

## COMMENTARY

The first estimate of yields and harvest of basic cereals (except grain maize and other cereals), early potatoes, rape, strawberries, and early fruit species was performed as at 10 June 2022 on the basis of results of the Areas under Crops Survey as at 31 May 2022.

According to the first estimate, the harvest of basic cereals should account for 7 161 thous. tonnes of grain. It is by 64 thous. tonnes less (-0.9%) in comparison with 2021 final values. The estimated average yield of basic cereals reaching 5.51 t/ha is by 0.34 t/ha lower than the last year's final value (5.85 t/ha).

The harvest of the key cereal species – winter wheat – is estimated to be 4 709 thous. tonnes; it is by 119 thous. tonnes higher (+2.6%) than in 2021. Its estimated yield accounting for 5.87 t/ha is by 0.59 t/ha lower compared to 2021 results. The estimated harvest of spring barley is 1 049 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 49 thous. tonnes less (-4.5%) than in 2021. Its yield being 4.95 t/ha is by 0.14 t/ha (-2.7%) lower compared to the 2021 final figures.

The estimated harvest of early potatoes (i.e. those expected to be harvested before 30 June) is 24 thous. tonnes with their yield being 23.12 t/ha. The harvest of rape is estimated to be 1 065 thous. tonnes and its yield to be 3.10 t/ha; it means an increase by 40 thous. tonnes (+3.9%) compared with the 2021 harvest.