

**CONDITION AND EXPLOITATION OF AGRICULTURAL RECLAIMED LAND IN  
THE REPUBLIC OF KARELIA**

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The paper shows that the main part of Karelia is covered with wetlands. These soils need drainage reclamation in order to improve water-air regime of the soils and make them available for the farmland industry. The analysis of the current state of agricultural lands in Karelia and the results of the reclaimed lands inventory are presented. It is revealed that at the present time only 44.6% of available reclaimed lands are used in the farmland industry. There is an indication that further degradation and cultivated land elimination can lead to complete stagnation of the agricultural industry of the region. Prospects of further development of farmland in the region are listed.

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