

## COMMENTARY

Total production of individual crops is based on sowing areas surveyed in May and the development of vegetative conditions.

**Production area of cereals** (including grain maize and other cereals) increased by 16,6 thous. ha (+1.1 %) to have reached 1479.5 thous. ha. Total production of cereals was 8 284.8 thous. tonnes and matching the year 2010 stepped up by 1 407.2 thous. tonnes (+20.5 %). The harvest of winter barley in amount of 467.7 thous. tonnes were less matching 2010 by 28.0 thous. tonnes (-5.7 %). Wheat production was at the level of 4 913.0 thous. tonnes, it means by 751.5 tonnes higher (+18.1 %) matching the year 2010. Total barley harvest at the level of 1 813.7 thous. tonnes, it means by 229.2 thous. tonnes (+14.5 %) higher than in the harvest 2010. Rye harvest amount is 118.5 thous. tonnes, it means by 223 tonnes higher (+0.2 %) matching previous year.

**Yield** of cereals per 1 ha was 5.60 tonnes matching 2010 and it is up by 0.90 tonnes (+19.1 %). Winter wheat reached the yield of 5.78 tonnes (5.08 tonnes in 2010), spring wheat reached 4.41 tonnes (3.51 tonnes), rye 4.74 tonnes (3.91 tonnes), winter barley 4.64 tonnes (4.50 tonnes), spring barley 4.95 tonnes (3.91 tonnes), oats 3.63 tonnes (2.64 tonnes), grain maize 8.79 tonnes (6.71 tonnes) and triticale 4.52 tonnes (3.73 tonnes). **Legumes** production increased matching the year 2010. It was harvested 63.6 thous. tonnes of legumes in total. Field peas production was 52.3 thous. tonnes, matching the year 2010 it means by 4.1 thous. tonnes higher. Total production of **grain plants** (cereals plus legumes) reached 8 348.4 thous. tonnes, matching 2010 is by 1 412.6 thous. tonnes up (+20.4 %).

Total **potatoes** harvest including production of kitchen gardens was 973.9 thous. tonnes, it is an increase by 152.0 thous. tonnes (+18.5 %) matching 2010. Yield of potatoes was 29.00 tonnes/ha and it is by 5.55 tonnes up matching 2010. Early potatoes harvest reached 52.6 thous. tonnes. The average yield of "other potatoes" was 30.99 tonnes/1 ha, it means by 6.77 tonnes/1 ha higher than in 2010. The other potatoes production of 836.8 thous. tonnes is by 147.5 thous. tonnes up than in the year 2010. **Sugar beet** was harvested in amount of 3 898.9 thous. tonnes (3 065.0 thous. tonnes in 2010), it means an increase by 27.2 %, with yield of 66.84 t/ha.

In 2011 sowing areas of **oleaginous plants** decreased totally by 26.0 thous. ha (-5.3 %), the total acreage reached 464.4 thous. ha. The production from this area was 1 183.7 thous. tonnes, it means by 23.6 thous. tonnes higher than in 2010. Rape harvest was 1 046.1 thous. tonnes, in the year 2010 it was 1 042.4 thous. tonnes, it means by 3.7 thous. tonnes up. Rape seed yield was 2.80 tonnes/1 ha and it is down by 0.02 tonnes. The production of poppy seed increased matching 2010, from the area of 31.5 thous. ha was harvested 26.9 thous. tonnes with an average yield of 0.85 tonnes/ 1 ha (23.7 thous. tonnes with the yield of 0.46 tonnes/1 ha were harvested in 2010).

The production of **annual fodder crops** on arable land was 8 631.2 thous. tonnes of green forage, it means by 2 149.2 thous. tonnes above harvest 2010. Green maize and maize for silage were harvested in total amount of 7 781.6 thous. tonnes, it means an increase by 1 879.9 thous. tonnes matching 2010. Hay production from perennial fodder crops was at the level of 1 237.6 thous. tonnes. Red clover production was 338.2 thous. tonnes.

**Vegetables** production including households gardens was up in comparison with the production 2010 and reached the level of 277.6 thous. tonnes of vegetables (218.6 thous. tonnes in 2010). 265.1 thous. tonnes of **fruit** was significantly lower than the production 2010 (288.1 thous. tonnes in 2010). 91.3 thous. tonnes of grapes were harvested from 16.0 thous. ha of **bearing vineyards** with the yield of 5.70 tonnes/1 ha (2.87 tonnes/ 1 ha in the year 2010), it means by 45.3 tonnes high than in 2010. **Hop production** at the level of 6 088 tonnes decreased by 1.7 thous. tonnes (-21.7 %) matching 2010. Hop yield of 1.31 tonnes/1ha is also down by 0.18 tonnes/1 ha matching the year 2010.