

COMMENTARY

Pursuant to the survey as at 15 September 2012, the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals to be 6 539 thous. tonnes with the average yield 4.56 t/ha. In comparison with the 2011 final data, the yield decreased by 1.11 t/ha, and the production by 1 731 thous. tonnes. The harvest of grain maize is supposed to be 783 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 280 thous. tonnes less (-26.4 %) than in the previous year.

The total harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) shall reach 654 thous. tonnes (index 81.2 %) at an estimated average yield 27.63 t/ha (30.45 t/ha in 2011). The harvest of other potatoes shall be 549 thous. tonnes with the yield 29.37 t/ha (32.52 t/ha in 2011). The production of industrial sugar beet is awaited to be 3 450 thous. tonnes, which is by 449 thous. tonnes lower (-11.5 %) compared to 2011. The supposed yield of 56.41 t/ha is by 10.43 t/ha lower in comparison with 2011.

The yield of rape is supposed to be 2.81 t/ha, i.e. increased by 0.01 t/ha (+0.4 %) in comparison with 2011. The total production of rape is expected to reach 1 127 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 81 thous. tonnes (+7.7 %) more than in 2011.

The first assessments in 2012 were conducted for the production of fodder plants. The harvest of fodder maize shall reach 8 307 thous. tonnes; it shall increase by 525 thous. tonnes compared to the previous year. Its yield of 38.66 t/ha would be lower by 3.13 t/ha (-7.5 %) than in 2011. The estimated production of perennial fodder plants would be lower as well. The harvest of red clover in hay is estimated to reach 306 thous. tonnes (index 90.4 %), the production of lucerne in hay shall be 394 thous. tonnes (index 82.8 %). The supposed yield of red clover would be 7.12 t/ha (7.81 t/ha in 2011) and the yield of lucerne is estimated to 7.04 t/ha (7.78 t/ha in 2011).