

COMMENTARY

As at 15 October, the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yields and harvest of permanent grassland and oil flax, and, furthermore, improved estimates of maize for grain, other potatoes, and industrial sugar beet.

The estimated harvest of cereals (main cereals and maize for grain, excluding other cereals) is awaited to reach 6 560 thous. tonnes with the average yield 4.58 t/ha. Compared to the 2011 final harvest it means a decrease of yield by 1.09 t/ha and an increase of harvest by 1 710 thous. tonnes (-20.7%). The estimated harvest of maize for grain – 804 thous. tonnes – is by 260 thous. tonnes lower (-24.4%) in comparison with the last year's harvest.

The harvest of potatoes in the agricultural sector is estimated to be 657 thous. tonnes (-18.4% compared to 2011) with the average yield 27.77 t/ha. The harvest of other potatoes would be 553 thous. tonnes with the yield 29.59 t/ha.

Industrial sugar beet production should reach 3 653 thous. tonnes; in comparison with 2011 final results it is by 246 thous. tonnes lower (-6.3%). The estimated yield of 59.73 t/ha is by 7.11 t/ha lower (-10.6%) than in 2011.

The first estimations in 2012 were conducted for the harvest of forage from permanent grassland. It should reach 3 203 thous tonnes of hay with the average yield 3.31 t/ha; i.e. by 29 thous. tonnes less (-0.9%) than in 2011. The yield of oil flax seed is estimated to be 1.41 t/ha (1.39 t/ha in 2011).