

SUMMARY

The change of Papilė valsčius villages economy and landscape in the 20th cent.

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The former farming state and country landscape change in Papilė valsčius territory in the 20th cent. are analysed in the paper. This period is divided into 3 terms: 1) since the beginning of the century till 1940; 2) the term of occupations (1940–1990) and 3) the 20th cent. second Independence term (since 1990). The mentioned last term is analyzed by other authors in a separate paper of this publication.

The analysis the 1930 universal agriculture census results allow to state that the agriculture of Papilė valsčius in the Interwar Lithuania period was of similar level in comparison with other Lithuania's middle level "valsčiai" (boroughs).

During the soviet period the analyzed territory underwent great farming system, fields division and settlement system changes. That was caused mostly by land-draining reclamation works. The number of individual farms with their green plantations greatly decreased, few agrarian small groves and other perennial vegetation lots remained. The majority of village people already lived not in individual farms settlements.

The structure formed during four decades after World War II was begun to be reformed once more after the reestablished Lithuania's independence in 1990.