

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 7 026 thous. tonnes with average yield 4.84 t/ha. Matching final harvest 2009 it means decreasing of yield by 0.31 t/ha and harvest would be lower by 792 thous. t (- 10.1 %). Estimated harvest of maize for grain at the level of 731 thous. tonnes is down by 159 thous. tonnest (- 17.9 %) in comparison with last year's harvest.

The harvest of potatoes in agricultural sector is estimated at the level of 690 thous. tonnes (- 8.4 % matching 2009) with average yield 25.47 t/ha. The harvest of other potatoes would be 576 thous. tonnes with the yield 26.50 t/ha.

Industrial sugar beet would reach the amount of 3 067 thous. tonnes and in comparison with 2009 final results is up by 28 thous. tonnes (0.9 %). Estimated yield 54.38 t/ha is by 3.53 t/ha lower (- 6,1 %) than in 2009.

For the first time in this year harvest of fodder from permanent grassland is estimated. It would reach the amount of 3 154 thous tonnes of hay with average yield 3.37 t/ha. In 2009 harvest was down by 132 thous. tonnes (- 4.4 %). Yield of flax seed is estimated at the level of 1,02 t/ha. In 2009 the yield was 1,63 t/ha.