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THE SIZE OF THE EXTERNAL PATCHWORK OF FIELDS AS AN INDICATOR OF THE NEED FOR LAND CONSOLIDATION AND EXCHANGE IN THE VILLAGES OF THE COMMUNE OF DRZEWICA

Abstract

Land consolidation and exchange have a significant impact on improving the spatial structure of rural areas in Poland. Given the fact that agricultural areas in different regions of Poland are characterized by different spatial and technical parameters and different legal and land-ownership-related conditions, it is necessary to conduct investigations and analyses focused on selecting the optimum features describing a given area. As demonstrated by previous studies, the areas located in central Poland are characterized by a defective land ownership pattern with an external patchwork of fields. Therefore, it is necessary to carry out studies to determine the size of that external patchwork of land ownership and to propose solutions for its liquidation. The analyses reported in this article clearly show that in the area studied, priority should be given to land exchange followed by land consolidation.

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