

Commentary

The agricultural area recorded in the Areas under Crops Survey 2022 accounts for 3 530 thous. ha, i.e. by 627 ha more than in 2021. The arable land area reaches 2 481 thous. ha in total; it went up by 4 thous. ha compared to the previous year. The share of arable land in the total agricultural area is 70.3%. Permanent grasslands cover 1 003 thous. ha, i.e. by 3 thous. ha less (by 0.3%) than in the previous year. Their proportion in the total agricultural area is 28.4%. Fallow land area accounts for 26 thous. ha; it increased by 878 ha (by 3.5%) since 2021 and now it shares 1.0% of the total arable land surveyed.

Cereals are grown on 56.4% of the total area under crops; 32.6% 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 17.8% (of which rape shares 78.7% of the oil seed crops total), and arable fodder crops cover 19.0% of the total area under crops (of which annual ones 10.5%).

The area planted with cereals covers 1 386 thous. ha, i.e. by 51 thous. ha more than in 2021. Pulses are sown on 46 thous. ha, i.e. by 3 thous. ha more compared to 2021. Root crops share 80 thous. ha, i.e. by 4 thous. ha less in comparison with 2021. Potatoes are planted on 22 thous. ha in the frame of agricultural sector (by 1 thous. ha less than in 2021) while their estimated area for households' production is 6 thous. ha. A decrease was observed for oil seed crops whose current area is 437 thous. ha; it went down by 5 thous. ha since 2021. The area of industrial crops decreased since 2021 by 5 thous. ha to 445 thous. ha. Arable fodder crops cover 467 thous. ha, i.e. by 39 thous. ha less than in 2021.