

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 78,8 thous. ha (-5,1 %) to have reached 1462,8 thous. ha. Total production of cereals was 6 877,6 thous. tonnes and matching the year 2009 stepped down by 954,4 thous. tonnes (-12,2 %). The harvest of spring wheat in amount of 168,6 thous. tonnes were higher matching 2009 by 39,8 thous. tonnes (+30,9 %). Wheat production was at the level of 4 161,6 thous. tonnes, it means by 196,5 tonnes less (-4,5 %) matching the year 2009. Total barley harvest at the level of 1 584,5 thous. tonnes, it means by 418,6 thous. tonnes (-20,9 %) less than in the harvest 2009. Rye harvest amount is 118,2 thous. tonnes, it means by 59,8 thous. tonnes less (-33,6 %) matching previous year.

Yield of cereals per 1 ha was 4,70 tonnes matching 2009 and it is down by 0,38 tonnes (-7,5 %). Winter wheat reached the yield of 5,08 tonnes (5,33 tonnes in 2009), spring wheat reached 3,51 tonnes (3,41 tonnes), rye 3,91 tonnes (4,63 tonnes), winter barley 4,50 tonnes (4,82 tonnes), spring barley 3,91 tonnes (4,23 tonnes), oats 2,64 tonnes (3,32 tonnes), grain maize 6,71 tonnes (8,45 tonnes) and triticale 3,73 tonnes (4,21 tonnes). **Legumes** production decreased matching the year 2009. It was harvested 58,1 thous. tonnes of legumes in total. Field peas production was 48,2 thous. tonnes, matching the year 2009 it means by 3,6 thous. tonnes less. Total production of **grain plants** (cereals plus legumes) reached 6 935,8 thous. tonnes, matching 2009 is by 958,3 thous. tonnes down (-12,1 %).

Total **potatoes** harvest including production of kitchen gardens was 821,9 thous. tonnes, it is a decrease by 106,9 thous. tonnes (-11,5 %) matching 2009. Yield of potatoes was 23,45 tonnes/ha and it is by 1,84 tonnes down matching 2009. Early potatoes harvest reached 50,1 thous. tonnes. The average yield of "other potatoes" was 24,22 tonnes/1 ha, it means by 2,24 tonnes/1 ha lower than in 2009. The other potatoes production of 689,3 thous. tonnes is by 92,8 thous. tonnes down than in the year 2009. **Sugar beet** was harvested in amount of 3 065,0 thous. tonnes (3 038,2 thous. tonnes in 2009), it means an increase by 0,9 %, with yield of 54,36 t/ha.

In 2010 sowing areas of **oleaginous plants** increased totally by 19,6 thous. ha (+0,8 %), the total acreage reached 490,4 thous. ha. The production from this area was 1 160,1 thous. tonnes, it means by 119,5 thous. tonnes lower than in 2009. Rape harvest was 1 042,4 thous. tonnes, in the year 2009 it was 1 128,1 thous. tonnes, it means by 85,7 thous. tonnes down. Rape seed yield was 2,83 tonnes/1 ha and it is down by 0,35 tonnes. The production of poppy seed decreased matching 2009, from the area of 51,1 thous. ha was harvested 23,7 thous. tonnes with an average yield of 0,46 tonnes/ 1 ha (32,7 thous. tonnes with the yield of 0,61 tonnes/1 ha were harvested in 2009).

The production of **annual fodder crops** on arable land was 6 482,0 thous. tonnes of green forage, it means by 365,2 thous. tonnes under harvest 2009. Green maize and maize for silage were harvested in total amount of 5 901,7 thous. tonnes, it means an decrease by 431,1 thous. tonnes matching 2009. Hay production from perennial fodder crops was at the level of 1 163,6 thous. tonnes. Red clover production was 337,5 thous. tonnes.

Vegetables production including households gardens was down in comparison with the production 2009 and reached the level of 218,6 thous. tonnes of vegetables (253,8 thous. tonnes in 2009). 288,1 thous. tonnes of **fruit** was significantly lower than the production 2009 (406,7 thous. tonnes in 2009). 45,9 thous. tonnes of grapes were harvested from 16,0 thous. ha of **bearing vineyards** with the yield of 2,87 tonnes/1 ha (4,27 tonnes/ 1 ha in the year 2009), it means by 22,8 tonnes less than in 2009. **Hop production** at the level of 7 772 tonnes increased by 1,2 thous. tonnes (+17,5 %) matching 2009. Hop yield of 1,49 tonnes/1ha is also up by 0,25 tonnes/1 ha matching the year 2009.