

Commentary

The acreage of agricultural area, screened under sowing areas survey in the year 2011, is 3 504 thous. ha, it is by 20 thous. ha down (- 0,6 %) matching the year 2010. The acreage of arable land is 2 516 thous. ha, it is by 24 thous. ha down (- 1,0 %) matching 2010. Share of arable land in total agricultural land is 71,8 %. Permanent grassland occupies 942 thous. ha and it is by 6 thous. ha (+ 0,6 %) higher than in the last year. The proportion of permanent grassland in total agricultural area is 26,9 %. Acreage of set-aside arable land and fallow land on the level of 28 thous. ha is lower by 17 thous. ha (- 37,2 %), it means 1,1 % of total arable land surveyed.

Cereals are grown on 59,0 % of total sowing areas (58,4 % of arable land) of which the most extensive one, winter wheat occupies 32,4 % of sowing areas. Root plants have been located on 3,4 %, oleaginous plants on 18,7 % (of which rape occupies 15,0 %), plants harvested green on arable land 17,0 % (of which annual represent 9,8 %) of total sowing areas.

Sowing areas with cereals cover 1 468 thous. ha, it is by 9 thous. ha higher (+ 0,6 %) than in 2010. Legumes are cultivated on 22 thous. ha and it is by 9 thous. ha (- 28,7 %) lower matching 2010. Root crops occupy 85 thous. ha and it is more by 869 ha in comparison with 2010. An decrease of sowing areas was reported by oleaginous plants which acreage is 464 thous. ha, it means by 26 thous. ha less than in 2010. Also industrial plants have decreased sowing area on 475 thous. ha, it is by 25 thous. ha less than in the year 2010. Plants harvested green on arable land occupy the acreage of 423 thous. ha and it is by 17 thous. ha up matching 2010.