

COMMENTARY

In accord with the survey as at 15 September 2008 the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals at the level of 8 406 thous. tonnes with the average yield 5.45 t/ha. Matching the final data of the year 2007 it means an increase in yield by 0.85 t/ha and in production by 1 273 thous. tonnes. Estimated harvest of grain maize at the level 773 thous. tonnes is by 14 thous. tonnes higher (+ 1.8 %) in comparison with the previous year.

The total harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) would reach 750 thous. tonnes (- 2.1 %) with estimated average yield 25.17 t/ha (25.72 t/ha in 2007), the harvest of other potatoes would be 624 thous. tonnes with the yield 24.46 t/ha (27.03 t/ha in 2007). The production of industrial sugar beet is awaited at the level 2 629 thous. tonnes, which is down by 260 thous. tonnes (- 9.0 %) matching 2007. Supposed yield 52.19 t/ha is down by 1.06 t/ha in comparison with 2007.

The yield of rape is supposed to be at the level of 2.97 t/ha and decreased by 0.09 t/ha (- 2.9 %) in comparison with 2007. The total production of rape is awaited at the level of 1 062 thous. tonnes and in comparison with the final harvest 2007 it means an elevation by 30 thous. tonnes (+ 2.9 %).

For the first time in 2008 production of fodder plant has been assessed. Harvest of fodder maize with estimated average yield 35.29 t/ha would reach 6 344 thous. tonnes and it means by 774 thous. tonnes more than in the previous year. The yield 35.29 t/ha would be by higher by 0.88 t/ha (+ 2.6 %) than in 2007. The estimated production of perennial fodder plants would be lower. The harvest of red clover in hay is estimated at the level 360 thous. tonnes (index 83.4 %), the production of lucerne in hay would be 607 thous. tonnes (index 99.4 %). Supposed yield of red clover would be 7.48 t/ha (7.77 t/ha in 2007) and yield of lucerne is estimated at the level 8.37 t/ha (7.91 t/ha in 2007).