

COMMENTARY

Pursuant to the survey as at 15 September 2017, the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals to be 7 274 thous. tonnes with the average yield 5.40 t/ha. In comparison with the 2016 final data, their yield decreased by 0.95 t/ha and their production by 1 301 thous. tonnes. The harvest of grain maize is supposed to be 533 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 313 thous. tonnes lower (-37.0 %) than in the previous year.

The total harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) shall reach 615 thous. tonnes (index 87.9 %) with the estimated average yield 26.25 t/ha (29.88 t/ha in 2016). The harvest of other potatoes shall be 532 thous. tonnes with the yield 27.20 t/ha (31.36 t/ha in 2016). The production of sugar beet is awaited to be 4 096 thous. tonnes, which is by 23 thous. tonnes less (-0.5 %) compared to 2016. Its supposed yield of 61.96 t/ha is by 5.84 t/ha lower in comparison with 2016.

The yield of rape is supposed to be 2.90 t/ha; i.e. it decreased by 0.56 t/ha (-16.3 %) in comparison with 2016. The total production of rape is expected to reach 1 142 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 217 thous. tonnes less (-16.0 %) than in 2016.

The first assessments in 2017 were conducted for the production of fodder plants. The harvest of green maize shall reach 7 669 thous. tonnes; it shall decrease by 1 877 thous. tonnes compared to the previous year. Its yield of 34.01 t/ha would be by 6.71 t/ha lower (-16.5 %) than in 2016. Estimated production of perennial fodder plants decreased as well. The harvest of red clover is estimated to reach 372 thous. tonnes (index 88.9 %) and the production of lucerne shall be 401 thous. tonnes (index 82.6 %). The supposed yield of red clover is 6.22 t/ha (7.73 t/ha in 2016) and the yield of lucerne is estimated to 6.41 t/ha (8.07 t/ha in 2016).