

COMMENTARY

In accord with the survey as at 15 September 2011 the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals at the level of 8 200 thous. tonnes with the average yield 5.62 t/ha. Matching the final data of the year 2010 it means an increase of yield by 0.89 t/ha and production by 1 333 thous. tonnes. Estimated harvest of grain maize at the level of 867 thous. tonnes is by 174 thous. tonnes higher (+ 25.2 %) in comparison with the previous year.

The total harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) would reach 786 thous. tonnes (index 118.2 %) with estimated average yield 29.72 t/ha (24.56 t/ha in 2010), the harvest of other potatoes would be 662 thous. tonnes with the yield 31.29 t/ha (25.19 t/ha in 2010). The production of industrial sugar beet is awaited at the level of 3 471 thous. tonnes, which goes up by 406 thous. tonnes (+ 13.2 %) matching 2010. Supposed yield 59.51 t/ha is up by 5.15 t/ha in comparison with 2010.

The yield of rape is supposed to be at the level of 2.88 t/ha and increased by 0.05 t/ha (+ 1.8 %) in comparison with 2010. The total production of rape is awaited at the level of 1 077 thous. tonnes and in comparison with the final harvest 2010 it means more by 34 thous. tonnes (+ 3.3 %).

For the first time in 2011 production of fodder plants has been assessed. Harvest of fodder maize with estimated average yield 39.50 t/ha would reach 7 804 thous. tonnes and it will be by 1 903 thous. tonnes higher than in the previous year. The yield 39.50 t/ha would be higher by 6.46 t/ha (+ 19.6 %) than in 2010. The estimated production of perennial fodder plants would be lower. The harvest of red clover in hay is estimated at the level of 312 thous. tonnes (index 92.5 %), the production of lucerne in hay would be 498 thous. tonnes (index 94.4 %). Supposed yield of red clover would be 7.21 t/ha (7.52 t/ha in 2010) and yield of lucerne is estimated at the level of 8.14 t/ha (8.01 t/ha in 2010).