

## COMMENTARY

*As at 15 July 2016 the Czech Statistical Office processed estimates of yield and harvest of field peas, poppy, and selected fruit and vegetables; and improved estimates of production of basic cereals (common wheat, rye, barley, oats and triticale), rape, early potatoes, strawberries, cherries and sour cherries.*

*According to these improved estimates, the production of basic cereals (including triticale but excluding maize for grain and other cereals) is awaited to be 7 209 thous. tonnes with their average yield of 5.71 t/ha. The estimated production of basic cereals increased by 214 thous. tonnes (+3.1%) compared with the June estimate. In comparison with 2015 final results it decreased by 521 thous. tonnes (-6.7%).*

*The common wheat production is expected to reach 5 029 thous. tonnes (of which 4 890 thous. tonnes of common winter wheat); it went down by 4.7 % in comparison with the 2015 harvest. The total barley harvest is supposed to decrease by 13.0 % and to amount to 1 733 thous. tonnes (of which spring barley harvest should be 1 126 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 20.7 % less than in 2015). The yield estimates account for 6.04 t/ha for common winter wheat (6.50 t/ha in the previous year), 5.24 t/ha for rye (4.91 t/ha in 2015), and 5.08 t/ha for spring barley (5.43 t/ha in 2015).*

*The harvest of early potatoes (harvested before 30 June) should reach 29 thous. tonnes with its estimated average yield of 21.72 t/ha. The rape harvest should amount to 1 305 thous. tonnes; i.e. by 49 thous. tonnes more (+3.9%) than in the previous year. Its average yield is expected to be 3.32 t/ha (3.43 t/ha in 2015). The poppy harvest should be 27 thous. tonnes, i.e. negligibly more than in 2015 (27 thous. tonnes). Its estimated yield decreased to 0.77 t/ha (0.82 t/ha in 2015).*