

COMMENTARY

The Czech Statistical Office processed as at 15 August 2008 estimates of yields and harvest of potatoes, industrial sugar beet and precised estimates of harvest of basic cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape and gherkins. Estimated production of individual crops comes from sowing areas, development of weather in the course of planting period in a reference year and also weather condition during harvest period.

According to this precised data the harvest of basic cereals is awaited at the level of 7 387 thous. tonnes with an average yield 5.15 t/ha. Matching July estimate it means increasing by 566 thous. tonnes (+ 8.3 %) and in comparison with final harvest 2007 it means an elevation by 1 012 thous. tonnes (+ 15.9 %).

For the first time in 2008 the harvest of other potatoes, seed potatoes and industrial sugar beet has been carried out. The harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) with estimated average yield 23.87 t/ha (25.72 t/ha in 2007) would reach 711 thous. tonnes it means by 110 thous. tonnes under(- 13.4 %) comparing final harvest 2007. The production of industrial sugar beet is awaited at the level of 2 639 thous. tonnes, which is down by 251 thous. tonnes (- 8.7 %) matching 2007. Supposed yield 52,38 t/ha is down by 0.87 t/ha (- 1,6 %) in comparison with 2007.

Rape production is estimated at the level of 1 055 thous. tonnes (+ 2.3 %) matching 2007 results with supposed yield 2.96 t/ha.