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Emsland Group fears for potato supply

Continuous rainfall during last weeks resulted in flooded potato fields throughout Northwest Europe. Especially farmers around Emlichheim and Cloppenburg as well as Mecklenburg-Vorpommern are heavily hit.

It must be expected that due to wetness and decay some areas cannot be harvested. Simultaneously storage problems with rotten potatoes have to be feared.

For the time being our factories produce full capacity and with 19 % starch content is at average level. Tare levels score somewhat higher around 7 %.

At present the overall effect on delivered potato quantities cannot be assessed. This outcome depends on weather conditions in the near future.

Recently we noticed that potato futures begin to react on the difficult situation.

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'using nature to create' – this guiding principle characterises the company philosophy behind the Emsland Group. Harvested raw materials are processed into innovative trendsetting quality products in tune with nature. The most important raw material is the potato. Starch from this crop forms the basis for the success of the Emsland Group.

With a unique and creative range of products, expertise and local service, the Emsland Group has gained a foothold in the market and is not only Germany's largest producer of potato starch, but is also a global leader in manufacturing refined starch products, proteins and fibres as well as potato flakes and granules. For many years now, alternative raw materials such as peas and beans have been included in our processing procedures.

This step has formed the basis for the creation of new starches, protein and fibre products with the aim to tap into new markets. To find out more about Emsland Group please visit:

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