

COMMENTARY

As at 15 July the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of selected agricultural plants – peas, poppy, fruits and vegetables and precised estimates of production for basic cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape, strawberries, cherries and sour cherries.

According to precised estimates awaited production of basic cereals (with triticale but without maize for grain and other cereals) should be at level of 6 821 thous. t with average yield of 4.75 t/ha. Matching June estimate there is an estimated production of basic cereals by 58 thous. t lower (- 0.8 %). Matching the year 2007 final results it means by 446 thous. t more (+ 7.0 %).

Wheat production is estimated at the level of 4 100 thous. t (of which: winter wheat 3 937 thous. t), it means in comparison with 2007 harvest is higher by 4.1 %. Barley total harvest is estimated by 12.0 % up reaching amount of 2 120 thous. t (of which: production spring barley should be at the level of 1 475 thous. t, it means by 16.1 % up comparing 2007 results). The yield of winter wheat is estimated in amount of 5.18 t/ha (in previous year it was 5.01 t/ha), rye 4.39 t/ha (4.73 t/ha) and spring barley 4.32 t (3.44 t/ha).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvest before 30 June) should reach 38 thous. t with an estimated average yield 19.66 t/ha. Rape production should be 1 071 thous. t, it means by 39 thous. t higher (+ 3.8 %) than in previous year with average yield 3.00 t/ha (in 2007 it was 3.06 t/ha) . Poppy production should be 50 thous. t matching the year 2007 it was 33 thous. t and yield is also up at the level of 0.72 t/ha (in 2007 it was 0.58 t/ha).