

A lot of changes have taken place in Czechia during the 20th century, the impact of World War I and the independence of Czechia, the results of World War II, 40 years under the impact of Communism, the political revolution of 1989 and admission to European integration in 2004. Each of these events reflects another phase of socioeconomic development and political climates and environmental changes as well and each of the periods has meant great intervention into Czech agriculture, fruit growing and landscape.

The main aim of this diploma thesis is analyzing and interpretation of the most serious problems of fruit growing in Litoměřice region and the historical-geographical analysis and interpretation of the development in land use changes from the first half of the 19th century in a case area of this region. To analyze development in land use changes the database LUCS Czechia was used. The database includes detailed data of 8 basic and 3 summary categories about the land use status in the years of 1845, 1948, 1990, 2000 on the level of comparable territorial units (these are the cadastral territories, eventually several connected cadastrals). For detailed analysis I used maps from year 1845.

The next part of my thesis is about Common agricultural policy and its payment to Czech farmers in general, and in the model areas, to farmers of fruit growing, in particular. I carried out conduct interviews with farmers and did a field survey in modal areas. In the final part of my work, upon the analysis, I created a SWOT analysis of agricultural production in the Litoměřice region, also proposing the perspectives of the agriculture in the observed region.