

## COMMENTARY

According to the results of the survey as at 15 September 2021, the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals to be 8 003 thous. tonnes, with the average yield 6.03 t/ha. In comparison with the 2020 final data, their yield decreased by 0.03 t/ha and their production by 110 thous. tonnes. The harvest of grain maize is supposed to be 770 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 55 thous. tonnes less (-6.7%) than in the previous year.

The harvest of potatoes, total (including July estimates of early potatoes) shall reach 672 thous. tonnes (index 96.5%) and their estimated average yield 29.42 t/ha (29.16 t/ha in 2020). The harvest of other potatoes is expected to be 590 thous. tonnes with their yield being 30.45 t/ha (30.27 t/ha in 2020). The production of sugar beet is awaited to be 3 996 thous. tonnes, which is by 325 thous. tonnes more (+8.8%) compared to 2020. Its supposed yield 65.26 t/ha is by 3.75 t/ha higher than in 2020.

The yield of rape is supposed to be 3.00 t/ha; i.e. it decreased by 0.38 t/ha (-11.3%) in comparison with 2020. The total production of rape is expected to reach 1 027 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 218 thous. tonnes less (-17.5%) than in 2020.

The harvest of green and silage maize shall reach 8 807 thous. tonnes; it shall decrease by 25 thous. tonnes in comparison to the previous year. Its yield of 38.54 t/ha shall be by 0.51 t/ha lower (-1.3%) than in 2020. The first estimates in 2021 were conducted for the production of perennial fodder crops in hay. The harvest of red clover hay is estimated to reach 380 thous. tonnes (index 89.3%) and the production of lucerne hay shall be 535 thous. tonnes (index 99.1%). The supposed yield of red clover is 6.62 t/ha (7.50 t/ha in 2020) and the yield of lucerne is estimated to be 6.69 t/ha (6.81 t/ha in 2020).