

COMMENTARY

As at 15 August 2013, the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yields and harvest of potatoes and industrial sugar beet, and improved harvest estimates of basic cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape, and gherkins. Production estimations for particular crops are based on their sowing areas and the course of weather during the vegetation period as well as during the harvest period.

According to these improved estimates, the harvest of basic cereals is awaited to reach 6 747 thous. tonnes with an average yield of 5.16 t/ha. It increased by 245 thous. tonnes (+3.8 %) compared to July estimation and by 1 102 thous. tonnes (+19.5 %) in comparison with final harvest figures for 2012.

The first harvest estimations in 2013 were carried out for other potatoes, seed potatoes and industrial sugar beet. The harvest of potatoes (including July estimation of early potatoes) at an assumed average yield of 21.77 t/ha (27.98 t/ha in 2012) should reach 505 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 157 thous. tonnes less (-23.7 %) compared to final harvest in 2012. The production of industrial sugar beet is expected to reach 3 363 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 506 thous. tonnes (-13.1 %) less than in 2012. Supposed yield of 53.89 t/ha declined by 9.37 t/ha (-14.8 %) in comparison with 2012.

Rape production is estimated to be 1 424 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 28.4 % more compared to 2012 results. Its yield is supposed to reach 3.40 t/ha.