

COMMENTARY

As at 15 July 2021, 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 6 995 thous. tonnes with their average yield of 5.66 t/ha. The estimated production of basic cereals increased by 227 thous. tonnes (+3.4%) compared with the June estimate. In comparison with 2020 final results, it decreased by 293 thous. tonnes (-4.0%).

The wheat production is expected to reach 4 696 thous. tonnes (of which 4 322 thous. tonnes of winter wheat); it went down by 4.2 % in comparison with the 2020 harvest. The total barley harvest is supposed to decrease by 3.6% and to amount to 1 750 thous. tonnes (of which spring barley harvest should be 1 117 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 0.1 % less than in 2020). The yield estimates account for 6.09 t/ha for winter wheat (6.20 t/ha in the previous year), 5.31 t/ha for rye (5.48 t/ha in 2020), and 5.18 t/ha for spring barley (5.15 t/ha in 2020).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 20 thous. tonnes with its estimated average yield of 24.00 t/ha. The rape harvest should amount to 1 079 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 166 thous. tonnes less (-13.3%) than in the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 3.15 t/ha (3.38 t/ha in 2020). The poppy harvest should be 31 thous. tonnes, i.e. more than in 2020 (29 thous. tonnes); its yield accounting for 0,71 t/ha is the same as in 2019.