

COMMENTARY

The first estimate of yields and harvest of main cereals (except maize for grain and other cereals), early potatoes, rape, strawberries and early fruit species as at 20 June 2012 was performed on the basis of Areas under Crops survey results as at 31 May 2012.

The first estimate supposes that the harvest of main cereals will reach 5 865 thous. tonnes of grain. It is by 1 341 thous. tonnes lower (- 8.6%) in comparison with 2011 finals. Estimated average yield of basic cereals 4.43 t/ha is by 0.91 t/ha lower compared with last year final number 5.34 t/ha.

Harvest of the key cereal species – winter wheat – is estimated to 3 448 thous. tonnes; it is by 1 213 thous. tonnes (- 26.0%) less than in 2011. Its estimated yield of 4.62 t/ha is by 1.16 t/ha lower compared to 2011 results. Estimated production of spring barley is 1 246 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 100 thous. tonnes (- 7.4%) less than in 2011. Its yield of 4.38 t/ha is by 0.57 t/ha (- 11.5%) lower compared to 2011 finals.

Estimated production of early potatoes (potatoes harvested before 30 June) is 31 thous. tonnes with the yield of 18.72 t/ha. Production of rape is expected to be 1 117 thous. tonnes with the yield of 2.78 t/ha, it means an increase by 70 thous. tonnes (+ 6.7%) compared with 2011 harvest.