

COMMENTARY

Pursuant to the survey as at 15 September 2013, the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals to be 7 651 thous. tonnes with the average yield 5.40 t/ha. In comparison with the 2012 final data, their yield increased by 0.81 t/ha and their production by 1 078 thous. tonnes. The harvest of grain maize is supposed to be 753 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 176 thous. tonnes less (-18.9 %) than in the previous year.

The total harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) shall reach 528 thous. tonnes (index 79.8 %) with estimated average yield 22.75 t/ha (27.98 t/ha in 2012). The harvest of other potatoes shall be 444 thous. tonnes with the yield 23.80 t/ha (29.45 t/ha in 2012). The production of industrial sugar beet is awaited to be 3 414 thous. tonnes, which is by 454 thous. tonnes lower (-11.7 %) compared to 2012. The supposed yield of 54.72 t/ha is by 8.54 t/ha lower in comparison with 2012.

The yield of rape is supposed to be 3.45 t/ha; i.e. it increased by 0.69 t/ha (+25,0 %) in comparison with 2012. The total production of rape is expected to reach 1 444 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 335 thous. tonnes (+30.2 %) more than in 2012.

The first assessments in 2013 were conducted for the production of fodder plants. The harvest of fodder maize shall reach 7 135 thous. tonnes; it shall increase by 1 193 thous. tonnes compared to the previous year. Its yield of 32.61 t/ha would be by 7.99 t/ha lower (-19.7 %) than in 2012. On the contrary, the estimated production of perennial fodder plants would be higher. The harvest of red clover in hay is estimated to reach 312 thous. tonnes (index 97.6 %), the production of lucerne in hay shall be 418 thous. tonnes (index 103.4 %). The supposed yield of red clover is 7.19 t/ha (7.44 t/ha in 2012) and the yield of lucerne is estimated to 7.49 t/ha (7.23 t/ha in 2012).