

Commentary

The acreage of agricultural area screened under sowing areas survey is 3 524 thous. ha, it is by 22 thous. ha down (- 0,6 %) matching the year 2009. The acreage of arable land is 2 540 thous. ha, it is by 33 thous. ha down (- 1,3 %) matching 2009. Share of arable land in total agricultural land is 72,1 %. Permanent grassland occupies 936 thous. ha and it is by 11 thous. ha (+ 1,2 %) higher than in the last year. The proportion of permanent grassland in total agricultural area is 26,6 %. Acreage of set-aside arable land is more by 17 thous. ha (+ 58,0 %), it is 1,8 % of total arable land under survey.

Cereals are grown on 58,5 % of total sowing areas (57,5 % of arable land) of which the most extensive one, winter wheat occupies 31,5 % of sowing areas. Root plants have been located on 3,4 %, oleaginous plants on 19,6 % (of which rape occupies 14,8 %), fodder crops on arable land 16,3 % (of which annual represent 9,0 %) of total sowing areas.

Sowing areas with cereals cover 1 460 thous. ha, it is by 69 thous. ha down (- 4,5 %) than in 2009. Legumes are cultivated on 31 thous. ha and it is by 2 thous. ha plus matching 2009. Root crops occupy 84 thous. ha and it is more by 2 thous. ha in comparison with 2009. An increase of sowing areas was reported by oleaginous plants which acreage is 490 thous. ha, it means by 4 thous. ha more than in 2009. Also industrial plants have increased sowing area on 500 thous. ha, it is by 6 thous. ha more than in the year 2009. Fodder plants on arable land occupy the acreage of 406 thous. ha and it is by 10 thous. ha up matching 2009.