

COMMENTARY

The Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yields and harvest of potatoes, industrial sugar beet and precised estimates of harvest of basic cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape and gherkins as at 15 August 2009. Estimated production of individual crops comes from sowing areas, development of weather in the course of planting period in a reference year and also weather condition during harvest period.

According to this precised data the harvest of basic cereals is awaited at the level of 6 994 thous. tonnes with an average yield of 4.90 t/ha. Matching July estimate it means increasing by 277 thous. tonnes (+ 4.1 %) and in comparison with final harvest 2008 it means a decline by 502 thous. tonnes (- 6.7 %).

For the first time in 2009 the harvest of other potatoes, seed potatoes and industrial sugar beet has been carried out. The harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) with estimated average yield of 25.12 t/ha (25.83 t/ha in 2008) would reach 722 thous. tonnes it means by 48 thous. tonnes under(- 6.2 %) comparing final harvest 2008. The production of industrial sugar beet is awaited at the level of 2 825 thous. tonnes, which is down by 60 thous. tonnes (-2.1 %) matching 2008. Supposed yield of 53,84 t/ha is down by 3.42 t/ha (-6,0 %) in comparison with 2008.

Rape production is estimated at the level of 1 128 thous. tonnes (+ 7.6 %) matching 2008 results with supposed yield of 3.18 t/ha.