## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis deals with the issue of protection of agricultural land fund in order to define the various legal instruments and try to evaluate the current legislation in relation to the protection of quality and especially the quantity of agricultural land. The agricultural land is one of the most valuable types of land, representing about 54 percent of the total area of the Czech Republic which, however, has been quite negatively affected by interventions causing its loss and deterioration of its quality for decades. Legal instruments should thus be an effective means of averting and preventing growing interference with agricultural land as one of the components of the environment. The aim of this work is to evaluate the legal instruments by which agricultural land can by most affected and thus protected.

The whole work is divided into four chapters, the key ones being the last three dealing with the subject of the work itself, ie the protection of the agricultural land, which has been increasingly affected by increasing and accelerating degradation processes in recent years. The first chapter characterizes the key and basic concepts of land and agricultural land which are the basic for the following chapters, and then contains the main sources of land protection legislation, not only national but also international and European. The second chapter is devoted to the qualitative protection of the agricultural land fund which defines the legal instruments used to protect quality, and also the conditions for farming on agricultural land. The third defines the legal means, especially economic legal instruments, used to protect the land from its occupation, respectively reducing its area and then using it for non-agricultural purposes. This chapter is followed by a final chapter containing the issue of spatial planning and land use which have a significant impact on land condition through the regulation of land use, especially in the area of its quantity when their tools, respectively prescribed documentation, are used to create an idea of the future condition and development of the territory to which they apply.