

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 7 592 thous. tonnes with their average yield of 5.83 t/ha. The estimated production of main cereals increased by 777 thous. tonnes (+11.4%) compared with June estimate. In comparison with 2014 final results it decreased by 343 thous. tonnes (-4.3%).

The wheat production is expected to reach 5 148 thous. tonnes (of which 4 920 thous. tonnes of winter wheat); it went down by 5.4 % in comparison with 2014 harvest. The total barley harvest is supposed to increase by 1.4 % and amount to 1 994 thous. tonnes (of which spring barley production should be 1 434 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 4.2 % higher than in 2014). The winter wheat yield estimates account for 6.32 t/ha (6.61 t/ha in the previous year), rye ones for 4.72 t/ha (5.13 t/ha in 2014), and spring barley ones for 5.49 t/ha (5.56 t/ha in 2014).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 26 thous. tonnes with its estimated average yield of 21.80 t/ha. The rape production should amount to 1 208 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 329 thous. tonnes less (-21.4%) than in the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 3.30 t/ha (3.95 t/ha in 2014). The poppy production should be 25 thous. tonnes, i.e. negligibly more than in 2014 (25 thous. tonnes). Its estimated yield decreased to 0.77 t/ha (0.91 t/ha in 2014).