

COMMENTARY

According to the results of the survey as at 15 September 2022, the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals to be 8 167 thous. tonnes, with the average yield 5.92 t/ha. In comparison with the 2021 final data, their yield decreased by 0.22 t/ha and their production by 46 thous. tonnes. The harvest of grain maize is supposed to be 604 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 384 thous. tonnes less (-38.9%) than in the previous year.

The harvest of potatoes, total (including July estimates of early potatoes) shall reach 614 thous. tonnes (index 91.4%) and their estimated average yield 28.32 t/ha (29.44 t/ha in 2021). The harvest of other potatoes is expected to be 534 thous. tonnes with their yield being 29.49 t/ha (30.58 t/ha in 2021). The production of sugar beet is awaited to be 3 682 thous. tonnes, which is by 463 thous. tonnes less (-11.2%) compared to 2021. Its supposed yield 63.22 t/ha is by 4.47 t/ha lower than in 2021.

The yield of rape is supposed to be 3.36 t/ha; i.e. it increased by 0.37 t/ha (+12.2%) in comparison with 2021. The total production of rape is expected to reach 1 156 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 131 thous. tonnes more (+12.7%) than in 2021.

The harvest of green and silage maize shall reach 7 646 thous. tonnes; it shall decrease by 786 thous. tonnes in comparison to the previous year. Its yield of 36.05 t/ha shall be by 2.80 t/ha lower (-7.2%) than in 2021. The first estimates in 2022 were conducted for the production of perennial fodder crops in hay. The harvest of red clover hay is estimated to reach 345 thous. tonnes (index 84.7%) and the production of lucerne hay shall be 479 thous. tonnes (index 82.1%). The supposed yield of red clover is 6.19 t/ha (7.11 t/ha in 2021) and the yield of lucerne is estimated to be 6.36 t/ha (7.28 t/ha in 2021).