

INDICATOR DATA SHEET

Indicator: "Arable Land" Change

Category: Environment

Theme: Land/Soil

Type: State

Definition:

This indicator is defined as the ratio of the area of arable land in a year X_n over the area of the arable land in a reference year X_0 .

* Arable land is land given over to temporary crops, temporary meadows for mowing or grazing, land under market and kitchen gardens and land temporarily fallow.

Unit: Percentage

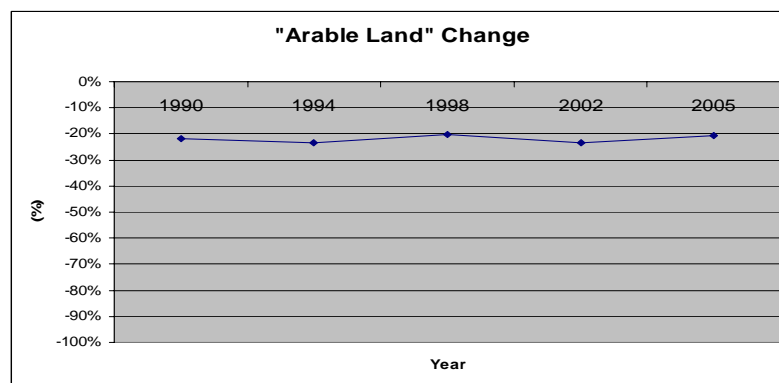
Calculation Method

$\frac{\text{Area of arable land in year } X_n}{\text{Area of arable land in year } X_0}$

Data Needed	Source
Arable land area	Ministry of Agriculture
	Green Plan
	FAO
	NCRS

Frequency for Updating:
 4 Years

Comments:
 Arable land in 1970 was 235,000 ha (FAOSTAT 2008)



Year	Arable Land (ha)	% Change Compared to 1970
1990	183,000	-22%
1994	180,000	-23.4%
1998	187,000	-20.4%
2002	180,000	-23.4%
2005	186,000	-20.8%

Source of data/year: FAOSTAT 2008

Geographic coverage: National

