

## COMMENTARY

As at 15 October the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yields and harvest of permanent grassland, flax for seed and corrected estimates of maize for grain, other potatoes, industrial sugar beet and fibre flax.

Up to estimates harvest of cereals (basic cereals and maize for grain but without other cereals) is awaited at the level of 8 426 thous. tonnes with average yield 5.46 t/ha. Matching final harvest 2007 it means increasing of yield by 0.93 t/ha and harvest would be higher by 1 273 thous. t (+ 17.8 %). Estimated harvest of maize for grain at the level of 793 thous. tonnes is up by 34 thous. tonnes (+ 4.4 %) in comparison with last year's harvest.

The harvest of potatoes in agricultural sector is estimated at the level of 755 thous. tonnes (- 8.0 % matching 2007) with average yield 25.33 t/ha. The harvest of other potatoes would be 622 thous. tonnes with the yield 26.36 t/ha.

Industrial sugar beet would reach the amount of 2 642 thous. tonnes and in comparison with 2007 final results is down by 248 thous. tonnes (- 8.6 %). Estimated yield 52.44 t/ha is by 0.81 t/ha lower (- 1.5 %) than in 2007.

For the first time in this year harvest of fodder from permanent grassland is estimated. It would reach the amount of 3 120 thous tonnes of hay with average yield 3.34 t/ha. In 2007 harvest was down by 343 thous. tonnes (- 12.3 %). Yield of flax seed is estimated at the level of 1.14 t/ha and yield of fibre flax would reach 3.27 t/ha, both are over levels of yields in 2007.