PROBLEMS IN QUALIFYING PERMANENT GRASSLANDS TO LESS FAVOURED AREAS IN THE "PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS"

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Summary

The paper indicates possibly available subsidies associated with the use or afforestation of permanent grasslands according to the "Plan for the development of rural areas" and the Decree of EC No. 1257/1999. Criteria for selection and division of zones in less favoured areas (LFA) are discussed in details. Recommended evaluation indices of agricultural productive space and a possibility of selecting LFA based upon the Act on Agricultural Taxes of 1984 in relation to agricultural usefulness of soils on permanent grasslands are indicated. A method of calculating absolute indices of agricultural usefulness of soils tested in 16 voivodships and 4 tax regions is presented.

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