

Commentary

Estimated economic results of Czech agriculture for the year 2017 represents a profit in amount 21.3 bill. CZK. Compared to the last year it decreased by 5.4 %. After a record level of CZK 23.4 billion in 2014, the estimated amount of entrepreneurial income for 2017 ranks third.

According to preliminary results for 2017 the output of the agricultural industry at basic current prices reached 132 980.7 million CZK, of which 73 671.1 million CZK for crop output, 51 406.4 million CZK for animal output, 3 352.9 million CZK for agricultural services output, and 4 550.3 million CZK for inseparable non-agricultural secondary activities.

Due to declining yields for most crops plant production declined by 7.7 % year-on-year. The year-on-year decline in production affected harvests that were lower for grain maize by 30.5 %, for rape by 15.7 %, for wheat by 13.5 %, for fruit by 18.0 % and for maize on green by 18.5 %). Higher growth of production of protein crops (+9.6 %) was influenced by higher harvest area of peas (+ 30.8 %). The increase in harvest occurred for the same reason in sugar beet, but the price drop contributed to a slight decrease in its total production (-0.1 %). Another situation appears in wine grapes where the higher harvest and the higher price index resulted in a year-on-year increase of 14.8 %.

The value of livestock production recorded a sharp increase against 2016 (+ 13.0%). Higher y / y production index shows all commodities, with the exception of sheep, goats and poultry, a higher price index for each product. The highest increase was in eggs, where production increased by 37.7% and the price index by 23.1%. For milk, production increased by 21.0% and the price index by 25.7%. The production includes subsidies for hops, potatoes, cattle, sheep, goats and milk; milk subsidies are almost 30% lower year-on-year, while for other commodities the volume of subsidies has not changed much.

The intermediate consumption figure shows only a slight increase (+2.0%), the main reason being the drop in the price index of fertilizers, electricity and feed. Intermediate consumption was constituted mainly by of feed (35.4%) and energy and lubricant consumption (16.1%). Its share of agricultural production (excluding subsidies on products) represented 68.1%.

In the output of the agricultural industry at basic current prices in 2017 the share of crop output prevailed (55.4 %) over animal output (38.7 %). The agricultural work supplied to the other unit, that is the agricultural services output was 2.5 % and non-agricultural secondary activities inseparable in which renewable energy production was also included accounted for 3.4 %.

The crop output included mainly cereals (38.4 %) and industrial crops (26.5 %); milk production (50.0 %) and raising of pigs for slaughter (17.9 %) dominated in the animal output.

The agricultural output at constant prices of 2000 reached 107 957.6 million CZK in 2017; it decreased by 5.8 % in comparison with 2016. For the crop output an decrease by 10.3 % to 56 721.6 million CZK was recorded. The value of animal output declined by 0.2 % to 46 057,0 million CZK, y-o-y. The value of output at constant prices is directly influenced by the volume of production.

Estimated volume of the subsidies paid amounted to 32 533.2 mil. CZK, the annual increase was 6.1%. The single area payment (SAPS) was 11 800.4 million CZK, and the Greening Grant amounting to CZK 6 756.5 million CZK.

Compared to last year the compensation of employees increased (+2.9 %), while the estimated number of employees converted to full-time employment remained unchanged y-o-y.