

COMMENTARY

As at 15 August 2016, the Czech Statistical Office processed yield and harvest estimates for potatoes and sugar beet, and improved production estimates for basic cereals (common wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape, and gherkins. Production estimations for particular crops are based on their sowing areas and the course of weather during the vegetation period as well as during the harvest period.

According to these improved estimates, the harvest of basic cereals is awaited to reach 7 535 thous. tonnes with an average yield of 5.96 t/ha. It increased by 326 thous. tonnes (+4.5%) compared to July estimation and decreased by 196 thous. tonnes (-2.5%) in comparison with final harvest figures for 2015.

The first harvest estimations in 2015 were carried out for other potatoes, seed potatoes and sugar beet. The harvest of potatoes (including July estimation of early potatoes) should reach 656 thous. tonnes at an assumed average yield of 28.01 t/ha (22.26 t/ha in 2015); i.e. by 151 thous. tonnes more (+29.9%) compared to the 2015 final harvest. The harvest of sugar beet is expected to reach 3 800 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 379 thous. tonnes (+11.1%) more than in 2015. Supposed yield of 62.56 t/ha increased by 3.18 t/ha (+5.4%) in comparison with 2015.

Rape production is estimated to be 1 353 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 7.7% more compared to 2015 results. Its yield is supposed to reach 3.44 t/ha.