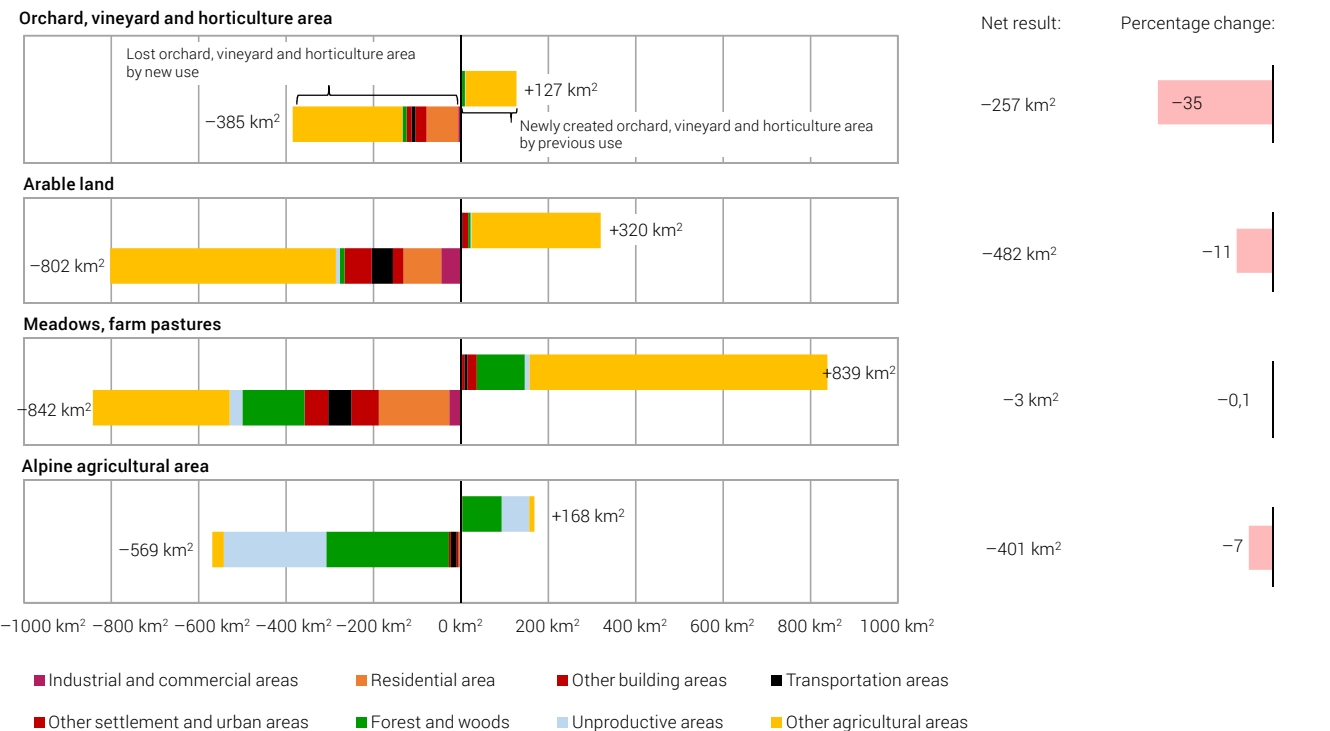


Growth in the different types of agricultural area, 1985–2018

Lost agricultural areas by new use – newly created agricultural areas by previous use – net change



Reading aid, arable land: Between 1985 and 2018, new arable land was created on an area totalling 320 km². This gain in area was largely at the cost of other agricultural types of use. Between 1985 and 2018, area gains were offset by losses totalling 802 km². In 2018, 516 km² of the lost arable land continued to be used for agriculture, the remainder was mostly (266 km²) converted to different types of settlement area (industrial and commercial areas, residential area, other building areas, and transportation areas). If we deduct the losses in area from the gains (net result), we see that arable land during the period declined by a net area of 482 km². This is a change of -11%.