

COMMENTARY

As at 15 October the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yields and harvest of permanent grassland, flax for seed and corrected estimates of maize for grain, other potatoes, industrial sugar beet and fibre flax.

Estimates harvest of cereals (basic cereals and maize for grain but without other cereals) is awaited at the level of 7 730 thous. tonnes with average yield 5.09 t/ha. Matching final harvest 2008 it means decreasing of yield by 0.33 t/ha and harvest would be lower by 625 thous. t (- 7.5 %). Estimated harvest of maize for grain at the level of 721 thous. tonnes is down by 138 thous. tonnest (- 16.1 %) in comparison with last year's harvest.

The harvest of potatoes in agricultural sector is estimated at the level of 767 thous. tonnes (- 0.3 % matching 2008) with average yield 26.71 t/ha. The harvest of other potatoes would be 638 thous. tonnes with the yield 28.01 t/ha.

Industrial sugar beet would reach the amount of 2 862 thous. tonnes and in comparison with 2008 final results is down by 23 thous. tonnes (- 0.8 %). Estimated yield 54.55 t/ha is by 2.71 t/ha lower (- 4,7 %) than in 2008.

For the first time in this year harvest of fodder from permanent grassland is estimated. It would reach the amount of 3 392 thous tonnes of hay with average yield 3.67 t/ha. In 2008 harvest was down by 428 thous. tonnes (- 14.4 %). Yield of flax seed is estimated at the level of 1,61 t/ha and yield of fibre flax would reach 3.60 t/ha, both are over levels of yields in 2008.