

## COMMENTARY

*In accord with the survey as at 15 September 2009 the Czech Statistical Office estimates the harvest of cereals at the level of 7 713 thous. tonnes with the average yield 5.08 t/ha. Matching the final data of the year 2008 it means a decrease of yield by 0.34 t/ha and production by 642 thous. tonnes. Estimated harvest of grain maize at the level 704 thous. tonnes is by 154 thous. tonnes under (- 18 %) in comparison with the previous year.*

*The total harvest of potatoes (including early potatoes estimated in July) would reach 777 thous. tonnes (+ 0.9 %) with estimated average yield 27.04 t/ha (25.83 t/ha in 2008), the harvest of other potatoes would be 652 thous. tonnes with the yield 28.60 t/ha (27.36 t/ha in 2008). The production of industrial sugar beet is awaited at the level 2 772 thous. tonnes, which is down by 52 thous. tonnes (- 3.9 %) matching 2008. Supposed yield 52.84 t/ha is down by 4.42 t/ha in comparison with 2008.*

*The yield of rape is supposed to be at the level of 3.20 t/ha and creased by 0.26 t/ha (+ 8.8 %) in comparison with 2008. The total production of rape is awaited at the level of 1 135 thous. tonnes and in comparison with the final harvest 2008 it means an elevation by 86 thous. tonnes (+ 8.2 %).*

*For the first time in 2009 production of fodder plant has been assessed. Harvest of fodder maize with estimated average yield 36.14 t/ha would reach 6 494 thous. tonnes and it means by 350 thous. tonnes more then in the previous year. The yield 36.14 t/ha would be by higher by 0.81 t/ha (+ 2.3 %) then in 2008. The estimated production of perennial fodder plants would be lower. The harvest of red clover in hay is estimated at the level 358 thous. tonnes (index 92.7 %), the production of lucerne in hay would be 591 thous. tonnes (index 101.3 %). Supposed yield of red clover would be 7.71 t/ha (8.02 t/ha in 2008) and yield of lucerne is estimated at the level 8.57 t/ha (8.05 t/ha in 2008).*