

## Commentary

The agricultural area recorded in the Areas under Crops Survey 2023 accounts for 3 534 thous. ha, i.e. by 4 thous. ha more than in 2022. The arable land area reaches 2 524 thous. ha in total; it went up by 43 thous. ha compared to the previous year. The share of arable land in the total agricultural area is 71.4%. Permanent grasslands cover 968 thous. ha, i.e. by 34 thous. ha less (by 3.4%) than in the previous year. Their proportion in the total agricultural area is 27.4%. Fallow land area accounts for 108 thous. ha; it increased by 83 thous. ha since 2022 due to changed conditions for subsidies in agriculture and now it shares 4.3% of the total arable land surveyed.

Cereals are grown on 54.9% of the total area under crops; 32.2% of the area under crops is devoted to winter wheat as the most widespread one. Root crops represent 3.3% of the area under crops, oil seed crops 19.5% (of which rape shares 80.8% of the oil seed crops total), and arable fodder crops cover 18.8% of the total area under crops.

The area planted with cereals covers 1 327 thous. ha, i.e. by 59 thous. ha less than in 2022. Pulses are sown on 52 thous. ha, i.e. by 6 thous. ha more compared to 2022. Root crops share 80 thous. ha, i.e. by 384 ha less in comparison with 2022. Potatoes are planted on 21 thous. ha in the frame of agricultural sector (by 1 thous. ha less than in 2022) and their estimated area for households' production is 6 thous. ha. An increase was observed for oil seed crops whose current area is 470 thous. ha; it went up by 33 thous. ha since 2022. The area of industrial crops increased since 2022 by 32 thous. ha to 477 thous. ha. Arable fodder crops cover 455 thous. ha, i.e. by 12 thous. ha less than in 2022.