

COMMENTARY

Pursuant to the survey as at 15 September 2015, the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals to be 8 404 thous. tonnes with the average yield 6.02 t/ha. In comparison with the 2014 final data, their yield decreased by 0.24 t/ha and their production by 363 thous. tonnes. The harvest of grain maize is supposed to be 555 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 277 thous. tonnes less (-33.3 %) than in the previous year.

The total harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) shall reach 488 thous. tonnes (index 70.0 %) with the estimated average yield 21.53 t/ha (29.07 t/ha in 2014). The harvest of other potatoes shall be 409 thous. tonnes with the yield 21.95 t/ha (30.82 t/ha in 2014). The production of industrial sugar beet is awaited to be 2 975 thous. tonnes, which is by 1 450 thous. tonnes less (-32.8 %) compared to 2014. Its supposed yield of 51.64 t/ha is by 18.64 t/ha lower in comparison with 2014.

The yield of rape is supposed to be 3.46 t/ha; i.e. it decreased by 0.49 t/ha (-12.4 %) in comparison with 2014. The total production of rape is expected to reach 1 266 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 272 thous. tonnes (-17.7 %) less than in 2014.

The first assessments in 2015 were conducted for the production of fodder plants. The harvest of green maize shall reach 6 621 thous. tonnes; it shall decrease by 2 957 thous. tonnes compared to the previous year. Its yield of 28.62 t/ha would be by 11.75 t/ha lower (-29.1 %) than in 2014. Estimated production of perennial fodder plants decreased as well. The harvest of red clover is estimated to reach 273 thous. tonnes (index 74.2 %) and the production of lucerne shall be 360 thous. tonnes (index 74.9 %). The supposed yield of red clover is 5.55 t/ha (8.44 t/ha in 2014) and the yield of lucerne is estimated to 6.31 t/ha (8.38 t/ha in 2014).