##### *COMMENTARY*

*As at 15 July 2024, the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of field peas, and poppy, and improved estimates of production of basic cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats, and triticale), rape seed, and early potatoes.*

*According to these improved estimates, the production of basic cereals (including triticale but excluding grain maize and other cereals) is awaited to be 6 772 thous. tonnes, with their average yield of 5.58 t/ha. The estimated production of basic cereals decreased by 50 thous. tonnes (-0.7%) compared with the June estimate. It decreased by 707 thous. tonnes (-9.5%) in comparison with 2023 final results.*

*The wheat production is expected to reach 4 605 thous. tonnes (of which 4 473 thous. tonnes of winter wheat); it went down by 12.5 % in comparison with the 2023 harvest. The total harvest of barley is supposed to decrease by 7.0% and to amount to 1 641 thous. tonnes (of which the harvest of spring barley should be 981 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 3.2 % higher than in 2023). The yield estimates account for 5.98 t/ha for winter wheat (6.56 t/ha in the previous year), 5.00 t/ha for rye (5.07 t/ha in 2023), and 5.16 t/ha for spring barley (4.94 t/ha in 2023).*

*The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 29 thous. tonnes with its estimated average yield of 24.42 t/ha. The harvest of rape seed should amount to 962 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 348 thous. tonnes down (-26.5%) compared to the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 2.80 t/ha (3.45 t/ha in 2023). The harvest of poppy should be 27 thous. tonnes, i.e. more than in 2023 (18 thous. tonnes); its yield accounting for 0,75 t/ha is by 8,9% higher than in 2023.*