

COMMENTARY

The Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yields and harvest of potatoes, industrial sugar beet and precised estimates of harvest of basic cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape and gherkins as at 15 August 2010. Estimated production of individual crops comes from sowing areas, development of weather in the course of planting period in a reference year and also weather condition during harvest period.

According to this precised data the harvest of basic cereals is awaited at the level of 6 295 thous. tonnes with an average yield of 4.66 t/ha. Matching July estimate it means decreasing by 86 thous. tonnes (- 1.3 %) and in comparison with final harvest 2009 it means a decline by 633 thous. tonnes (- 9.1 %).

For the first time in 2010 the harvest of other potatoes, seed potatoes and industrial sugar beet has been carried out. The harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) with estimated average yield of 23.97 t/ha (26.19 t/ha in 2009) would reach 649 thous. tonnes it means by 103 thous. tonnes under(- 13.7 %) comparing final harvest 2009. The production of industrial sugar beet is awaited at the level of 2 999 thous. tonnes, which is down by 39 thous. tonnes (- 1.3 %) matching 2009. Supposed yield of 53,18 t/ha is down by 4.73 t/ha (-8,2 %) in comparison with 2009.

Rape production is estimated of 1 052 thous. tonnes (- 6.8 %) matching 2009 results with supposed yield of 2.85 t/ha.