

Commentary

The area of agricultural land as recorded in the Areas under Crops Survey 2015 accounts for 3 494 thous. ha, i.e. by 22 thous. ha less (-0.6 %) than in 2014. The arable land area reaches 2 492 thous. ha in total; it went up by 4 thous. ha (+0.2 %) compared to 2014. The share of arable land in the total agricultural land is 71.3 %. Permanent grasslands cover 958 thous. ha, i.e. by 23 thous. ha (-2.3 %) less than in the previous year. The proportion of permanent grassland in the total agricultural area is 27.4 %. Fallow land area accounts for 35 thous. ha. It increased by 13 thous. ha (+59.5 %) since 2014 and now it shares 1.4 % of the total arable land surveyed.

Cereals are grown on 57.1 % of the total sowing area (56.3 % of arable land); out of them, winter wheat as the most widespread one shares 31.7 % of the sowing area. Root crops represent 3.3 % of the sowing area, oil seed crops 18.1 % (of which rape shares 82.1 % of the oil seed crops total), and plants harvested green on arable land cover 18.6 % (of which 61.3 % for annual ones) of the total sowing area.

The sowing areas planted with cereals cover 1 403 thous. ha, i.e. by 8 thous. ha (-0.6 %) less than in 2014. Pulses are cultivated on 33 thous. ha, i.e. by 13 thous. ha more compared to 2014. Root crops share 81 thous. ha, i.e. by 6 thous. ha less in comparison with 2014. Potatoes are planted on 23 thous. ha in the frame of agricultural sector while households grow them on approximately 7 thous. ha. A decrease was noted for oleaginous plants whose current area is 446 thous. ha; it means it went down by 18 thous. ha since 2014. The sowing area of industrial plants decreased since 2014 as well by 18 thous. ha to 454 thous. ha. Plants harvested green on arable land cover 458 thous. ha, i.e. by 6 thous. ha more than in 2014.