

COMMENTARY

As at 15 August 2015, the Czech Statistical Office processed yield and production forecast for potatoes and industrial sugar beet, and improved production forecast for 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 7 702 thous. tonnes with an average yield of 5.91 t/ha. It increased by 110 thous. tonnes (+1.5 %) compared to July estimation and decreased by 232 thous. tonnes (-2.9 %) in comparison with final harvest figures for 2014.

The first harvest estimations in 2015 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 21.80 t/ha (29.07 t/ha in 2014) should reach 494 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 203 thous. tonnes less (-29.1 %) compared to the 2014 final harvest. The production of industrial sugar beet is expected to reach 2 870 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 1 554 thous. tonnes (-35.1 %) less than in 2014. Supposed yield of 49.82 t/ha decreased by 20.46 t/ha (-29.1 %) in comparison with 2014.

Rape production is estimated to be 1 262 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 17.9 % less compared to 2014 results. Its yield is supposed to reach 3.45 t/ha.