

## Weather is not good for cereals and rape seed, the per hectare yields are lower, y-o-y

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### Supplementary information to the news release on harvest estimates – June 2026

Based on the first estimates of this year's harvests as at 10 June, it is expected that the production of basic cereals will be 6 467 thous. tonnes. It is a decrease in comparison with the last year (-15.9%) as well as with the five-year average (-12.0%). Year-on-year, lower production is expected as for winter common wheat, both spring and winter barley, oats, and rye, whereas larger harvests will be as for spring common wheat and triticale. Production of rape seed is expected to be in the amount of 847 thous. tonnes, which is by 17.1% less, year-on-year, and by 22.6% less when compared to the five-year average.

However, this year's harvest is still just in the beginning and production estimates will be gradually refined. Further development of the weather can significantly affect not only the total volume of the harvested production but also its quality.

The production of **basic cereals** (excluding grain maize) is estimated to reach 6 467 thous. tonnes; when compared to the last year's above-average production, it is by 1 224 thous. tonnes lower (-15.9%). The sown area decreased by 2.1% to 1 186 thous. hectares. The per hectare yield of 5.45 tonnes per hectare (t/ha) is markedly lower, year-on-year (-14.1%). The estimated production of basic cereals is by 12.0% lower compared to the five-year average of harvests (the sown area -4.5%; the per hectare yield -7.9%).

The estimated harvest (production) of **winter common wheat** in the amount of 4 295 thous. tonnes is by 790 thous. tonnes lower, y-o-y (-15.5%) due to a decrease in the per hectare yield to 5.79 t/ha (-13.8%) as well as to a smaller sown area of 742 thous. hectares (-2.0%). The **spring common wheat** is estimated to be harvested in a much higher amount, namely 145 thous. tonnes (+46.7%). It is because the sown area has been expanded to 33 thous. hectares (+60.8%). The estimated per hectare yield of 4.44 t/ha is by 8.8% lower. The **durum wheat** will be harvested from the sown area of 8 thous. hectares in the amount of 44 thous. tonnes with the per hectare yield of 5.57 t/ha.

The estimated harvest of **spring barley** in the amount of 864 thous. tonnes is almost by a quarter lower, year-on-year (-24.2%). It is due to a decrease in the per hectare yield to 5.00 t/ha (-18.7%) and in the sown area to 173 thous. hectares (-6.7%). The estimated harvest of **winter barley** in the amount of 621 thous. tonnes is by 12.7% lower, year-on-year, due to a decrease in its per hectare yield by 16.7% to 5.41 t/ha. The sown area has expanded to 115 thous. hectares (+4.8%).

The expected production of **rye** in the amount of 105 thous. tonnes is by 6.7% lower, year-on-year. The sown area has expanded by 8.7% to 22 thous. hectares. The per hectare yield of 4.73 t/ha is by 14.1% lower.

The estimated production of **oats** in the amount of 155 thous. tonnes is by 42.8% lower. It is because of a considerable decrease in its sown area to 46 thous. hectares (-32.8%) and also a lower per hectare yield, year-on-year, of 3.39 t/ha (-14.9%).

The estimated production of **triticale** in the amount of 238 thous. tonnes is by 8.2% higher, despite a decrease in its per hectare yield to 4.93 t/ha (-4.6%), namely thanks to an expansion of its sown area to 48 thous. hectares (+13.4%).

According to the estimate, **rape seed** will be harvested this year in the amount of 847 thous. tonnes, by 175 thous. tonnes less than in the last year (-17.1%). The per hectare yield of 2.76 t/ha is by 9.4% lower. The size of the sown area was reduced by 8.6% to 307 thous. hectares and it is the lowest since the year 2006. The expected rape seed production is significantly lower in comparison to the five-year average (production -22.6%; the sown area -12.0%; the per hectare yield -12.0%).

#### Utilised agricultural area and sown areas of crops

This year, farmers utilise 3 526 thous. hectares of **agricultural land**; it is by 16 thous. hectares less than in the previous year (-0.4%). From that area, 70.6% is **arable land** and **permanent grassland** makes 28.3%. Permanent crops, which are especially **vineyards, hop gardens, orchards, and nurseries**, cover the area of 39 thous. hectares, i.e. 1.1% of the total utilised agricultural area.

The area of the **arable land**, 2 488 thous. hectares, is by 13 thous. hectares smaller, compared to the previous year (-0.5%). The area of **fallow land** decreased by 2 thous. hectares to 89 thous. hectares (-2.5%). The size of the area of **permanent grassland** also dropped by 2 thous. hectares to 999 thous. hectares (-0.2%). **Hop gardens** cover this year 5 480 hectares (-0.7%), **vineyards** 16 496 hectares (-0.8%), and the area of **orchards** dropped by 410 hectares to 11 650 hectares (-3.4%).

The total **sown areas** decreased by 11 thous. hectares to 2 399 thous. hectares compared to the last year (-0.4%). The share of four most important crops, i.e. **wheat, barley, maize, and rape seed** slightly decreased this year to 71.0%, whereas last year it was 71.9%.

The sown area of **cereals** is 1 282 thous. hectares and in comparison to the last year it is by 15 thous. hectares lower (-1.2%). The most widespread crop in the fields of Czechia is **winter common wheat**. Its sown area is by 2.0% lower, year-on-year (-15 thous. hectares). The following are also significantly smaller: areas covered by **oats** (-22 thous. hectares; -32.8%) and by **spring barley** (-12 thous. hectares; -6.7%). On the other hand, more **spring common wheat** (+12 thous. hectares; +60.8%) and **grain maize** (+11 thous. hectares; +12.9%) are grown. The sown areas of the following also expanded: **winter barley** (+4.8%), **triticale** (+13.4%), and **rye** (+8.7%).

From the total sown area of **oil seed crops** that makes 429 thous. hectares, the biggest proportion is covered by **rape seed** (71.6%). The sown area of **rape seed** is by 29 thous. hectares smaller, year-on-year. It was partially replaced by other oil seed crops in its former areas. Especially the area covered by **sunflower seed** significantly increased, namely by 12 thous. hectares to 33 thous. hectares (+59.7%). Also **mustard seed** (11 thous. hectares; +25.9%) and **poppy** (40 thous. hectares; +6.4%) are grown more. The area of **oil flax** reached 2 thous. hectares and it has more than doubled compared to the previous year (+112.8%). **Soya** is grown almost on the same area as last year, i.e. on 34 thous. hectares (+0.1%).

After two years of growth, the area planted with **potatoes** was reduced by 660 ha, year-on-year, to 24 thous. hectares (-2.7%). The sown area of **sugar beet**, 53 thous. hectares, is almost the same as last year (-0.9%).

Sown areas of **pulses and protein crops for grain** decreased by 2 thous. hectares to 49 thous. hectares (-3.5%). **Field peas for grain** is grown this year on 44 thous. hectares (-1.9%). Other pulses and protein crops for grain are grown on the total sown area of 5 thous. hectares this year. Sown areas of the following considerably decreased: **vetches for grain** (-53.4%), **sweet lupins for grain** (-13.8%), and **broad and field beans for grain** (-8.8%).

**Arable fodder crops** grow this year on 521 thous. hectares, which is a year-on-year increase by 3.0%. The sown area of **green maize** slightly decreased to 233 thousand hectares (-0.8%). The area of **nitrogen-fixing plants** expanded by 4.8% to 204 thous. hectares. These fodder crops mainly include clover, lucerne, and other leguminous plants harvested green and their mixtures.

The area designated for growing of **fresh vegetables** dropped by 447 hectares, year-on-year, to 11 824 ha (-3.6%). On the other hand, the area with **strawberries** expanded by 28 hectares to 434 ha (+7.0%).

Refined (updated) estimates of production of cereals, early potatoes, and rape seed supplemented by an estimate of production of other crops (field peas for grain and poppy) will be published by the Czech Statistical Office on 7 August 2026.

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

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