

## Current Agronomy

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Keywords,  
Introduction,  
Materials and methods,  
Results,  
Discussion,  
Conclusions,  
References.

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Keywords,  
Introduction,  
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Madej A., 2019. Biodiversity of the cropping system in Poland's family farms with various production strategies in terms of the requirements of the Common Agricultural Policy. Polish Journal of Agronomy, 38: 46-51, doi: 10.26114/pja.iung.397.2019.38.06.

– **books or articles from books**

Doroszewska T., Berbeć A., Czarnecka D., Kawka M., 2013. Diseases and pests of tobacco. Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation – State Research Institute, Puławy, Poland, ISBN 978-83-7562-154-9, 222 pp.

Warant W., 2018. Avoiding lodging in overfertilized wheat. pp. 12-18. In: Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) – future challenges; Romala H. (ed.), NewAgrix EO, Wrocław, Poland.

– **articles from conference proceedings**

Debaene G., Niedźwiecki J., Pecio A., 2013. Reducing cost of soil mapping using VIS-NIRS technology. pp. 21-23. Conference materials of the International Conference „Protection of soil functions – challenges for the future”, 15-18 October 2013, Puławy, Poland.

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