Water resources management in rural areas is a very important factor that affects the process of restructuring in Polish agriculture. The quality and quantity of water resources depend on agriculture activity, but on the other hand, water resources influence the intensification of plant production. It is necessary to change the methods of water management in rural areas to fulfill the requirements of European Framework Water Directive and some other Directives concerning environmental protection.

Water management should be an element stimulating multifunctional development of rural areas.

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