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The article is a synthesis of a study being prepared in the Mazovian Office of Regional Planning in Warsaw (MBPR), aimed to examining the changes that have occurred in recent years in agriculture and rural areas of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship.

The study was mainly conducted on the basis of the Agricultural Censuses of 2002 and 2020. It covered, for comparability, issues characterizing agriculture and rural areas of Mazovia, devoting particular attention to the problems of agricultural specializations related to plant and animal production, transformations in the agrarian structure of farms, or changes in the structure of agricultural land in the region. Selected issues related to the rural population were also addressed, including the labour market, demographic processes. Attempts were made to determine whether significant transformations occurred in these areas during the analysed years. The article presents and discusses the spatial distribution of the studied issues and emerging trends in the region's agriculture, supplemented, where appropriate, with methodological remarks.

The article is enriched with numerous graphs and cartograms depicting the results of the conducted analyses. The main source of information used in the study is data from the Statistics Poland presented in the Local Data Bank (mainly by the seat of the farm)<sup>16</sup>, analyses included in the study Changes in the agriculture of Mazovia in 2002-2010 [Zmiany w rolnictwie Mazowsza w latach 2002-2010] published as part of the series MAZOVIA. Analyses and Studies, as well as other publications and industry materials. The conducted analysis is a component of monitoring the development policy of agriculture and rural areas in Mazovia, as expressed in the main strategic documents of the region, i.e. the Development Strategy and the Spatial Development Plan of the Voivodeship. The results of the analyses carried out as part of the study can be useful during the specification and verification of the ongoing regional policy.

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