

Commentary

The agricultural area recorded in the Survey on Sown Areas 2024 accounts for 3 535 thous. ha, i.e. by 196 ha more than in 2023. The arable land area reaches 2 525 thous. ha in total; it went up by 1 thous. ha compared to the previous year. The share of arable land in the total agricultural area is 71.4%. Permanent grasslands cover 969 thous. ha, i.e. by 360 ha more than in the previous year. Their proportion in the total agricultural area is 27.4%. Fallow land area accounts for 109 thous. ha; it increased by 1 thous. ha since 2023 and now it shares 4.3% of the total arable land surveyed.

Cereals are grown on 53.6% of the total sown area; 30.9% of the sown area is devoted to winter wheat as the most widespread one. Root crops represent 3.7% of the sown area, oil seed crops 18.1% (of which rape seed shares 78.3% of the oil seed crops total), and arable fodder crops cover 20.6% of the total sown area.

The area planted with cereals covers 1 296 thous. ha, i.e. by 31 thous. ha less than in 2023. Pulses are sown on 59 thous. ha, i.e. by 7 thous. ha more compared to 2023. Root crops share 89 thous. ha, i.e. by 9 thous. ha more in comparison with 2023. Potatoes are planted on 23 thous. ha in the frame of agricultural sector (by 2 thous. ha more than in 2023) and their estimated area for households' production is 6 thous. ha. A decrease was observed for oil seed crops whose current area is 438 thous. ha; it went down by 32 thous. ha since 2023. The area of industrial crops decreased since 2023 by 31 thous. ha to 446 thous. ha. Arable fodder crops cover 498 thous. ha, i.e. by 43 thous. ha more than in 2023.