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Harvests retarded a lot; production estimate of cereals, rape, and poppy still higher, year-on-year**Supplementary information to the news release on harvest estimates – July 2025**

Based on the second estimate of harvests as at 15 July, it is expected that the production of basic cereals will be 6 980 thous. tonnes, which is an increase by 2.7%, year-on-year. A higher production of winter and spring common wheat, winter barley, oats, and triticale is expected. On the other hand, production of spring barley and rye is to be lower. According to the estimate, rape will be harvested in the amount of 994 thous. tonnes; it is by 4.9% more than last year. The expected production of poppy is also higher, in the amount of 30 thous. tonnes (+8.9%).

The production of **basic cereals** (excluding grain maize) is estimated to be in the amount of 6 980 thous. tonnes and is by 181 thous. tonnes higher (+2.7%). The sown area slightly decreased compared to last year to 1 211 thous. ha (–0.3%), whereas the per hectare yield increased by 3.0% to 5.76 t/ha. The expected production is by 4.0% lower compared to the five-year average, mainly due to the decrease of the sown area (–3.1%) as well as lower yields (–1.0%).

Compared to the first estimate, the per hectare yield of basic cereals increased from 5.63 t/ha to 5.76 t/ha and the estimated production is thus by 160 thous. tonnes higher than the harvest estimated in June (+2.3%).

Winter common wheat, which remains to be the most spread cereal in Czechia, contributes the most to the year-on-year increase in production of basic cereals. According to the estimate, 4 636 thousand tonnes of it will be harvested, which is by 128 thousand tonnes more than in the previous year (+2.8%). It is owing to the year-on-year increase in its sown area as well as a higher estimated per hectare yield of 6.12 t/ha (+1.6%).

On the other hand, as for **spring barley**, the second most commonly grown cereal in Czechia, it is expected that its production will decrease to 987 thous. tonnes (–4.1%). It is due to its lower per hectare yield, which dropped, y-o-y, to 5.32 t/ha (–1.7%), as well as to a smaller sown area.

A decrease in production is also expected as for **rye**. This year, the amount of 102 thous. tonnes of rye is expected to be harvested, which is a y-o-y decrease by 3.7%. Although the per hectare yield increased by 15.1% to 5.00 t/ha, the whole production is negatively influenced by a considerable decrease in the sown area.

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On the other hand, the sown area of **oats** has significantly expanded and its production is expected to be 250 thous. tonnes, which is by a quarter more compared to last year (+24.4%), namely despite a decrease in its per hectare yield to 3.66 t/ha (−4.1%).

Thanks to higher per hectare yields, despite a decrease in sown areas, a year-on-year increase of production of winter barley, triticale, and spring common wheat is expected. **Winther barley** is expected to be harvested in the amount of 649 thousand tonnes (+1.0%) with the per hectare yield of 5.92 t/ha (+17.2%), **triticale** 217 thous. tonnes (+10.4%) with the per hectare yield of 5.09 t/ha (+14.3%), and **spring common wheat** 95 thous. tonnes (+5.1%) with the per hectare yield of 4.70 t/ha (+24.9%).

Rape is expected to be harvested this year in the amount of 994 thous. tonnes, which is a year-on-year increase by 4.9%. The per hectare yield increased to 2.96 t/ha (+7.3%), whereas the sown area decreased to 336 thous. ha (−2.2%). Compared to the five-year average, however, this year's estimated harvest of rape is by 12.7% lower (the sown area −5.5%; the per hectare yield −7.6%).

Compared to the first estimate from June, the estimated production of rape slightly decreased by 4 thous. tonnes (−0.4%) as a result of a decrease of the estimate of the per hectare yield from 2.97 t/ha to the current 2.96 t/ha.

Farmers this year extended the sown areas of **poppy** to 38 thousand hectares (+3.7%). The estimated per hectare yield increased to 0.78 t/ha (+5.0%). The estimated poppy production of 30 thous. tonnes is thus by 8.9% higher, y-o-y, and it also exceeds the five-year average of harvests (+18.1%), namely thanks to both the larger sown area (+9.7%) as well as to a better per hectare yield (+7.7%).

More detailed information including estimated production of durum wheat, field peas for grain, early potatoes, winter rape seed and spring rape seed in the Czech Republic as a whole and broken down by Region are given in the related publication: Harvest Estimates – Operative Report as at 15 July 2025. Refined (updated) estimates of production supplemented by an estimate of production of other crops (grain 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 5 September 2025.

Notes:

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

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