

COMMENTARY

According to the results of the survey as at 15 September 2019, the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals to be 7 638 thous. tonnes, with the average yield 5.66 t/ha. In comparison with the 2018 final data, their yield increased by 0.44 t/ha and their production by 680 thous. tonnes. The harvest of grain maize is supposed to be 544 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 55 thous. tonnes higher (+11.3%) than in the previous year.

The harvest of potatoes, total (including July estimates of early potatoes) shall reach 604 thous. tonnes (index 103.5%) with the estimated average yield 26.39 t/ha (25.50 t/ha in 2018). The harvest of other potatoes shall be 518 thous. tonnes with the yield 27.26 t/ha (26.16 t/ha in 2018). The production of sugar beet is awaited to be 3 499 thous. tonnes, which is by 225 thous. tonnes less (-6.0%) compared to 2018. Its supposed yield of 59.10 t/ha is by 1.59 t/ha higher in comparison with 2018.

The yield of rape is supposed to be 3.07 t/ha; i.e. it decreased by 0.36 t/ha (-10.4%) in comparison with 2018. The total production of rape is expected to reach 1 165 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 246 thous. tonnes less (-17.4%) than in 2018.

The first assessments in 2019 were conducted for the production of fodder crops. The harvest of green and silage maize shall reach 7 997 thous. tonnes; it shall increase by 1 310 thous. tonnes compared to the previous year. Its yield of 34.57 t/ha shall be by 4.73 t/ha higher (+15.8%) than in 2018. Estimated production of perennial fodder crops in hay increased as well. The harvest of red clover hay is estimated to reach 351 thous. tonnes (index 101.5%) and the production of lucerne hay shall be 429 thous. tonnes (index 102.5%). The supposed yield of red clover is 5.94 t/ha (5.77 t/ha in 2018) and the yield of lucerne is estimated to 5.73 t/ha (6.40 t/ha in 2018).