# *COMMENTARY*

*In 2024, the* ***consumption of cereals in terms of flour*** *went down by 2.7 kg (-2.5 %),* ***wheat flour*** *by 3.7 kg (-4.1%), and* ***rye flour*** *by 0.3 kg (-3.6%), year-on-year. The consumption of* ***groats, barley semolina, and oatmeal*** *increased by 0.9 kg (+47.0%). The consumption of* ***rice*** *went up by 0.5 kg (+6.4%). The consumption of* ***pasta*** *rose by 0.3 kg (+3.8%).*

*The consumption of* ***bread*** *decreased by 0.2 kg (-0.6%) and of* ***wheat bakery products*** *by 1.1 kg (-* *2.0%). The consumption of* ***preserved bakery products*** *was by 0.5 kg higher (+6.1%).*

*The* ***meat consumption in terms of carcass weight equivalent*** *went up by 3 kg (+3.6%). An increase was recorded in consumption of* ***pigmeat*** *(by 1.5 kg; +3.6%) and* ***poultrymeat*** *(by 1.7 kg; +5.7%), while consumption of* ***beef*** *decreased by 0.1 kg (-0.7%).*

*The**consumption**of* ***milk and milk products in terms of milk (excl. butter)*** *rose by 6.0 kg (+2.3%), year-on-year. The consumption of* ***drinking milk*** *decreased by 0.3 kg (-0.5%) and the consumption of* ***other dairy products*** *by 0.4 kg (-1.2%). On the contrary,* ***cheese*** *consumption went up by 1.3 kg (+10.0%).*

*The consumption of* ***eggs*** *increased by one piece (+0.5%), year-on-year, to 238 pieces.*

*A year-on-year growth of 0.6 kg (+2.2%) was recorded in the consumption of* ***oils and fats****, which was caused by higher consumption of* ***butter*** *(by 0.3 kg; +5.5%),* ***lard*** *(by 0.2 kg; +5.3%), and* ***vegetable edible fats and oils*** *(by 0.1 kg; +0.6%).*

*The consumption of* ***fruit in terms of fresh*** *decreased by 0.9 kg (-1.0%). The consumption of* ***fruit from temperate climate zone*** *went down by 2.4 kg (-4.8%) due to lower consumption of apples, pears, and plums. The consumption of* ***subtropical and tropical fruit*** *rose by 1.5 kg (+4.1%), mainly due to higher consumption of bananas.*

*Consumption of* ***vegetables in terms of fresh*** *went up by 4.5 kg (+5.1%), year-on-year. Consumption of most types of vegetables increased except for cucumbers, cabbage, and celery.*

*The consumption of* ***potatoes*** *went up by 2.1 kg (+3.1%).*

*The* ***sugar*** *consumption decreased by 3.0 kg (-9.0%).*

*The consumption of* ***mineral waters and non-alcoholic beverages*** *rose by 8.9 litres (+4.0%).*

*The consumption of* ***alcoholic beverages, total,*** *declined by 4.3 litres (-2.7%). A year-on-year decrease of 2.7 litres (-2.0%) was observed for* ***beer*** *(by 2.7 litres; -2.0%) and wine (by 1.1 litres; -5.1%). The consumption of* ***spirits*** *is lower as well (by 0.6 litres; -8.8%).*

*The consumption of* ***alcoholic beverages in terms of pure alcohol (100%)*** *decreased. The consumption of* ***beer*** *declined by 0.2 litres (-4.8%), of* ***wine*** *by 0.1 litres (-5.1%), and of* ***spirits*** *by 0.2 litres (-8.7%).*

*In 2024, the Czech Republic was* ***self-sufficient*** *in the production of beef and veal (107.1%), milk and milk products in terms of milk (125.5%), and sugar (179.8%). In the other calculated items, the self-sufficiency was not achieved, so our country was dependent on their imports.*