

COMMENTARY

As at 15 July 2020, the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of field peas for grain, poppy, and selected fruit and vegetables; and improved estimates of production of basic cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape, early potatoes, strawberries, cherries and sour cherries.

According to these improved estimates, the production of basic cereals (including triticale but excluding maize for grain and other cereals) is awaited to be 7 045 thous. tonnes with their average yield of 5.63 t/ha. The estimated production of basic cereals increased by 261 thous. tonnes (+3.8%) compared with the June estimate. In comparison with 2019 final results, it increased by 27 thous. tonnes (+0.4%).

The wheat production is expected to reach 4 711 thous. tonnes (of which 4 600 thous. tonnes of winter wheat); it went down by 2.1 % in comparison with the 2019 harvest. The total barley harvest is supposed to increase by 4.5% and to amount to 1 796 thous. tonnes (of which spring barley harvest should be 1 132 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 5.4 % more than in 2019). The yield estimates account for 5.94 t/ha for winter wheat (5.79 t/ha in the previous year), 5.13 t/ha for rye (5.06 t/ha in 2019), and 5.21 t/ha for spring barley (5.07 t/ha in 2019).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 31 thous. tonnes with its estimated average yield of 24.46 t/ha. The rape harvest should amount to 1 145 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 12 thous. tonnes less (-1.0%) than in the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 3.11 t/ha (3.05 t/ha in 2019). The poppy harvest should be 29 thous. tonnes, i.e. more than in 2019 (24 thous. tonnes). Its estimated yield increased to 0.72 t/ha (0.66 t/ha in 2019).