

## COMMENTARY

The first estimate of yields and harvest of basic cereals (except grain maize and other cereals), early potatoes, rape, strawberries and early fruit species was performed as at 10 June 2020 on the basis of results of the Areas under Crops Survey as at 31 May 2020.

According to the first estimate, the harvest of basic cereals should account for 6 784 thous. tonnes of grain. It is by 234 thous. tonnes less (-3.3%) in comparison with 2019 final values. The estimated average yield of basic cereals reaching 5.42 t/ha is by 0.09 t/ha lower than the last year's final value (5.52 t/ha).

The harvest of the key cereal species – winter wheat – is estimated to be 4 445 thous. tonnes; it is by 271 thous. tonnes less (-5.8%) than in 2019. Its estimated yield accounting for 5.74 t/ha is by 0.05 t/ha lower compared to 2019 results. The estimated harvest of spring barley is 1 081 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 7 thous. tonnes more (+0.6%) than in 2019. Its yield of 4.97 t/ha is by 0.10 t/ha (-1.9%) lower compared to the 2019 final figures.

The estimated harvest of early potatoes (i.e. those expected to be harvested before 30 June) is 30 thous. tonnes with their yield being 23.75 t/ha. The harvest of rape is estimated to be 1 135 thous. tonnes and its yield 3.08 t/ha; it means a decrease by 22 thous. tonnes (-1.9%) compared with the 2019 harvest.