

COMMENTARY

The first estimate of yields and harvest of basic cereals (cereals except grain maize and other cereals), early potatoes, and rape was performed as at 10 June 2023 on the basis of results of the Areas under Crops Survey as at 31 May 2023.

According to the first estimate, the harvest of basic cereals should account for 6 955 thous. tonnes of grain. It is by 615 thous. tonnes less (-8.1%) in comparison with 2022 final values. The estimated average yield of basic cereals reaching 5.57 t/ha is by 0.26 t/ha lower than the last year's final value (5.83 t/ha).

The harvest of the key cereal species – winter wheat – is estimated to be 4 639 thous. tonnes; it is by 300 thous. tonnes lower (-6.1%) than in 2022. Its estimated yield accounting for 5.96 t/ha is by 0.21 t/ha lower compared to 2022 results. The estimated harvest of spring barley is 957 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 169 thous. tonnes less (-15.0%) than in 2022. Its yield being 4.98 t/ha is by 0.34 t/ha (-6.4%) lower compared to the 2022 final figures.

The estimated harvest of early potatoes (i.e. those expected to be harvested before 30 June) is 22 thous. tonnes with their yield being 22.07 t/ha. The harvest of rape is estimated to be 1 223 thous. tonnes and its yield to be 3.22 t/ha; it means an increase by 57 thous. tonnes (+4.9%) compared with the 2022 harvest.