

COMMENTARY

Total production of individual crops is based on sowing areas surveyed in May and the development of vegetative conditions.

Production area of cereals (including grain maize and other cereals) decreased by 16,9 thous. ha (-1,1 %) to have reached 1 541,7 thous. ha. Total production of cereals was 7 832,0 thous. tonnes and matching the year 2008 stepped down by 537,5 thous. tonnes (-6,4 %). The harvest of oats in amount of 166,0 thous. tonnes and also maize for grain in amount of 889,6 were higher matching 2008 by 10,1 thous. tonnes (+6,5 %), respective by 31,2 thous. tonnes (+3,6 %). Wheat production was at the level of 4 358,1 thous. tonnes, it means by 273,4 tonnes less (-5,9 %) matching the year 2008. Total barley harvest at the level of 2 003,0 thous. tonnes, it means by 240,8 thous. tonnes (-10,7 %) less than in the harvest 2008. Rye harvest amount is 178,1 thous. tonnes, it means by 31,7 thous. tonnes less (-15,1 %) matching previous year.

Yield of cereals per 1 ha was 5,08 tonnes matching 2008 and it is down by 0,29 tonnes (-5,4 %). Winter wheat reached the yield of 5,33 tonnes (5,88 tonnes in 2008), spring wheat reached 3,41 tonnes (3,84 tonnes), rye 4,63 tonnes (4,83 tonnes), winter barley 4,82 tonnes (4,67 tonnes), spring barley 4,23 tonnes (4,64 tonnes), oats 3,32 tonnes (3,18 tonnes), grain maize 8,45 tonnes (7,54 tonnes) and triticale 4,21 tonnes (4,42 tonnes). **Legumes** production increased matching the year 2008. It was harvested 62,1 thous. tonnes of legumes in total. Field peas production was 51,9 thous. tonnes, matching the year 2008 it means by 11,0 thous. tonnes more. Total production of **grain plants** (cereals plus legumes) reached 7 894,1 thous. tonnes, matching 2008 is by 523,3 thous. tonnes down (-6,2 %).

Total **potatoes** harvest including production of kitchen gardens was 928,8 thous. tonnes, it is a decrease by 16,5 thous. tonnes (-1,7 %) matching 2008. Yield of potatoes was 25,29 tonnes/ha and it is by 0,29 tonnes up matching 2008. Early potatoes harvest reached 57,1 thous. tonnes. The average yield of "other potatoes" was 26,46 tonnes/1 ha, it means by 0,03 tonnes/1 ha lower than in 2008. The other potatoes production of 782,1 thous. tonnes is by 16,8 thous. tonnes down than in the year 2008. **Sugar beet** was harvested in amount of 3 038,2 thous. tonnes (2 884,6 thous. tonnes in 2008), it means an increase by 5,3 %, with yield of 57,91 t/ha.

In 2009 sowing areas of **oleaginous plants** increased totally by 2,7 thous. ha (+0,6 %), the total acreage reached 486,5 thous. ha. The production from that area was 1 279,6 thous. tonnes, it means by 85,4 thous. tonnes higher than in 2008. Rape harvest was 1 128,1 thous. tonnes, in the year 2008 it was 1 048,9 thous. tonnes, it means by 79,2 thous. tonnes up. Rape seed yield was 3,18 tonnes/1 ha and it is up by 0,24 tonnes. The production of poppy seed decreased matching 2008, from the area of 53,6 thous. ha was harvested 32,7 thous. tonnes with an average yield of 0,61 tonnes/ 1 ha (49,4 thous. tonnes with the yield of 0,71 tonnes/1 ha were harvested in 2008).

The production of **annual fodder crops** on arable land was 6 847,2 thous. tonnes of green forage, it means by 157,2 thous. tonnes more than in 2008. Green maize and maize for silage were harvested in total amount of 6 332,7 thous. tonnes, it means an increase by 188,9 thous. tonnes matching 2008. Hay production from perennial fodder crops was at the level of 1 236,1 thous. tonnes. Red clover production was 376,9 thous. tonnes.

Vegetables production including households gardens was down in comparison with the production 2008 and reached the level of 253,8 thous. tonnes of vegetables (274,3 thous. tonnes in 2008). 406,7 thous. tonnes of **fruit** was higher than the production 2008 (397,3 thous. tonnes in 2008). 68,7 thous. tonnes of grapes were harvested from 16,1 thous. ha of **bearing vineyards** with the yield of 4,27 tonnes/1 ha (6,03 tonnes/ 1 ha in the year 2008), it means by 29,6 tonnes less than in 2008. **Hop production** at the level of 6 616 tonnes decreased by 137 tonnes (-2,0 %) matching 2008. Hop yield of 1,25 tonnes/1ha is also down by 0,02 tonnes/1 ha matching the year 2008.