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TENDENCIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIC FARMING IN LESSER POLAND VOIVODESHIP

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Summary

The goal of this elaboration was to analyze the development of organic farming in Lesser Poland Voivodeship in the years 2000–2014 r. basing on the number of organic farms (data available until 2000.) and area of organic farming (data available from 2001). The analysis was performed on the basis of results published in annual reports IJHARS of organic farming in Poland. Until 2009 systematic increase in the number of organic farms (up to 2 219 pcs.) was registered within the voivodeship. Until 2008 the area of organic farming increased and reached 22 654 ha. Over the years, these values were reduced and the number of farms was 1 419 in 2014, and the area of organic farming was 15 520 ha. The changes concerning the number and area were in fact slightly different as regards the whole country: the number of farms systematically increased up to 25 944 pcs. until 2012, but in the years 2012–2014 it remained at a similar level. The area of organic farming was increased until 2012 (661 687 ha) and stabilized in the next two years. The downward trend of changes in organic farming Lesser Poland Voivodeship has been confirmed statistically (negative value of $y$).