

## **46. Agriculture – types of agricultural land**

Types of agricultural land refer to the share of individual agricultural soil type in total farming area. It could be:

- *Arable land (Plough land)*
- *Grasslands*
- *Land with mixed crops*
- *Permanent coppice*
- *Suburban agricultural land*

### **Arable land**

= *in lowlands, hollow basins and uplands*

- ❑ lack of trees
- ❑ high population density
- the share of plough land is >60%
- growing of cereals, technical crops and fodder crops

Examples: Podunajská nížina, Východoslovenská nížina, Žilinská kotlina, Hungarian lowlands, etc.

### **Grasslands**

= *in deforested areas where particular forests have been artificially (by man) replaced by grass*

- ❑ more trees than in arable lands (gardens, small forests)
- ❑ land is covered by shrubs mostly
- ❑ sparsely populated areas
- rearing of cattle and sheep
- tourism

Examples: Caucasus mts., Malá and Veľká Fatra, Slovenský kras (karst), West Tatras, etc.

### **Land with mixed crops**

= *areas with changing forests, plough land, grasslands and settlements*

- ❑ mountainous relief
- ❑ traditional mining regions
- ❑ regions colonized in the past by other nations (Walachian colonization)

Examples: dispersed settlements in Biele Karpaty, Javorníky, Kysucká vrchovina, Štiavnické vrchy, etc.

### **Permanent coppice**

= vast areas with forests, vineyards, fruit groves, gardens, plantations, hop-fields, etc.

- ❑ it includes countries specializing to permanent coppice, e.g. Honduras, Costa Rica = bananas
- ❑ other examples of commodities: rubber, cocoa, coffee, sugar cane, etc.

Examples: Malé Karpaty, Juhoslovenská kotlina, Východoslovenská nížina, Nigeria, Brazil, etc.

### **Suburban agricultural land**

= around towns and cities

- ❑ circular character, very often along major road or river
- ❑ it concerns mainly with the production of meat, milk, vegetables, fruits, flowers to supply the city population

### **Keywords**

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