

COMMENTARY

The first estimate of yields and harvest of basic cereals (except grain maize and other cereals), early potatoes, rape, strawberries and early fruit species was performed as at 10 June 2019 on the basis of results of the Areas under Crops Survey as at 31 May 2019.

According to the first estimate, the harvest of basic cereals should account for 7 019 thous. tonnes of grain. It is by 550 thous. tonnes more (+8.5%) in comparison with 2018 final values. The estimated average yield of basic cereals reaching 5.52 t/ha is by 0.35 t/ha higher than the last year's final value (5.17 t/ha).

The harvest of the key cereal species – winter wheat – is estimated to be 4 741 thous. tonnes; it is by 513 thous. tonnes more (+12.1%) than in 2018. Its estimated yield accounting for 5.82 t/ha is by 0.36 t/ha higher compared to 2018 results. The estimated harvest of spring barley is 1 083 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 13 thous. tonnes less (-1.2%) than in 2018. Its yield of 5.11 t/ha is by 0.18 t/ha (+3.7%) higher compared to the 2018 final figures.

The estimated harvest of early potatoes (ones expected to be harvested before 30 June) is 21 thous. tonnes with their yield being 19.87 t/ha. The harvest of rape is estimated to be 1 239 thous. tonnes and its yield 3.26 t/ha; it means a decrease by 172 thous. tonnes (-12.2%) compared with the 2018 harvest.