

## COMMENTARY

Total production of individual crops is based on sowing areas surveyed in May and the development of vegetative conditions. Thanks to gentle winter 2006/2007 winter crops passed through winter season very well. Following spring dry affected spring plants and vegetables first of all. An occurrence of spring freeze was just local and influenced fruit harvest mostly.

**Production area of cereals** (including grain maize and other cereals) increased by 47,8 thous. ha (+5,1 %) to have reached 1 579,8 thous. ha. Total production of cereals was 7 152,9 thous. tonnes and matching the year 2006 stepped up by 776,8 thous. tonnes (+12,0 %). Only the harvest of spring wheat with 177,3 thous. tonnes (-15,0 %) and also spring barley with 1 270,3 thous. tonnes (-16,0% ) were down the harvest 2006. Wheat production was at the level of 3 938,9 thous. tonnes, it means by 432,7 tonnes more (+ 12,3 %) matching the year 2006. Total barley harvest at the level of 1 893,4 thous. tonnes, it means by 4,3 thous. tonnes (-0,2 %) less than the harvest 2006. Rye harvest overcame by 102,7 thous. tonnes (+137,3 %) previous year and also oat harvest was up by 4,5 thous. tonnes (+2,9 %) comparing previous year.

**Yield** of cereals per 1 ha was 4,53 tonnes, matching 2006 is up by 0,36 tonnes (+8,6 %). Winter wheat reached the yield of 5,01 tonnes (4,58 tonnes in 2006), spring wheat reached 2,91 tonnes (3,36 tonnes), rye 4,73 tonnes (3,33 tonnes), winter barley 4,81 tonnes (3,75 tonnes), spring barley 3,44 tonnes (3,55 tonnes), oats 2,70 tonnes (2,68 tonnes), grain maize 6,80 tonnes (6,75 tonnes) and triticale 4,11 tonnes (3,20 tonnes). **Legumes** production decreased matching the year 2006. It was harvested 65,3 thous. tonnes of legumes in total. Field peas production was 55,0 thous. tonnes, matching the year 2006 it means by 16,5 thous. tonnes less. Total production of **grain plants** (cereals plus legumes) reached 7 218,1 thous. tonnes, matching 2006 is by 744,6 thous. tonnes up (+11, 5%).

Total **potatoes** harvest including production of kitchen gardens was 997,7 thous. tonnes, it is an increase by 161,1 thous. tonnes (+19,3 %) matching 2006. Yield of potatoes was 24,79 tonnes/ha and it is also by 3,09 tonnes up matching 2006. Early potatoes harvest reached 58,5 thous. tonnes. The average yield of "other potatoes" was 26,10 tonnes/ 1 ha, it means by 3,69 tonnes/ 1 ha more and also the other potatoes production of 849,7 thous. tonnes is by 150,6 thous. tonnes up than in the year 2006. **Sugar beet** was harvested in amount of 2 889,9 thous. tonnes (3 138,3 thous. tonnes in 2006), it means decrease by 7,9 %.

In 2007 sowing areas of **oleaginous plants** increased totally by 13,7 thous. ha (+ 3,1 %), the total acreage reached 451,7 thous. ha. The production from that area was 1 145,5 thous. tonnes, it means up by 89,4 thous. tonnes than in 2006. Rape harvest was 1 031,9 thous. tonnes, in the year 2006 it was 880,2 thous. tonnes, it means by 151,7 thous. tonnes up. Rape seed yield was 3,06 tonnes/ 1 ha and it is also up by 0,05 tonnes. The production of poppy seed increased matching 2006, from the area of 56,9 thous. ha was harvested 33,1 thous. tonnes with the average yield 0,58 tonnes/ 1 ha (31,6 thous. tonnes with the yield of 0,55 tonnes/ 1 ha were harvested in 2006).

The production of **annual fodder crops** on arable land was 6 131,3 thous. tonnes of green forage, it means by 734,5 thous. tonnes less than in 2006. Green maize and maize for silage were harvested in total amount of 5 569,7 thous. tonnes, it means the decrease by 496,0 thous. tonnes matching 2006. Hay production from perennial fodder crops was at the level of 1 336,1 thous. tonnes. Red clover production was 432,3 thous. tonnes.

**Vegetables and fruit** production including households gardens was down the production 2006 and reached the level of 282,0 thous. tonnes of vegetables (291,6 thous. tonnes in 2006) and 359,5 thous. tonnes of fruit (414,2 thous. tonnes in 2006). 99,0 thous. tonnes of grapes were harvested from 17 thous. ha of **bearing vineyards** with the yield of 5,82 tonnes/ 1 ha (3,71 tonnes/ 1 ha in the year 2006), it means by 41,4 thous. tonnes more than in 2006. **Hop production** at the level of 5 631 tonnes increased by 177 tonnes (+3,3 %) matching 2006. Hop yield of 1,04 tonnes/ 1ha is also up by 0,04 tonnes/ 1 ha matching the year 2006.