

## COMMENTARY

According to the results of the survey as at 30 September 2023, the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals to be 7 930 thous. tonnes, with the average yield 6.00 t/ha. In comparison with the 2022 final data, their yield increased by 0.05 t/ha but their production decreased by 279 thous. tonnes. The harvest of grain maize is supposed to be 526 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 113 thous. tonnes less (-17.7%) than in the previous year.

The harvest of potatoes, total (including July estimates of early potatoes) shall reach 533 thous. tonnes (index 81.4%) and their estimated average yield 25.47 t/ha (30.22 t/ha in 2022). The harvest of other potatoes is expected to be 457 thous. tonnes with their yield being 26.36 t/ha (31.50 t/ha in 2022). The production of sugar beet is awaited to be 3 763 thous. tonnes, which is by 292 thous. tonnes less (-7.2%) compared to 2022. Its supposed yield 64.00 t/ha is by 5.64 t/ha lower than in 2022.

The yield of rape seed is supposed to be 3.40 t/ha; i.e. it negligibly increased by 0.01 t/ha (+0.4%) in comparison with 2022. The total production of rape seed is expected to reach 1 293 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 127 thous. tonnes more (+10.9%) than in 2022.

The harvest of green maize shall reach 6 527 thous. tonnes; it shall decrease by 1 088 thous. tonnes in comparison to the previous year. Its yield of 30.56 t/ha shall be by 5.40 t/ha lower (-15.0%) than in 2022. The harvest of clover hay is estimated to reach 303 thous. tonnes (index 78.2%) and the production of lucerne hay shall be 407 thous. tonnes (index 77.7%). The supposed yield of clover is 5.61 t/ha (6.95 t/ha in 2022) and the yield of lucerne is estimated to be 6.13 t/ha (6.96 t/ha in 2022).