

Harvest of cereals and rape seed will be below average

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Supplementary information to the news release on harvest estimates – July 2026

According to the second estimate of this year's harvests as at 15 July, a considerable decrease in the production of both **basic cereals** and rape seed is confirmed. The production of basic cereals is to reach 6 392 thous. tonnes, which is by 16.9% less than last year and by 13.1% less in comparison with the five-year average. Lower production is expected as for winter common wheat, both spring and winter barley, oats, and rye, whereas larger harvests are expected as for spring common wheat and triticale. Estimated production of rape seed in the amount of 808 thous. tonnes is by 20.9% lower, year-on-year, and when compared to the five-year average it is a decrease by 26.1%. Estimated poppy production in the amount of 28 thous. tonnes is by 5.1% lower, year-on-year.

The second harvest estimate expects the lowest production of **basic cereals** for the last fourteen years. The estimated production of basic cereals (without grain maize) reaches 6 392 thous. tonnes and it is by 1 299 thous. tonnes lower, year-on-year (–16.9%). The sown area decreased by 2.1% to 1 186 thous. hectares, y-o-y. The per hectare yield decreased by 15.1% to 5.39 tonnes per hectare (t/ha). When compared to the five-year average of harvests, the estimated production is by 13.1% lower, mainly due to a decrease in the per hectare yield (–9.0%) and the sown area (–4.5%).

Compared to the first estimate, the per hectare yield of basic cereals decreased from 5.45 t/ha to 5.39 t/ha and the estimated production is thus by 75 thous. tonnes lower than the harvest estimated in June (–1.2%).

Winter common wheat, which is the most spread cereal in Czechia, contributes the most to the year-on-year decrease in production of basic cereals. The estimated production will reach 4 221 thousand tonnes, which is by 865 thousand tonnes less than in the previous year (–17.0%). It is due to a lower estimated per hectare yield of 5.69 t/ha (–15.3%) as well as a decrease in the sown area to 742 thous. ha (–2.0%).

Spring barley, the second most commonly grown cereal in Czechia, is estimated to be harvested in the amount of 862 thous. tonnes, it is by a quarter less, year-on-year (–24.3%). The per hectare yield decreased by 18.9% to 4.99 t/ha.

The estimated production of **oats** fell by 44.8% compared to the previous year and reaches 150 thous. tonnes. That considerable decrease was caused by a decrease in its sown area by a third as well as by a lower per hectare yield of 3.27 t/ha (–17.8%).

Despite expansion of the sown area, a lower harvest, y-o-y, is expected as for **winter barley** and **rye**. The production of **winter barley** is expected to reach 637 thous. tonnes (–10.5%) with the per hectare yield of 5.55 t/ha (–14.5%). The production of **rye** is estimated in the amount of 106 thous. tonnes (–5.4%) with the per hectare yield of 4.79 t/ha (–13.0%).

On the other hand, as for **triticale** and **spring common wheat**, the production is expected to increase thanks to the expansion of the sown areas. **Triticale** is estimated to be harvested in the amount of 234 thous. tonnes (+6.4%) with the per hectare yield of 4.86 t/ha (–6.2%) and **spring common wheat** 143 thous. tonnes (+44.4%) with the per hectare yield of 4.37 t/ha (–10.2%).

Rape seed should be harvested this year in the amount of 808 thous. tonnes, which is a y-o-y decrease by 20.9%. The per hectare yield of 2.63 t/ha is by 13.5% lower. The size of the sown area was reduced by 8.6%, y-o-y, to 307 thous. hectares. In comparison to the five-year average, this year's harvest estimate of rape seed is by a quarter lower (production –26.1%; the sown area –12.0%; the per hectare yield –16.0%) and it is the lowest since 2005.

Compared to the first estimate in June, the estimated production of rape seed decreased by 38 thous. tonnes (–4.5%) due to a decrease in the estimate of the per hectare yield from 2.76 t/ha to the current 2.63 t/ha.

Farmers expanded this year the sown areas of **poppy** to 40 thous. ha (+6.4%). The estimated per hectare yield of 0.69 t/ha is by 10.8% lower compared to the last year. The estimated harvest of poppy in the amount of 28 thous. tonnes thus decreased by 5.1%, y-o-y, however, it exceeds the five-year average by 10.0% (the sown area +18.3%; the per hectare yield –7.0%).

Field peas for grain will be harvested in the amount of 101 thous. tonnes with the per hectare yield of 2.27 t/ha. The estimated production is moderately lower compared to the last year (–1.9%) as well as to the five-year average (–2.3%).

Refined (updated) estimates of production supplemented by other crops (grain maize and green maize, potatoes, sugar beet, sweet lupins for grain, broad and field beans for grain, and lucerne) will be published by the Czech Statistical Office on 3 September 2026.

Notes:

The harvest (production) is given in the standard humidity content and purity. For further information on the methodology of crop production statistics see: [Crop production statistics – Methodology | Statistics \(gov.cz\)](#)

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