

## COMMENTARY

*According to the results of the survey as at 15 September 2020, the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals to be 7 980 thous. tonnes, with the average yield 6.00 t/ha. In comparison with the 2019 final data, their yield increased by 0.33 t/ha and their production by 342 thous. tonnes. The harvest of grain maize is supposed to be 651 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 31 thous. tonnes higher (+5.0%) than in the previous year.*

*The harvest of potatoes, total (including July estimates of early potatoes) shall reach 688 thous. tonnes (index 110.5%) with the estimated average yield 28.82 t/ha (27.19 t/ha in 2019). The harvest of other potatoes shall be 589 thous. tonnes with the yield 29.80 t/ha (28.05 t/ha in 2019). The production of sugar beet is awaited to be 3 793 thous. tonnes, which is by 132 thous. tonnes more (+3.6%) compared to 2019. Its supposed yield of 63.55 t/ha is by 1.72 t/ha higher in comparison with 2019.*

*The yield of rape is supposed to be 3.38 t/ha; i.e. it increased by 0.34 t/ha (+11.1%) in comparison with 2019. The total production of rape is expected to reach 1 246 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 89 thous. tonnes more (+7.7%) than in 2019.*

*The harvest of green and silage maize shall reach 8 876 thous. tonnes; it shall increase by 632 thous. tonnes compared to the previous year. Its yield of 37.81 t/ha shall be by 2.34 t/ha higher (+6.6%) than in 2019. The first assessments in 2020 were conducted for the production of perennial fodder crops in hay. The harvest of red clover hay is estimated to reach 375 thous. tonnes (index 99.8%) and the production of lucerne hay shall be 527 thous. tonnes (index 104.8%). The supposed yield of red clover is 6.61 t/ha (6.35 t/ha in 2019) and the yield of lucerne is estimated to 6.64 t/ha (6.72 t/ha in 2019).*