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Land use in Switzerland 1985-2009: evaluations and analyses

### **Changes to the landscape reflect an evolving economy and society**

Neuchâtel, 09.03.2015 (FSO) – **Within 24 years, the per-capita and per-job settlement area has increased by an average of 6.5%. However, there are considerable regional differences. Residential areas alone increased by 44%, twice as quickly as the population. At 2.2 m<sup>2</sup> per second, cultivated land loss in the plain region is twice the national average. These are some of the results from the in-depth analyses of the Land Use Statistics, conducted by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) as a contribution to the International Year of Soils.**

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