

Commentary

The acreage of agricultural area screened under sowing areas survey is 3 546 thous. ha, it is by 26 thous. ha down (- 0,7 %) matching the year 2008. The acreage of arable land is 2 574 thous. ha, it is by 18 thous. ha down (- 0,7 %) matching 2008. Share of arable land in total agricultural land is 72,6 %. Permanent grassland occupy 925 thous. ha and it is by 8 thous. ha (- 0,8 %) under than in last year. The proportion of permanent grassland in total agricultural area is 26,1 %. Acreage of set-aside arable land is more by 5 thous. ha (+ 22,0 %), it is 1,1 % of total arable land under survey.

Cereals are grown on 60,0 % of total sowing areas (59,4 % of arable land) of which the most extensive one, winter wheat occupies 31,2 % of sowing areas. Root plants have been located on 3,2 %, oleaginous plants on 19,1 % (of which rape occupies 13,9 %), fodder crops on arable land 15,6 % (of which perennial ones 7,1 %) of total sowing areas.

Sowing areas with cereals cover 1 528 thous. ha, it is by 25 thous. ha down (- 1,6 %) than in 2008. Legumes are cultivated on 29 thous. ha and it is by 7 thous. ha plus matching 2008. Root crops occupy 82 thous. ha and it is more by 1 thous. ha in comparison with 2008. An increase of sowing areas was reported by oleaginous plants which acreage is 487 thous. ha, it means by 3 thous. ha more than in 2008. Also industrial plants have increased sowing area on 494 thous. ha, it is by 4 thous. ha more than in the year 2008. Fodder plants on arable land occupy the acreage of 397 thous. ha and it is by 9 thous. ha down matching 2008.