

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 7 056 thous. tonnes with their average yield of 5.42 t/ha. The estimated production of main cereals increased by 402 thous. tonnes (+6.0 %) compared with June estimate. In comparison with 2013 final results it grew by 232 thous. tonnes (+3.4 %).

The wheat production is expected to reach 4 741 thous. tonnes (of which 4 528 thous. tonnes of winter wheat); it went up by 0.9 % in comparison with 2013 harvest. The total barley harvest is supposed to increase by 12.3 % and amount to 1 790 thous. tonnes (of which spring barley production should be 1 226 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 9.5 % more than in 2013). The winter wheat yield estimates account for 5.73 t/ha (5.75 t/ha in the previous year), rye ones for 5.06 t/ha (4.70 t/ha in 2013), and spring barley ones for 4.95 t/ha (4.61 t/ha in 2013).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 32 thous. tonnes with its estimated average yield of 19.98 t/ha. The rape production should amount to 1 452 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 9 thous. tonnes more (+0.6 %) than in the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 3.73 t/ha (3.45 t/ha in 2013). The poppy production should be 20 thous. tonnes; i.e. more than in 2013 (14 thous. tonnes). Its estimated yield increased to 0.75 t/ha (0.69 t/ha in 2013).