

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

In 2011 the Czech Statistical Office harmonized the crop statistical survey in accordance with the new Regulation (EC) 543/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council in force for all the European Union Member States. The range of the statistical survey (selected sample of reporting units) is based on updated Farm register. The statistical survey of entrepreneurs is a sample one; mathematical and statistical methods are used for data grossing up at the NUTS 3 level (i.e. 14 regions within the Czech Republic).

Actual amount of crops harvested is calculated from the acreage of sowing areas surveyed yearly as at 31 May. Data for grain maize and green and silage maize include changes due to reclassification based on yearly weather oscillations. Per hectare yield of crop is calculated as share of harvested production and production area of a respective crop.

Cereals harvested for grain are reported net, not in mixtures. Maize for silage harvested using cob and stover harvest technology is included in green and silage maize (fodder crops on arable land). Mixed cereals including oats-barley mixtures, millet, buckwheat, sorghum, and other species harvested for grain belong to "other cereals". Ergotic rye is included only in the range of grain production expected; other ergotic rye area is recorded in "medicinal crops".

Fodder legumes, legume mixtures and mixtures of cereals with legumes harvested for grain (for harvest of mixtures, total amount of grain harvested, i.e. cereals and pulses together, is noted) are recorded in "other pulses". Totals for cereals and pulses belong under "grains, total". Early potatoes are considered those harvested before 30 June. Potatoes used for food and for industrial processing belong under "other potatoes". Seed potatoes are noted separately since 2006. Production of sugar beet is recorded in net weight, after subtraction of estimated cleaning losses. Rutabaga, fodder beet, fodder carrots, pumpkins, Jerusalem artichokes, fodder turnip, etc. are included in "other root crops".

Rape is recorded separately. Turnip rape, crambe, safflower, etc. are included in "other oleaginous plants". Item "flax seed" includes flax harvested for seeds only. "Culinary plants" cover marjoram, caraway, anise, coriander, spice pepper, fennel, and other culinary (aromatic) plants. Medicinal plants are recorded including ergotic rye (harvest of ergotic rye only refers to the area not harvested for grain). Chicory (in net weight minus estimated cleaning losses), fibre flax, tobacco, short rotation coppices, Chinese silver grass, etc. are recorded as "other industrial plants". Item "energy crops" includes crops for energy purposes only.

Annual fodder crops (planted as main crops; without intermediate and secondary ones) are reported as green; perennial fodder crops from all cuttings (without underseeded crops) are recorded always in dry weight. "Cereals harvested green" cover cereals harvested in milk ripeness or for rotary dryers, and spring and winter mixed grain not followed by any main crop. "Annual legumes" include legumes harvested in green stage, for example field peas, vetches, vetchlings, sweet lupins and mixtures of cereals and legumes. Under "other annual plants harvested green" belong plants cultivated as main crops, fodder mallow, and phacelia. "Other perennial crops" cover all perennial fodder crops sown into oat for haylage, clover species (excluding red clover), sainfoin, kidney vetch, bird's-foot-trefoil, etc. Temporary grasslands and grazings include grasslands on arable land intended for grazing, hay production or silage, which are kept for more than one and less than five years (e.g. ryegrasses, bromes, cocksfoot grasses, or fescues).

Harvested areas of permanent meadows and pastures – unlike other fodder crops – are recorded in terms of actual harvest range; in case that their area was cut green or grazed the production is recalculated as hay amount. Recalculations as dry fodder or haylage amount are carried out using fixed coefficients by agricultural holdings themselves. Areas of active vineyards and hop gardens are related to the harvested area as well.

Areas of early, summer and late vegetables are calculated as a sum; it means secondary areas (late crops after early ones) are not surveyed in order to avoid double counting of such areas. In this context the area of other vegetables was adjusted to the benefit of the area of radishes in this year. Harvest of particular fruit species is surveyed using summarised reports from agricultural holdings and using sample selection and mathematical and statistical methods for data grossing up. Number of fruit trees and bushes is recorded regardless of their shape and age; it includes newly planted as well as over-aged not bearing individuals.

Consumption of fertilizers is recalculated to net nutrients (N, P₂O₅, and K₂O) and is recorded for the crop year 2011/2012 (i.e. from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012). Consumption of fertilizers on small farms (private farmers) is not included as such holdings are not obliged to provide their data.

Data are categorised at the national level and at the NUT3 level (regions). Published results are calculated using non-rounded values.