

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Estimate of this year's production of most crops is favourable****Supplementary information to the news release on Harvest estimates – September 2025**

According to the latest estimate of this year's harvest as at 30 September, a year-on-year (y-o-y) increase in the production of the following is expected: potatoes (+11.2%), rape (+8.4%), sunflower seed (+40.3%), poppy (+14.7%), soya (+14.6%), field peas for grain (+26.5%), and green maize (+18.0%). On the other hand, the estimated production of sugar beet is considerably lower (–18.7%). The estimate confirmed an increase in production of basic cereals (+12.7%), however, the estimated production of grain maize is by 6.4% lower. The total harvest of cereals including maize is thus by 10.9% higher compared to the last year's below-average harvest.

**Root crops**

The production of **potatoes** expected in the amount of 729 thousand tonnes is by 11.2% higher, y-o-y, namely thanks to the enlargement of the area planted with potatoes to 24 thousand hectares (+6.3%), but also owing to the higher per hectare yield. This year, 30.15 tonnes of potatoes are harvested on average from a hectare, by 4.6% more than last year. When compared to the five-year average of harvests, the estimated harvest is by 12.0% higher this year (the area planted with potatoes +7.8%; the per hectare yield +3.9%).

The estimated production of **sugar beet** of 3 727 thousand tonnes is by 18.7% lower, y-o-y, owing to a marked decrease of its sown area to 53 thousand hectares (–19.1%). The estimated per hectare yield of 69.94 t/ha is almost on the same level as last year (+0.5%). Compared to the year 2017, when the system of the sugar production quotas was terminated, this year's sown area of sugar beet is by 13 thousand hectares smaller (–19.4%). Compared to the five-year average, the expected harvest of sugar beet is, for the time being, by 8.2% lower (the sown area –12.3%; the per hectare yield +4.7%).

**Oil seed crops**

The expected **poppy** production of 31 thousand tonnes is by 14.7% higher, year-on-year. The sown area enlarged by 3.7% to 38 thousand hectares and the per hectare yield of 0.82 t/ha is by 10.5% higher. This year's estimate of poppy production exceeds the five-year average by a quarter (production +24.4%; the sown area +9.7%; the per hectare yield +13.4%).

According to the estimate, **soya** will be harvested in the amount of 84 thousand tonnes (+14.6%). This year, soya was grown on 34 thousand hectares (+20.5%) and the per hectare yield of 2.47 t/ha is by 4.9% lower, year-on-year. In comparison to the five-year average, the estimated soya production is, mainly thanks to the increase in its sown area, significantly higher (the production +47.1%; the sown area +45.7%; the per hectare yield +1.0%).

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The estimated production of **sunflower seed** in the amount of 58 thousand tonnes is by 40.3% higher thanks to an increase in its sown area to 21 thousand hectares (+25.9%) as well as to an increase in the per hectare yield to 2.79 t/ha (+11.5%). The estimated sunflower production exceeded the average for the last five years by almost a quarter (the production +24.7%; the sown area +17.5%; the per hectare yield +6.1%).

The estimate of the **rape** production in the amount of 1 026 thousand tonnes is by 8.4% higher compared to the last year, which was below the average. The sown area decreased by 2.2% to 336 thousand hectares and the per hectare yield of 3.06 t/ha is by 10.8% higher. Compared to the five-year average of harvests, however, this year's estimate of rape production is by 9.9% lower (the sown area -5.5%; the per hectare yield -4.6%).

### Cereals for grain

According to the estimate, 667 thousand tonnes of **grain maize** will be harvested; it is by 6.4% less, year-on-year. The sown area decreased to 82 thousand hectares (-6.6% compared to the previous year's harvested area) and the per hectare yield of 8.16 t/ha is almost on the same level as last year (+0.3%).

The September estimate confirmed a year-on-year increase in production of **basic cereals** by 12.7% to 7 663 thousand tonnes. The estimated total production of **cereals including maize** thus reached the amount of 8 329 thousand tonnes and is higher compared to the previous year's production (+10.9%) as well as to the five-year average (+4.0%).

### Fodder crops

The expected harvest of **green maize** in the amount of 8 417 thousand tonnes is by 18.0% higher, year-on-year, thanks to an increase in the per hectare yield to 35.78 t/ha (+12.3%) and to the enlargement of its sown area to 235 thousand hectares (+5.1% compared to the last year's harvest area). This year's estimated harvest of green maize exceeds by 7.4% the five-year average.

Production of **lucerne** is estimated in the amount of 395 thousand tonnes (-7.6%) and of **clover** in the amount of 307 thousand tonnes (-10.9%). The estimated harvest of these fodder crops is considerably lower than the five-year average; the lucerne production is lower by 21.6% and clover by 18.8%.

### Pulses and protein crops for grain

The production of **field peas for grain** is by a quarter higher, year-on-year, and is estimated to be in the amount of 112 thousand tonnes (+26.5%). The sown area decreased by 14.2% to 45 thousand hectares; however, the per hectare yield increased by 47.5% to 2.46 t/ha. Compared to the five-year average of harvests, the estimate of the field peas production is by 11.9% higher (the sown area +7.1%; the per hectare yield +4.5%).

Production of **sweet lupins for grain** estimated in the amount of 2 thousand tonnes is on the same level as in the previous year and is also comparable to the five-year average. Production

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of **broad and field beans for grain** increased, year-on-year, by 9.8% to 5 thousand tonnes and thanks to the enlargement of its sown area it is by 64.9% higher compared to the five-year average.

More detailed information also dealing with estimated harvest of other varieties of field crops and selected varieties of vegetables in the Czech Republic as a whole and broken down by Region is given in the related publication: "Harvest Estimates – Operative Report as at 30 September 2025". The Czech Statistical Office will publish final data on the 2025 harvest as for all surveyed agricultural crops on 25 February 2026.

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*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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