

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 2013 was performed on the basis of the Areas under Crops survey results as at 31 May 2013.

According to the first estimate the harvest of main cereals should account for 6 532 thous. tonnes of grain. It is by 887 thous. tonnes more (+15.7%) in comparison with 2012' final values. The estimated average yield of basic cereals reaching 5.00 t/ha is by 0.73 t/ha higher than last year final number (4.27 t/ha).

The harvest of the key cereal species – winter wheat – is estimated to be 4 265 thous. tonnes; it is by 1 030 thous. tonnes (-31.8%) more than in 2012. Its estimated yield of 5.41 t/ha is by 1.07 t/ha higher compared to 2012 results. The estimated production of spring barley is 1 067 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 159 thous. tonnes (-12.9%) less than in 2012. Its yield of 4.40 t/ha is by 0.09 t/ha (+2.1%) higher compared to 2012 finals.

The estimated production of early potatoes (potatoes harvested before 30 June) is 23 thous. tonnes with the yield of 16.39 t/ha. The production of rape is expected to be 1 313 thous. tonnes with the yield of 3.13 t/ha, it means an increase by 204 thous. tonnes (+18.4%) compared with 2012 harvest.