

## COMMENTARY

*In accord with the survey as at 15 September 2010 the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals at the level of 7 029 thous. tonnes with the average yield 4.84 t/ha. Matching the final data of the year 2009 it means a decrease of yield by 0.31 t/ha and production by 788 thous. tonnes. Estimated harvest of grain maize at the level of 734 thous. tonnes is by 156 thous. tonnes lower (- 17.5 %) in comparison with the previous year.*

*The total harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) would reach 666 thous. Tonnes (index 88.5 %) with estimated average yield 24.60 t/ha (26.19 t/ha in 2009), the harvest of other potatoes would be 555 thous. tonnes with the yield 25.53 t/ha (27.33 t/ha in 2009). The production of industrial sugar beet is awaited at the level of 3 053 thous. tonnes, which is up by 15 thous. tonnes (+ 0.5 %) matching 2009. Supposed yield 54.15 t/ha is down by 3.76 t/ha in comparison with 2009.*

*The yield of rape is supposed to be at the level of 2.88 t/ha and decreased by 0.30 t/ha (- 9.4 %) in comparison with 2009. The total production of rape is awaited at the level of 1 062 thous. tonnes and in comparison with the final harvest 2009 it means a decrement by 66 thous. tonnes (- 5.8 %).*

*For the first time in 2010 production of fodder plants has been assessed. Harvest of fodder maize with estimated average yield 34.75 t/ha would reach 6 323 thous. tonnes and it means by 10 thous. tonnes lower than in the previous year. The yield 34.75 t/ha would be lower by 3.40 t/ha (- 8.9 %) than in 2009. The estimated production of perennial fodder plants would be lower. The harvest of red clover in hay is estimated at the level of 313 thous. tonnes (index 82.9 %), the production of lucerne in hay would be 509 thous. tonnes (index 86.7 %). Supposed yield of red clover would be 6.96 t/ha (8.11 t/ha in 2009) and yield of lucerne is estimated at the level of 7.74 t/ha (8.51 t/ha in 2009).*