

## Commentary

The agricultural area recorded in the Areas under Crops Survey 2021 accounts for 3 530 thous. ha, i.e. by 6 thous. ha more than in 2020. The arable land area reaches 2 477 thous. ha in total; it went down by 9 thous. ha compared to the previous year. The share of arable land in the total agricultural area is 70.2%. Permanent grasslands cover 1 006 thous. ha, i.e. by 16 thous. ha more (by 1.6%) than in the previous year. Their proportion in the total agricultural area is 28.5%. Fallow land area accounts for 25 thous. ha; it increased by 820 ha (by 3.4%) since 2020 and now it shares 1.0% of the total arable land surveyed.

Cereals are grown on 54.4% of the total area under crops; 28.9% of the area under crops is devoted to winter wheat as the most widespread one. Root crops represent 3.4% of the area under crops, oil seed crops 18.0% (of which rape shares 77.4% of the oil seed crops total), and arable fodder crops cover 20.7% of the total area under crops (of which annual ones 11.6%).

The area planted with cereals covers 1 334 thous. ha, i.e. by 2 thous. ha less than in 2020. Pulses are sown on 43 thous. ha, i.e. by 6 thous. ha more compared to 2020. Root crops share 84 thous. ha, i.e. by 413 ha more in comparison with 2020. Potatoes are planted on 23 thous. ha in the frame of agricultural sector (by 1 thous. ha less than in 2020) while their estimated area for households' production is 6 thous. ha. A decrease was observed for oil seed crops whose current area is 442 thous. ha; it went down by 8 thous. ha since 2020. The area of industrial crops decreased since 2020 by 7 thous. ha to 450 thous. ha. Arable fodder crops cover 507 thous. ha, i.e. by 9 thous. ha less than in 2020.