***COMMENTARY***

*The total production of individual crops is based on the size of areas under crops surveyed in May and on changes of growing conditions during the vegetation period.*

*The harvested* ***area of cereals*** *(including grain maize and other cereals) increased by 40.2 thous. ha (i.e. by 3.0%), year-on-year, to 1 386.0 thous. ha. The total harvest of cereals reached 8 218.4* *thous. tonnes and went down by 8.7 thous. tonnes (i.e. by 0.1%) in comparison with 2021. The harvest of winter wheat, rye, winter and spring barley, and triticale was above the 2021 level. The harvest of winter wheat was 4 938.5 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 348.7 thous. tonnes (by 7.6%) more than in the previous year. The harvest of rye was 128.2 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 1.6 thous. tonnes (i.e by 1.2%) more than in the previous year. The harvest of spring barley accounted for 1 126.2 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 28.7 thous. tonnes (by 2.6%) more than in 2021, and that of winter barley reached 751.2 thous tonnes (by 99.6 thous. tonnes or by 15.3% more than in 2021). The harvest of basic cereals was higher than in the previous year. The harvest of wheat amounted to 5 188.7 thous. tonnes (by 227.8 thous. tonnes or by 4.6% more than in 2021). The harvest of barley was 1 877.4 thous. tonnes (by 128.2 thous. tonnes or by 7.3% more than in 2021). The harvest of grain maize accounted for 639.5 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 348.6 thous. tonnes (by 35.3%) less than in 2021.*

*The* ***per hectare yield of cereals*** *was 5.93 tonnes; it was by 0.18 t/ha (i.e. by 3.0%) lower compared to the previous year. The yields were 6.16 t/ha for winter wheat (6.47 t/ha in 2021), 4.73 t/ha for spring wheat (4.93 t/ha), 5.31 t/ha for rye (5.03 t/ha), 6.13 t/ha for winter barley (5.87 t/ha), 5.31 t/ha for spring barley (5.09 t/ha), 3.72 t/ha for oats (3.37 t/ha), 7.95 t/ha for grain maize (9.65 t/ha), and 5.12 t/ha for triticale (4.73 t/ha).*

*The production of* ***pulses*** *increased compared to 2021; in total 123.9 thous. tonnes of pulses were harvested. The harvest of field peas was 115.1 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 10.7 thous. tonnes (by 10.3%) more than in the previous year. The total production of* ***grain crops*** *(cereals and pulses) reached 8 342.4* *thous. tonnes; it went up by 3.4* *thous. tonnes (i.e. by 0.0%) in comparison with 2021.*

*The total harvest of* ***potatoes*** *including households’ production was 793.2 thous. tonnes; it showed a decrease by 18.9 thous. tonnes (by 2.3%) compared to 2021. The yield of potatoes reached 28.67 t/ha and was by 0.52 t/ha higher than in 2021. The harvest of early potatoes reached 15.6 thous. tonnes. The average per hectare yield of other potatoes was 31.50 tonnes; it means by 0.91 t/ha more than in 2021. Their production reached 582.7 thous. tonnes and was by 19.4 tonnes lower than in the previous year. The harvest of* ***sugar beet*** *was 4 055.5* *thous. tonnes (4 145.1 thous. tonnes in 2021) and its average yield reached 69.64 t/ha; its harvest decreased by 2.2% in comparison with the previous year.*

*In 2022, the total area under* ***oil seed crops*** *decreased by 5.2 thous. ha (by 1.2%) to 437.1 thous. ha. Their production was 1 329.1 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 152.8 thous. tonnes more than in the previous year. The harvest of rape reached 1 166.4 thous. tonnes, while in 2021 it was 1 024.9 thous. tonnes; i.e. there was an increase by 141.5 thous. tonnes. The rape seed yield was 3.39 t/ha; it went up by 0.40 t/ha. The production of poppy seed went down: in total 22.0 thous. tonnes of poppy seed were harvested from the area of 26.1 thous. ha, with its average yield of 0.84 t/ha (in 2021, there were 29.7 thous. tonnes of poppy seed harvested and its yield was 0.68 t/ha).*

*The production of annual* ***fodder crops*** *on arable land was 7 992.0* *thous. tonnes of green forage; i.e. by 891.6 thous. tonnes less than in 2021. Out of this amount, 7 615.1 thous. tonnes of green and silage maize were harvested; i.e. by 816.5 thous. tonnes less in comparison with the previous year. The harvest of hay of perennial fodder crops was 1 319.6* *thous. tonnes, of which the harvest of red clover hay reached 387.4 thous. tonnes.*

*Production of* ***vegetables*** *including households’ estimates was lower than in 2021; in total 303.0 thous. tonnes of vegetables were harvested (333.5 thous. tonnes in 2021). The harvest of* ***fruits*** *(excluding raspberries; including households’ production)**reached**337.3 thous. tonnes and was higher than in the previous year (313.5 thousand tonnes in 2021).*

*In total 91.8 thous. tonnes of grapes were harvested from 16.4 thous. ha of* ***vineyards in production****, i.e. by 1.7 thous. tonnes more than in 2021; their average yield was 5.59 t/ha (5.51 t/ha in 2021). The* ***hop*** *production reached 4 452 tonnes; it decreased by 3 853 tonnes (i.e. by 46.4%) compared to 2021. The per hectare yield of hop, accounting for 0.90 t/ha, went less as well by 0.77 t/ha in comparison with the previous year.*