

COMMENTARY

As at 15 July 2019, the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of field peas for grain, poppy, and selected fruit and vegetables; and improved estimates of production of basic cereals (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 6 988 thous. tonnes with their average yield of 5.49 t/ha. The estimated production of basic cereals decreased by 31 thous. tonnes (-0.4%) compared with the June estimate. In comparison with 2018 final results, it increased by 519 thous. tonnes (+8.0%).

The wheat production is expected to reach 4 790 thous. tonnes (of which 4 679 thous. tonnes of winter wheat); it went up by 8.4 % in comparison with the 2018 harvest. The total barley harvest is supposed to increase by 5.4% and to amount to 1 693 thous. tonnes (of which spring barley harvest should be 1 075 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 1.9 % less than in 2018). The yield estimates account for 5.74 t/ha for winter wheat (5.46 t/ha in the previous year), 5.06 t/ha for rye (4.74 t/ha in 2018), and 5.07 t/ha for spring barley (4.93 t/ha in 2018).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 24 thous. tonnes with its estimated average yield of 22.25 t/ha. The rape harvest should amount to 1 194 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 216 thous. tonnes less (-15.3%) than in the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 3.15 t/ha (3.43 t/ha in 2018). The poppy harvest should be 25 thous. tonnes, i.e. more than in 2018 (14 thous. tonnes). Its estimated yield increased to 0.71 t/ha (0.51 t/ha in 2018).