

COMMENTARY

As at 15 July the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of selected agricultural plants – peas, poppy, fruits and vegetables and precised estimates of production for basic cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape, early potatoes, strawberries, cherries and sour cherries.

According to precised estimates awaited production of basic cereals (with triticale but without maize for grain and other cereals) should be at level of 6 381 thous. t with average yield of 4.72 t/ha. Matching June estimate there is an estimated production of basic cereals by 200 thous. t lower (- 3.0 %). Matching the year 2009 final results it means by 547 thous. t down (- 7.9 %).

Wheat production is estimated at the level of 4 255 thous. t (of which: winter wheat 4 062 thous. t), it means in comparison with 2009 harvest is lower by 2.4 %. Barley total harvest is estimated by 18.2 % down reaching amount of 1 639 thous. t (of which: production spring barley should be at the level of 1 143 thous. t, it means by 15.6 % down comparing 2009 results). The yield of winter wheat is estimated in amount of 5.17 t/ha (in previous year it was 5.33 t/ha), rye 4.23 t/ha (4.63 t/ha) and spring barley 4.10 t (4.23 t/ha).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvest before 30 June) should reach 31 thous. t with an estimated average yield 18.03 t/ha. Rape production should be 1 107 thous. t, it means by 21 thous. t lower (- 1.9 %) than in previous year with average yield 3.00 t/ha (in 2009 it was 3,18 t/ha). Poppy production should be 31 thous. t matching the year 2009 it was 33 thous. t and yield is also down at the level of 0.60 t/ha (in 2009 it was 0.61 t/ha).