

## COMMENTARY

*As at 15 July 2017 the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of field peas, poppy, and selected fruit and vegetables; and improved estimates of production of basic cereals (common wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape, early potatoes, strawberries, cherries and sour cherries.*

*According to these improved estimates, the production of basic cereals (including triticale but excluding maize for grain and other cereals) is awaited to be 6 709 thous. tonnes with their average yield of 5.32 t/ha. The estimated production of basic cereals decreased by 236 thous. tonnes (-3.4%) compared with the June estimate. In comparison with 2016 final results it decreased by 1 020 thous. tonnes (-13.2%).*

*The common wheat production is expected to reach 4 665 thous. tonnes (of which 4 462 thous. tonnes of common winter wheat); it went down by 14.5 % in comparison with the 2016 harvest. The total barley harvest is supposed to decrease by 12.3 % and to amount to 1 619 thous. tonnes (of which spring barley harvest should be 1 090 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 9.7 % less than in 2016). The yield estimates account for 5.68 t/ha for common winter wheat (6.57 t/ha in the previous year), 4.71 t/ha for rye (4.98 t/ha in 2016), and 4.73 t/ha for spring barley (5.45 t/ha in 2016).*

*The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 22 thous. tonnes with its estimated average yield of 19.84 t/ha. The rape harvest should amount to 1 199 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 160 thous. tonnes less (-11.8%) than in the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 3.04 t/ha (3.46 t/ha in 2016). The poppy harvest should be 23 thous. tonnes, i.e. less than in 2016 (29 thous. tonnes). Its estimated yield decreased to 0.70 t/ha (0.80 t/ha in 2016).*