

## Commentary

The area of agricultural land as recorded in the Areas under Crops Survey 2014 accounts for 3 516 thous. ha, i.e. by 5 thous. ha less (-0.2 %) than in 2013. The arable land area reaches 2 489 thous. ha in total; it went down by 12 thous. ha (-0.5 %) compared to 2013. The share of arable land in the total agricultural land is 70.8 %. Permanent grasslands cover 981 thousand ha, i.e. by 7 thous. ha (+0.7 %) more than in the last year. The proportion of permanent grassland in the total agricultural area is 27.9 %. Fallow land area accounts for 22 thous. ha. It decreased by 2 thous. ha (-7.5 %) since 2013 and now it shares 0.9 % of the total arable land surveyed.

Cereals are grown on 57.2 % of the total sowing area (56.7 % of arable land); out of them, winter wheat as the most widespread one shares 32.0 % of the sowing area. Root crops represent 3.5 % of the sowing area, oil seed crops 18.8 % (of which rape shares 83.9 % of the oil seed crops total), and plants harvested green on arable land cover 18.3 % (of which 62.7 % for annual ones) of the total sowing area.

The sowing areas planted with cereals cover 1 411 thous. ha, i.e. by 17 thous. ha (-1.2 %) less than in 2013. Pulses are cultivated on 20 thous. ha, i.e. by 2 thous. ha more compared with 2013. Root crops share 87 thous. ha, i.e. by 1 thous. ha more in comparison with 2013. Potatoes are planted on 24 thous. ha in the frame of agricultural sector while households grow them on approximately 6 thous. ha. A decrease was noted for oleaginous plants whose current area is 464 thous. ha; it means it went down by 23 thous. ha since 2013. The sowing area of industrial plants decreased since 2013 as well, namely by 22 thous. ha to 473 thousand ha. Plants harvested green on arable land cover 452 thous. ha, i.e. by 16 thous. ha more than in 2013.