

## Commentary

The agricultural area recorded in the Areas under Crops Survey 2020 accounts for 3 524 thous. ha, i.e. by 212 ha more than in 2019. The arable land area reaches 2 486 thous. ha in total; it went down by 542 ha compared to the previous year. The share of arable land in the total agricultural area is 70.5%. Permanent grasslands cover 990 thous. ha, i.e. by 2 thous. ha less (by 0.2%) than in the previous year. Their proportion in the total agricultural area is 28.1%. Fallow land area accounts for 24 thous. ha; it decreased by 700 ha (by 2.8%) since 2019 and now it shares 1.0% of the total arable land surveyed.

Cereals are grown on 54.3% of the total sowing area; 31.5% of the sowing area is devoted to winter wheat as the most widespread one. Root crops represent 3.4% of the sowing area, oil seed crops 18.3% (of which rape shares 81.8% of the oil seed crops total), and arable fodder crops cover 20.9% of the total sowing area (of which annual ones 12.0%).

The sowing area planted with cereals covers 1 336 thous. ha, i.e. by 17 thous. ha less than in 2019. Pulses are sown on 37 thous. ha, i.e. by 4 thous. ha more compared to 2019. Root crops share 84 thous. ha, i.e. by 1 thous. ha more in comparison with 2019. Potatoes are planted on 24 thous. ha in the frame of agricultural sector (by 1 thous. ha more than in 2019) while their estimated area for households' production is 6 thous. ha. A decrease was observed for oil seed crops whose current area is 450 thous. ha; it went down by 5 thous. ha since 2019. The sowing area of industrial plants decreased since 2019 as well: by 5 thous. ha to 457 thous. ha. Arable fodder crops cover 515 thous. ha, i.e. by 17 thous. ha more than in 2019.