

COMMENTARY

As at 15 July the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of selected agricultural plants – peas, poppy, fruits and vegetables and precised estimates of production for basic cereals (wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape, strawberries, cherries and sour cherries.

According to precised estimates awaited production of basic cereals (with triticale but without maize for grain and other cereals) should be at level of 6 717 thous. t with average yield of 4.71 t/ha. Matching June estimate there is an estimated production of basic cereals by 95 thous. t higher (+ 1.4 %). Matching the year 2008 final results it means by 780 thous. t down (- 10.4 %).

Wheat production is estimated at the level of 4 173 thous. t (of which: winter wheat 4 024 thous. t), it means in comparison with 2008 harvest is lower by 9.9 %. Barley total harvest is estimated by 10.7 % down reaching amount of 2 003 thous. t (of which: production spring barley should be at the level of 1 375 thous. t, it means by 13.2 % down comparing 2008 results). The yield of winter wheat is estimated in amount of 5.07 t/ha (in previous year it was 5.88 t/ha), rye 4.15 t/ha (4.83 t/ha) and spring barley 4.30 t (4.64 t/ha).

The harvest of early potatoes (harvest before 30 June) should reach 36 thous. t with an estimated average yield 17.28 t/ha. Rape production should be 1 000 thous. t, it means by 48 thous. t lower (- 4.6 %) than in previous year with average yield 2.82 t/ha (in 2008 it was 2.94 t/ha). Poppy production should be 38 thous. t matching the year 2008 it was 49 thous. t and yield is also down at the level of 0.70 t/ha (in 2008 it was 0.71 t/ha).