

## COMMENTARY

As at 15 July the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of peas, poppy, and selected fruit and vegetable species; and improved estimates of production of 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 6 501 thous. tonnes with their average yield of 4.98 t/ha. The estimated production of main cereals decreased by 31 thous. tonnes (-0.5 %) compared with June estimate. In comparison with 2012 final results it grew by 857 thous. tonnes (+15.2 %).

The wheat production is expected to reach 4 423 thous. tonnes (of which 4 251 thous. tonnes of winter wheat); it went up by 25.7 % in comparison with 2012 harvest. The total barley harvest is supposed to decrease by 4.0 % and amount to 1 553 thous. tonnes (of which spring barley production should be 1 059 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 13.6 % less than in 2012). The winter wheat yield estimates account for 5.39 t/ha (4.34 t/ha in the previous year), rye ones for 4.50 t/ha (4.81 t/ha in 2012), and spring barley ones for 4.36 t/ha (4.31 t/ha in 2012).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 22 thous. tonnes with its estimated average yield of 15.71 t/ha. The rape production should amount to 1 313 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 204 thous. tonnes more (+18.4 %) than in the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 3.14 t/ha (2.76 t/ha in 2012). The poppy production should be 14 thous. tonnes; i.e. less than in 2012 (13 thous. tonnes). Its estimated yield decreased to 0.69 t/ha (0.70 t/ha in 2012).