%	1.8%
Sour cherries	0.5%	50.9%	42.1%	6.5%
Walnuts	3.3%	54.7%	39.5%	2.5%
Raspberries	0.8%	32.9%	62.9%	3.4%

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A total of 97% of the produced fruit has been distributed on the market. The largest share of production is intended for direct sales and the retail network – 65%, while quantities for processing account for 28%.

Mineral fertilizers have been applied on 26% of the planted area, and organic fertilizers – on 7%. The highest share of area fertilized with mineral fertilizers is observed in apricots (54%), followed by peaches and nectarines – 47%, and cherries and apples (38%). Around 40% of the area under fruit, nut and berry species have been treated against diseases, and 34% of the total area – against pests.

Methodological notes

Purpose:

The survey purpose is to establish the harvested area under fruit, nuts and berries, fruit production and average yield for 2025, the production distribution, the fertilized area and the applied agro-technical measures for the cultivation of the fruit species. The survey data is used to develop analyses and programs in the sector. It is provided to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAF), the National Statistical Institute (NSI), scientific and industry organizations, Eurostat, FAO, etc. and serves to make management decisions in the agrarian policy implementation at national and community level.

Regulations:

- Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1538;
- Statistics Act;
- National Statistical Program.

Object of research: agricultural holdings that grow fruit, nuts and berries.

Research method: The survey is sampled and conducted online (farms may provide the required information by completing the questionnaire electronically) or through interviews with farmers. The sample is random and stratified and is based on data from the 2020 agricultural census, updated with information from the orchard structure survey in 2023. Newly established farms created after 2023 are also included. A threshold is applied above which all units are surveyed exhaustively.

Method of conduct: the survey is carried out by experts and employees in the regional directorates Agriculture.

Geographic scope: the survey covers the territory of the entire country. Data at the statistical region level is presented by the agricultural holding's location, not by the orchard's location.

Reference period: crop year 2024/2025.

Questionnaire: includes administrative data on farm identification and questions on fruit-bearing and harvested area under fruit species, fruit production harvest 2025, area under young orchards, not yet in production, distribution of produced fruit, irrigated area and fertilization.

Statistical indicators surveyed:

Harvested area – the area from which the produce is harvested. It may be equal to or less the planted area after excluding all non-productive area (e.g. young orchards, not yet in production).

Production – volume of harvested produce, incl. post-harvest losses and waste. The quantities used directly on the farm and distributed on the market, expressed in weight units of the main product, are included.

Average yield – a result value calculated on the basis of production and harvested area, i.e. the harvested production per unit harvested area.

Confidentiality: in order to ensure the confidentiality of individual data, some of the indicators are published in aggregated positions or replaced by the sign "c" (confidential data). These are the cases when: there are less than 3 holdings in the category considered or when one of the holdings in the considered category covers more than 85% of the activity in this category.

Availability of statistical information: the results of the statistical surveys conducted by the Agrostistics department are published on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food:

<http://www.mzh.government.bg/bg/statistika-i-analizi/izsledvane-rastenievadstvo/danni/>

The information is provided to Eurostat and published in the NSI statistical yearbook and NSI statistical reference book.

The statistical regions cited in the publication are in accordance with the requirements of the general classification of territorial units for statistical purposes applied in the European Union (NUTS), according to Regulation (EU) No. 31/2011.

Statistical regions on NUTS 2 level are as follows:

Severozapaden: Vidin, Vratsa, Montana, Lovech, Pleven;

Severen tsentralen: Veliko Tarnovo, Gabrovo, Ruse, Silistra, Razgrad;

Severoiztochen: Varna, Dobrich, Targovishte, Shumen;

Yugoiztochen: Burgas, Sliven, Stara Zagora, Yambol;

Yugozapaden: Blagoevgrad, Kyustendil, Pernik, Sofia-cap., Sofia region;

Yuzhen tsentralen: Kardzhali, Pazardzhik, Plovdiv, Smolyan, Haskovo.