### COMMENTARY

The first estimate of yields and harvest of basic cereals (cereals except grain maize and other cereals), early potatoes, and rape seed was performed as at 10 June 2024 on the basis of results of the Survey on Sown Areas as at 31 May 2024.

According to the first estimate, the harvest of basic cereals should account for 6 822 thous. tonnes of grain. It is by 657 thous. tonnes less (−8.8%) in comparison with 2023 final values. The estimated average yield of basic cereals reaching 5.62 t/ha is by 0.37 t/ha lower than the last year’s final value (5.99 t/ha).

The harvest of the key cereal species – winter wheat – is estimated to be 4 499 thous. tonnes; it is by 608 thous. tonnes lower (-11.9%) than in 2023. Its estimated yield accounting for 6.02 t/ha is by 0.54 t/ha lower compared to 2023 results. The estimated harvest of spring barley is 980 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 29 thous. tonnes more

(+3.1%) than in 2023. Its yield being 5.16 t/ha is by 0.22 t/ha (+4.4%) higher compared to the 2023 final figures.

The estimated harvest of early potatoes (i.e. those expected to be harvested before 30 June) is 29 thous. tonnes with their yield being 24.64 t/ha. The harvest of rape seed is estimated to be 1 045 thous. tonnes and its yield to be 3.04 t/ha; it means a decrease by 264 thous. tonnes (-20.2%) compared with the 2023 harvest.