

## INTRODUCTION

Long-term time series capturing the development of agriculture in the Czech Republic during the period 1918 to 2024 are intended for professionals and the general public, and follow up on the publication *Czech Agriculture through the Eyes of Statistics 1918 – 2017*, published by the Czech Statistical Office in April 2018. The current edition, unlike the previous one, does not contain economic results of the agricultural sector. These are available to users separately in the form of the Economic Account for Agriculture Account starting from 1998: [Agriculture - time series | Products](#).

More than 100-year time series make it possible to detect long-term development trends. If the methodological description of the indicators has been modified over the years, the change is explained in the notes below the table. A detailed up-to-date methodological explanation for crop and animal production statistics is available in the links: [Crop production statistics – Methodology | Statistics](#), [Animal production statistics – Methodology | Statistics](#).

In addition to partial methodological changes concerning individual variables, it is necessary to draw attention to the transition from surveying the agriculture as a whole to surveying the agricultural sector, which occurred between 2001 and 2002 (marked in the tables) as part of the preparation for membership in the European Union, which included the harmonisation of national and EU methodologies. For selected variables, where the break in the time series between 2001 and 2002 is not marked in the tables, data for the agricultural sector and for the household sector are published together. The household sector contributes to the total agricultural production mainly with growing fruit and vegetables, potatoes, small-scale animal rearing and egg production.

Unless otherwise stated, statistical surveys of the Czech Statistical Office are the source of data. The land use is taken from the Czech State Administration of Land and Cadastre, which registers agricultural land on the basis of ownership rights, in some cases regardless of its current use. In contrast to it, the Czech Statistical Office monitors and reports utilized agricultural area.

Agricultural sector:

Since 2002, the basic unit in agricultural statistics is an agricultural holding defined by at least one of the thresholds as follows:

Area - more than 1 ha of utilised agricultural area

1 500 m<sup>2</sup> of grown intensive crops (orchards, vegetables, flowers)

1 000 m<sup>2</sup> of vineyards

300 m<sup>2</sup> of greenhouses and/or hotbeds

Rearing of animals – from 1 head of cattle

or 2 head of pigs

or 4 head of sheep or goats

or 50 head of poultry

or 100 head of rabbits