

Name of the indicator	<b>2.4.1 Percentage of agricultural areas covered by direct payments</b>
Sustainable Development Goal	Goal 2. Zero hunger
Target	2.4 By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality
Definition	Percentage of agricultural areas covered by direct payments.
Unit	%
Available dimensions	total
Methodological explanations	<p><b>Direct payments</b> were introduced in 1992 under the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) by Raymond MacSharry, the Commissioner for Agriculture at the European Commission of that time. As a result of the successive CAP reforms, direct payments have become an important policy instrument, responsible for the support and stabilization of agricultural incomes, the maintenance of agricultural land in good agricultural condition consistent with environmental protection. It is also an instrument which helps to meet the new challenges of natural resources protection, climate change, water management, biodiversity and renewable energy.</p> <p>Land receiving direct payments is the land in which agricultural activity is conducted.</p> <p>Farmers receive direct payments in the whole amount if they maintain the agricultural land in good agricultural condition, in accordance with environmental protection (GAEC), meet environmental animal identification and registration (A area) requirements, and also in the scope of public health, animal and plants health (B area) and animal welfare (C area). The above standards and requirements constitute one mechanism called cross-compliance.</p> <p>The necessity of implementation the aforementioned activities require a sustainable management of the land (mainly in the environmental aspect).</p>
Source of data	Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture / Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development / Statistics Poland
Data availability	Annual data; since 2010
Notes	Proxy indicator, available within the Polish public statistics. An original indicator, adopted by the UN for monitoring target 2.4 of the 2030 Agenda is: 2.4.1 Proportion of agricultural area under productive and sustainable agriculture