

## COMMENTARY

As at 15 July 2023, the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of field peas, and poppy, and improved estimates of production of basic cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats, and triticale), rape seed, and early potatoes.

According to these improved estimates, the production of basic cereals (including triticale but excluding grain maize and other cereals) is awaited to be 7 123 thous. tonnes, with their average yield of 5.71 t/ha. The estimated production of basic cereals increased by 168 thous. tonnes (+2.4%) compared with the June estimate. It decreased by 446 thous. tonnes (-5.9%) in comparison with 2022 final results.

The wheat production is expected to reach 4 904 thous. tonnes (of which 4 734 thous. tonnes of winter wheat); it went down by 5.5 % in comparison with the 2022 harvest. The total harvest of barley is supposed to decrease by 7.0% and to amount to 1 746 thous. tonnes (of which the harvest of spring barley should be 965 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 14.3 % lower than in 2022). The yield estimates account for 6.08 t/ha for winter wheat (6.16 t/ha in the previous year), 4.86 t/ha for rye (5.31 t/ha in 2022), and 5.01 t/ha for spring barley (5.31 t/ha in 2022).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 22 thous. tonnes with its estimated average yield of 22.17 t/ha. The harvest of rape seed should amount to 1 215 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 48 thous. tonnes more (+4.1%) than in the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 3.20 t/ha (3.39 t/ha in 2022). The harvest of poppy should be 19 thous. tonnes, i.e. less than in 2022 (22 thous. tonnes); its yield accounting for 0,72 t/ha is by 14,2% lower than in 2022.