Abstract:

The paper presents conditions that contributed to development of agri-producer groups in Poland. The major part of the paper describes results of empirical research conducted in 62 agriproducer groups in Poland on the threshold of 2000 and 2001. These results indicate many advantages achieved by farmers taking up integrated actions. They are mainly: gaining new sale markets, improvement in the quality of offered products, assuring regular supplies and proper preparation of products for sale. Moreover, members' farms have undergone changes, which contribute to increase of competitiveness of Polish farms. The paper also presents regulations and laws that determine establishing and works of agri-producer groups and producer organisations in Poland.