Quality and tradition of the Czech agriculture and food industry sector
Wafers and bakery products
The Czech Republic is proud of its regional production of a wide range of bakery products. There are not only well-known Czech wafers as “Zebra” but also several Czech wafers which feature protected geographical indication of the EU such as Karlovarské oplatky/ Wafers from Karlovy Vary, “Karlov- ské třebíčský/Trebišovské from Trebišov Valley”, “Pardubický perkun/Gingerbread from Pardubice”, “Hotčické trubky/Rolled wafers” or “Strážnicecké ulíčky/Stramberk出口. Export of these products has recently slightly increased in relation to the EU market as well as to other world countries.

Poppy seed
Our country is the largest producer as well as exporter of legally produced food poppy in the world (90% of production is being exported). The optimal combination of climatic conditions in the region and agricultural inputs fully guarantee the worldwide specific characteristics of the Czech blue poppy: quality, outstanding nutritional and valuable oilseed is characterized by significant levels of dietary ingredients, vitamins and minerals, especially calcium. Due to implemented quality standards, any possible health risks are excluded.

Malt
The Czech Republic is a major exporter of malt to the EU as well as throughout the world. Czech malt comes almost 100% from selected agronomic varieties whose cultivation and production is managed by special research institute. The volumes of malt exports are made by using the most advanced manufacturing technology processes. In addition, production of roasted malts for use outside the brewing sector has been growing steadily. At present time, there are 20 enterprises in the Czech Republic currently producing malt with annual production capacity of about 550,000 tons.

Beer from malt
A beer is a traditional Czech export product of the world’s highest quality, which promotes prestige and good name of the Czech Republic across continents. The protected geographical indication “Czech beer” and other protected denominations of regional beers guarantee that only specific technology processes and high-quality domestic raw materials are used for production. In recent years, production of unusual beers has increased (e.g. beer from wheat, unfiltered, fruity beers). There are 48 companies with high beer brewing capacity and about 280 mini/micro breweries in the Czech Republic.

Collagen casings
Using sophisticated processing procedure, the most modern technologies and high requirements for all processes, the Czech Republic is a leading and traditional producer of number of quality collagen casings, e.g. for meat, poultry and dairy products. Products of universal nature are suitable for processing technologies in all types of filling machines. Together with the Czech beer, these products are exported to the largest number of countries. For instance, “Klornický trek” (mature cheese made of skimmed non-fat milk produced in Klomnice) or Kralovická Niva (Blue cheese produced in Southern Bohemia).

Pure-bred cattle
Czech Fleckvieh cattle is a native breed to the territory of Central Europe and has excellent characteristics and widespread at the world. The breeding goals are focused on high-quality and economical production of milk and meat. Export of breeding material is being carried out in forms of live breeding animals (breed- ing bulls, heifers), as well as semen or embryos. The Czech Republic strictly controls keeping high level of sanitary and hygienic standards and any guarantee veterinary safety of subsequent production.

Forage, grass and vegetable seed
A broad range of grass, forage and vegetable seeds is produced in the country which can be adjusted to any market demands. Seeds come from recognized areas and their quality is guaranteed by relevant certifications. The Czech Republic is able to offer not only very detailed seed-competent breeding program, but it can also provide necessary consulting services. About 40 companies produce forage and grass seed in the Czech Republic and additional 5 companies are involved in the production of seeds for vegetables, as well as a large number of independent small farmers and gardeners.

Dairy products
The wide range of high quality dairy products is being manufactured in the Czech Republic from which about 40% are being exported to 80 countries. The range of products has no export geographical limits and includes following ones: UHT milk and cream, powdered milk, condensed milk, a variety of cheeses, including processed cheese of specific types like white Akawi, desserts and cottage cheese spreads, butter, fermented milk products, whey etc. The Czech Republic also leads several EU protected geographical indications – for instance “Olomoucický tvrzený” (mature cheese made of skimmed non-fat milk produced in Olomouc) or Jihočeská Niva (Blue cheese produced in Southern Bohemia).
THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Basic statistic data (2014)
The area of 78,867 km² = 7,887,000 ha
Population 10,538,275 (1. 1. 2015)
The share of agriculture in GDP – 3 %
The number of workers in agriculture, forestry and fisheries – 4 %

Main indicators of the agrarian sector (2014)
Farmland (in ’000 ha) – 4,264 – 54 % of the area
Arable land (in ’000 ha) - 2,978 – 38 % of the area
Forests (in ’000 ha) – 2,666 - 33.8 % of the area
Permanent grassland (in ’000 ha) - 997
Hop gardens (in ’000 ha) - 10
Vineyards (in ’000 ha) - 20
Orchards (in ’000 ha) - 20
The number of agricultural farms in the Czech Republic – 48,000 (2013)
The number of food processing companies in the Czech Republic – 9,188 (2013)

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