

COMMENTARY

As at 15 July, the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of following crops: peas, poppy, selected fruit and vegetables species; and, furthermore, improved estimates of production for main cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape, early potatoes, strawberries, cherries and sour cherries.

According to these improved estimates, the production of main cereals (including triticale but excluding maize for grain and other cereals) is awaited to be 5 716 thous. tonnes with its average yield of 4.32 t/ha. The estimated production of main cereals decreased by 149 thous. t (- 2.5%) compared with June estimate. In comparison with 2011 final results there is a decline by 1 490 thous. t (- 20.7%).

The wheat production is expected to reach 3 609 thous. t (of which 3 322 thous. t of winter wheat); it went down by 26.5% in comparison with 2011 harvest. The total barley harvest is supposed to decrease by 10.6% and amount to 1 621 thous. t (of which spring barley production should be 1 227 thous. t; i.e. by 8.9% less than in 2011). The winter wheat yield estimates account for 4.45 t/ha (5.78 t/ha in the previous year), rye ones for 4.36 t/ha (4.74 t/ha in 2011) and spring barley ones for 4.31 t/ha (4.95 t/ha in 2011).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 30 thous. t with its estimated average yield of 17.82 t/ha. The rape production should amount to 1 073 thous. t; i.e. by 27 thous. t more (+ 2.5%) than in the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 2.67 t/ha (2.80 t/ha in 2011). The poppy production should be 14 thous. t; i.e. less than in 2011 (27 thous. t). Its estimated yield decreased to 0.75 t/ha (0.85 t/ha in 2011).