

COMMENTARY

The total production of individual crops is based on the size of areas under crops surveyed in May and on changes of growing conditions during the vegetation period.

The harvested **area of cereals** (including grain maize and other cereals) decreased by 7.7 thous. ha (i.e. by 0.6%), year-on-year, to 1 344.9 thous. ha. The total harvest of cereals reached 8 126.7 thous. tonnes and went up by 480.5 thous. tonnes (i.e. by 6.3%) in comparison with 2019. The harvest of all species of cereals went above the 2019 level. The harvest of spring wheat was 103.2 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 7.4 thous. tonnes (by 7.8%) more than in the previous year. The harvest of spring barley accounted for 1 118.3 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 44.3 thous. tonnes (by 4.1%) more than in 2019, and that of oats reached 183.4 thous. tonnes (by 48.9 thous. tonnes or by 36.4% more than in 2019). The harvest of basic cereals was higher than in the previous year. The harvest of wheat amounted to 4 902.4 thous. tonnes (by 90.3 thous. tonnes or by 1.9% more than in 2019). The harvest of barley was 1 816.2 thous. tonnes (by 98.1 thous. tonnes or by 5.7% more than in 2019). The harvest of grain maize accounted for 825.5 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 205.2 thous. tonnes (by 33.1%) more than in 2019.

The **per hectare yield of cereals** was 6.04 tonnes per hectare; it was by 0.39 t/ha (i.e. by 6.9%) higher compared to the previous year. The yields were 6.20 t/ha for winter wheat (5.79 t/ha in 2019), 4.31 t/ha for spring wheat (3.84 t/ha), 5.48 t/ha for rye (5.06 t/ha), 6.09 t/ha for winter barley (5.98 t/ha), 5.15 t/ha for spring barley (5.07 t/ha), 3.92 t/ha for oats (3.16 t/ha), 9.46 t/ha for grain maize (8.29 t/ha), and 5.07 t/ha for triticale (4.93 t/ha).

The production of **pulses** increased compared to 2019; in total 91.9 thous. tonnes of pulses were harvested. The harvest of field peas was 84.9 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 17.5 thous. tonnes (by 26.0%) more than in the previous year. The total production of **grain crops** (cereals and pulses) reached 8 218.5 thous. tonnes; it went up by 498.2 thous. tonnes (i.e. by 6.5%) in comparison with 2019.

The total harvest of **potatoes** including households' production was 830.8 thous. tonnes; it showed an increase by 74.5 thous. tonnes (by 9.9%) compared to 2019. The yield of potatoes reached 27.73 t/ha and was by 1.53 t/ha higher than in 2019. The harvest of early potatoes reached 43.6 thous. tonnes. The average per hectare yield of other potatoes was 29.02 t/ha; it means by 1.82 t/ha more than in 2019. Their production reached 719.1 thous. tonnes and was by 72.6 tonnes higher than in the previous year. The harvest of **sugar beet** was 3 671.2 thous. tonnes (3 661.4 thous. tonnes in 2019) and its average yield reached 61.51 t/ha; its harvest rose by 0.3% in comparison with the previous year.

In 2019 the total sowing area of **oil seed crops** decreased by 4.5 thous. ha (by 1.0%) to 450.2 thous. ha. Their production was 1 347.5 thous. tonnes, i.e. by 99.3 thous. tonnes more than in the previous year. The harvest of rape reached 1 245.3 thous. tonnes, while in 2019 it was 1 157.0 thous. tonnes; i.e. there was an increase by 88.4 thous. tonnes. The rape seed yield was 3.38 t/ha; it went up by 0.34 t/ha. The production of poppy seed went up: in total 28.7 thous. tonnes of poppy seed were harvested from the area of 40.3 thous. ha, with its average yield of 0.71 t/ha (in 2019 there were 23.6 thous. tonnes of poppy seed harvested and its yield was 0.66 t/ha).

The production of annual **fodder crops** on arable land was 9 442.4 thous. tonnes of green forage; i.e. by 683.0 thous. tonnes more than in 2019. Out of this amount, 8 832.1 thous. tonnes of green and silage maize were harvested; i.e. by 588.5 thous. tonnes more in comparison with the previous year. The harvest of hay of perennial fodder crops was 1 407.0 thous. tonnes, of which the harvest red clover reached 425.1 thous. tonnes.

Production of **vegetables** including households' estimates was higher than in 2019; in total 310.7 thous. tonnes of vegetables were harvested (283.5 thous. tonnes in 2019). The harvest of **fruits** (excluding raspberries; including households' production) reached 314.1 thous. tonnes and was higher than in the previous year (294.8 thousand tonnes in 2019).

In total 90.4 thous. tonnes of grapes were harvested from 16.1 thous. ha of **vineyards in production**, i.e. by 22.4 thous. tonnes more than in 2019; their average yield was 5.60 t/ha (4.23 t/ha in 2019). The **hop** production reached 5 925 tonnes; it decreased by 1 220 tonnes (i.e. by 17.1%) compared to 2019. The per hectare yield of hop, accounting for 1.19 t/ha, went also down by 0.24 t/ha in comparison with the previous year.