

Prekmurje Agricultural Terminology in the Dolinsko Region¹

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V prispevku predstavljamo narečno kmetijsko izrazje za poimenovanje kmečkega orodja, pridelkov, dela na polju in v hlevu v govoru Črenšovcev na Dolinskem v Prekmurju. Gre za raziskavo tematsko zamejenega besedišča, zbranega s terenskimi raziskavami s pomočjo tematskih vprašalnic, slikovnega gradiva in pripovedi informatorjev. Zajeto je staro besedje, ki izginja in ki ga pozna le še najstarejša generacija govorcev, pa tudi sodobno besedje, ki ga je na to področje primela sodobna tehnika in ki se ga oprijema mlajša generacija govorcev.

The paper presents the dialectal vocabulary of agricultural items in Črenšovci in the Dolinsko region of Prekmurje, with a focus on agricultural tools, crops, as well as field and stable work. The study is based on a thematically defined vocabulary gathered through field-work and with the help of questionnaires, pictures and informants' narratives. It includes archaic vocabulary that is gradually disappearing and is known only to the oldest generation of speakers, as well as the contemporary vocabulary that has been introduced along with the modern technology and is used by the younger generation of speakers.

Ključne besede: dialektologija, panonska narečna skupina, prekmursko narečje, poljedelska terminologija

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Introduction

New developments and changes in all areas of social life are reflected as a matter of course in the rural environment. Lifestyles are changing rapidly, with repercussions for the vocabulary of each dialect – the form and meaning of words have changed, and certain vocabulary strata are increasingly disappearing. It would be a pity to see them disappear completely. This paper presents the vocabulary of agricultural tools, crops, field labour and stable work, which has been gathered through field work and with the help of questionnaires,² pictures and informants' narratives in the Prekmurje village of Črenšovci.

The dialect of Črenšovci, a village first documented in 1322 as *Chremsouc* (Zelko 1982: 26), is classified according to Slovene dialectology as belonging to the Prekmurje Dolinsko region subdialect. This subdialect is spoken in the south of Prekmurje along the Mura River; up the Ledava River and in Porabje, the Goričko subdialect prevails, and from Cankova across Murska Sobota all the way to Filovci and Kobilje, the Prekmurje Ravensko region subdialect is spoken. Zinka Zorko (1998: 42) differentiates these according to elements of recent Prekmurje dialect development: (1) various acoustic realizations for the long and short *a*; in the Goričko and Ravensko subdialect, both short and unstressed *a* are rounded, whereas in the Dolinsko subdialect, the influence of the Prleško dialect results in the rounding of the long *a* into *o*: /å/; both short stressed and unstressed *a* remain open vowels; (2) development of the final *-l* into *-o* in the Goričko and Ravensko subdialect and into *-u* in the Dolinsko subdialect; and (3) pronunciation of the sonorant *j* in the Dolinsko and in the east part of the Ravensko subdialect as *j*, in other parts of the region pronounced as *dj*, *g*, *k*, or *dž*.³ Older phonetic and morphological developments remain rather uniform.

Dialectal Agricultural Terminology

Analogous to other fields, dialectal agricultural terminology is dual in nature: on the one hand, it entails specific monosemantic words referring exclusively to objects or activities in the field of agriculture; on the other hand, it is part of general vocabulary, manifesting characteristics of general use and can be semantically or morphologically modified (Cf. Jež 1997: 212).

The dialectal terminology extracted from transcribed texts and complemented by informant interviews is presented in the form of vocabulary entries.⁴ The

² A Questionnaire for Garden and Orchard by Francka Benedik, A Questionnaire for SLA, a questionnaire developed by Dr. Rada Cossutta on the basis of Q. ALI and ASLEF; the questionnaires were adapted to the Prekmurje economic and cultural profile.

³ For more information on similarities and differences between the Prekmurje subdialects, see Greenberg (1993: 465–487) and Koletnik (2008: 13–16).

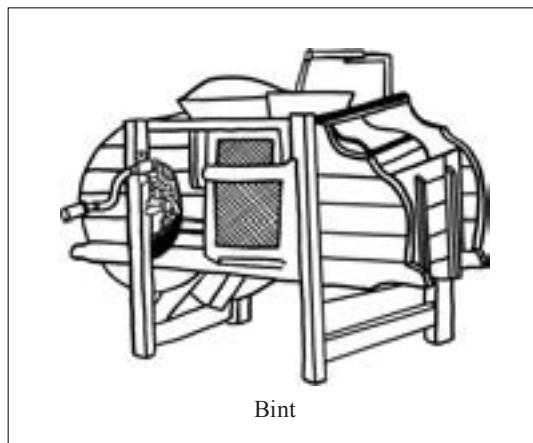
⁴ Sample taken from Škofic (2007: 224). For the purpose of this paper, a selection of vocabulary is presented.

structure of a vocabulary entry is as follows: headword in bold font, followed by two vertical separator lines (||) and the phonetic transcription of the dialect expression in the first (basic) and second dictionary form, i.e., nouns and noun phrases in the nominative and genitive singular (plural for plural nouns); verbs in the infinitive followed by the first-person singular present form; adjectives in the corresponding male, female and neutral forms. The lexical category markers *m*, *f*, and *n* denote the grammatical gender of the noun and are also applicable to the subentry headwords with nominal head and adjectival qualifier; *perf.* and *imperf.* mark the grammatical aspect of the headword; *adj.* marks the (relational) adjective that can also occur in pair with a noun head as a subentry of the corresponding lexeme. This is followed by semantic data in italics; if a lexeme is polysemantic, different meanings are categorized by numbers. Illustrative examples follow the colon – a segment from the recorded and transcribed dialectal material that refers to the actual use of a term. The rightwards arrow → in adjectival headwords points to the noun headword; in this case, the adjective is the left-hand qualifier in the subentry headphrase. Some entries also contain a left right arrow ↔ indicating synonyms or lexemes with similar meaning. If the term is borrowed from a foreign language system, the direction of borrowing is traced according to the dictionaries (*Bezljaj I–V /1976–2007/, Skok I–III /1971–1973/, Snoj /2003/, Striedter-Temps /1963/*) and other reference books marked in square brackets using the leftwards arrow ←.

bel || 'be:jl̩ -a -o adj. *white* → repa

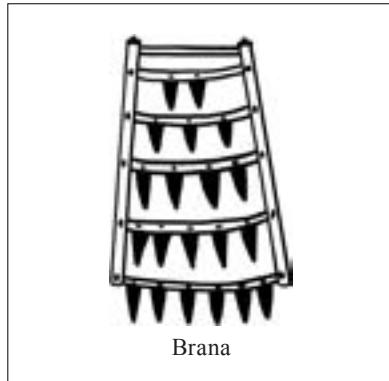
bilje || 'biljä -a n *outer layers of the corncob husk leaves*: 'Biljä jä uk'ro:uk vla'ti:j. – A corncob is wrapped in *bilje*.

bint || 'bint -la m *a winnowing machine*: 'Negda sä m'la:tilu z 'bintun, g'näs pa m'la:timu s 'kombajun. – In the past, one used to thresh with a *bint*; today, we thresh with a combine. [← G. *Wind-*]⁵



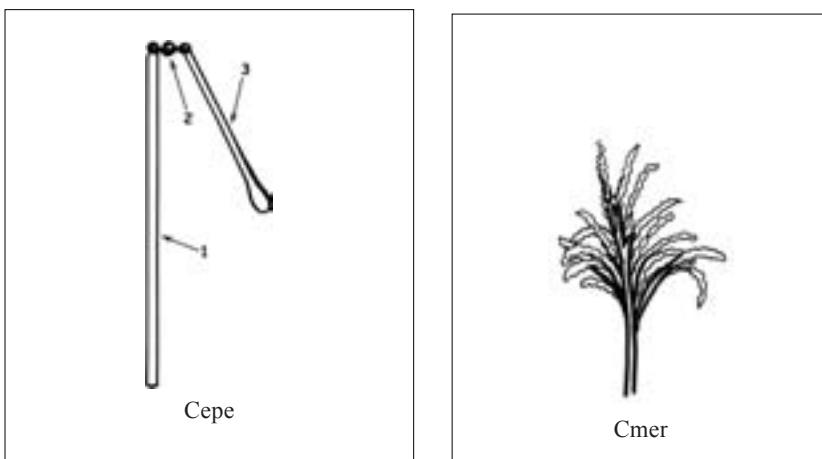
⁵ Drawings: Nika Lopert.

brana || b'ra:na -ä f *a tool with iron teeth for loosening the soil, harrow:* Z b'ra:nuf v'l'a:čimu pu 'jivaj. – The *brana* is pulled around the field.



cepe || ci'pi:ę 'ce:ipj f pl. *a flail:* Ci'pi:ę su is t're:ı fa'lāčkuf: 'ročnik, 'cepič pa 'go:užäf. 'Ročnik, 'tū cā'pi:ę dř'ži:jmu. S 'cepičun m'la:timu pu gla'va:j s'no:upja. 'Go:užäf já 'bi:ila z 'lědra. 'Coj já 'bü:u z'vi:ezanj 'lěđnij 'rämläk. – A *cepe* consists of three parts: *ročnik*, *cepič* and *gožev*. The *ročnik* is used for holding the *cepe*. With *cepič*, we thresh the sheaves. A *gožev* is made of leather and bound with a leather strap.

- (1) **ročnik** || 'ročnik -a m *the handle of a flail*
- (2) **gožev** || 'go:užäf -žvј f *the leather binding between two parts of a flail, taplings*
- (3) **cepič** || 'cepič -a m *the part of the flail used for threshing*



cmer || c'me:jr -a m *male inflorescence on the top of the corn (*Zea Mays*) stalk:* 'Kukřca 'ma: 'mäklicu ali c'me:jr. – Corn has *metlica* or *cmer*. [← Hun. *cimer* (Novak 1996: 27)] ↔ *metlica*

cukrnjača || cukr̄'jāča -ä f *white beet*: 'Cukär du'bí:žmu s cukr̄'jāčā. – Sugar is produced from white beet (*cukrnjača*).

čeliti || 'čelitj -in imperf. *a light threshing of sheaves*: 'Då s'nop m'la:timu, 'tåk kå ž'jin v'da:rjamu pu 'ädnun s'to:yci, p'ra:vimu, 'kå 'čälimu. – When we thresh a sheaf by hitting it against a chair, we say that we *čelimo*.

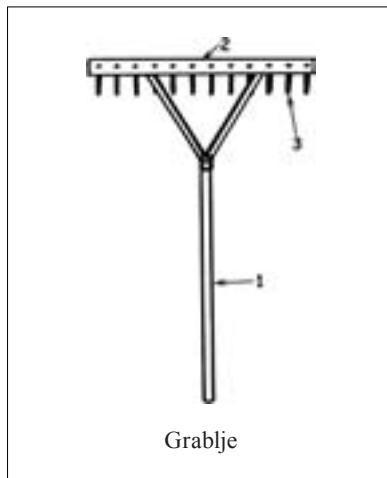
gnojiti || gnu'jítj gnu'ji:žin imperf. *fertilizing*: Š'čä g'näs sä gnu'ji:ž z g'nujun. – Even today, manure is used for fertilizing.

grablje || g'råblä g'ra:bäü f pl. *rake*: Z g'ra:blamj sä gr'mådј. 'De:ilj g'ra:bäü su grab'lischä, čä'lü:ist pa 'zopcj. – A *grablje* is used for raking. It consists of *grabljisče*, *čeljust* and *zobci*.

(1) **grabljisče** || grab'lischä -a m *handle of the rake*

(2) **čeljust** || čä'lü:ist - i f *the part of the rake where the teeth/tines are attached*

(3) **zobec** || 'zobäc -pea m *a tooth/tine of the rake*



grmaditi || gr'måditj -in imperf. *using the rake to heap up material*: Z g'ra:blamj se gr'mådј. – A rake is used to heap up material (*grmadi*).

grmalija || gr'målija -ä f *a woman using the hay-rake*: Gr'målija gr'mådј.

grnjač || gr'nâč -a m *a man using the hay-rake*: 'Mqškj, 'då gr'mådј, jä gr'nâč. – A man who rakes is called a *grnjač*.

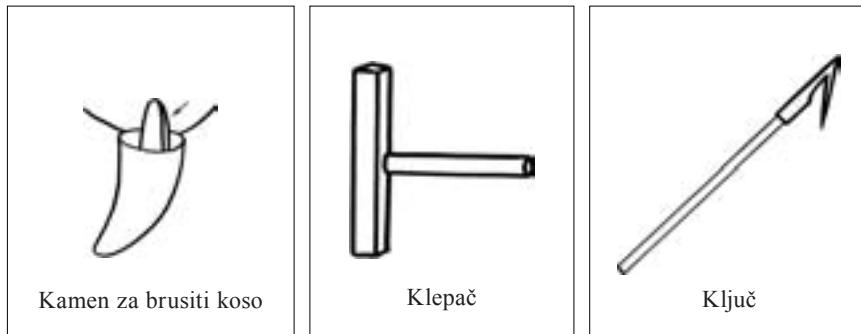
gumno || 'gümla -ä f *threshing floor*: Za'to:ü smu s'no:üpjä sk'la:dalj na 'gümlu, kå je bi'lo:ü k'ri:çdј za ma'si:žin. – Sheaves were gathered on *gumno* until they were ready for threshing.

hajdina || (x)aj'di:žna -ä f *buckwheat*: (X)aj'di:žna pa zm'lëta 'da: 'čornu 'mälu za ž'ga:nikä. – The buckwheat flour is used for preparing *žganci* (boiled corn mush, grits). [← OG. *Heiden*]

ječmen || 'jäčmän jäč'mena m *barley*: 'Jäčmän jä 'na:jpr̄li:ę z'reli. – Barley is the first to ripen.

kamen || 'kåmän -mna m *a stone*

kamen za brusiti koso || 'kåmän za b'rü:jsitj ku'so:ę a *long oval stone for sharpening the scythe, a whetstone*



klepač || klä'pa:č -a m *a peening hammer*: 'Kosa sä klläplä s klä'pa:čun. – A scythe is hammered with a peening hammer.

ključ || k'lü:č -a m *a tool for pulling straw from the stack*: S'låmu su 'mi:kalj s k'lü:čun. – Straw was pulled from the stack with a *ključ*.

kola || 'ko:ula 'ko:ul n pl. *a wooden (farm) cart*: S 'ko:ulamj sä vu'zilu na 'jivä. 'De:jlj 'ko:ul su 'na:rat, 'tân 'bü:ę po'ta:č 'gor, 'oplin, 'puza, ru'čicä, 'ru:t, s'fo:ura pa v'r'ti:ę. Na 'ko:ulaj su š'čä trä'bi:ę, p're:idjä pa 'za:djä trä'bi:ę. 'Lëstvicä na 'ko:ulaj pa su räb'r'ni:icä. –The *kola* (the wooden cart) was used as a means of transport to the fields. The parts of the cart are the *narad*, onto which a wheel (*potač*) is attached, and the *oplen*, *polza*, *ročice*, *rud*, *svora* and *vrtel*. There are also *trebe* on the cart, the front and the rear *trebe*. The small ladders on the cart are called *rebrnice*.

(1) **svora** || s'fo:ura -ä f *a strong pole connecting the front and back parts of the cart, a perch*

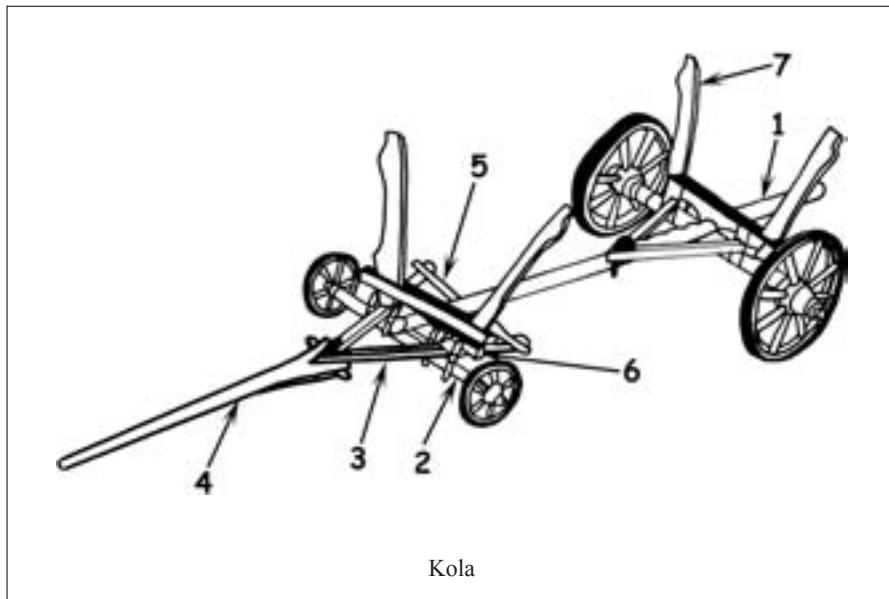
(2) **narad** || 'na:rat -dị f *a wooden axle of the cart*

(3) **trebe** || trä'bi:ę -i:ị f pl. *a triangular part of the cart, inserted between the undercarriage and oplen and to which the front and rear wheels are attached, frame*

prednje trebe || p're:idjä trä'bi:ę *a triangular part of the cart inserted between the undercarriage and oplen and to which the front wheels are attached, front frame*

zadnje trebe || 'za:djä trä'bi:ę *a triangular part of the cart inserted between the undercarriage and oplen and to which the rear wheels are attached, rear frame*

(4) **rud** || 'ru:t 'ru:da m *a pole on the front part of a cart, by which an animal is harnessed to a vehicle; shaft, a thill* [← Hun. *rud*]



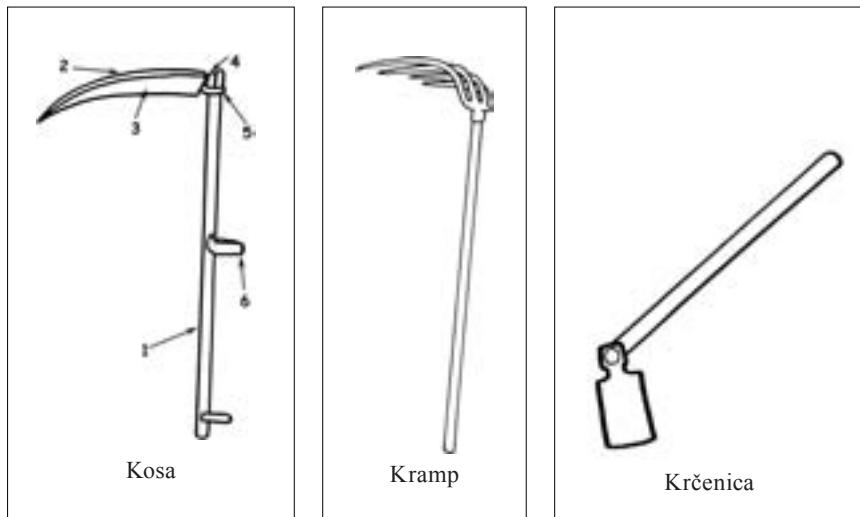
- (5) **polza** || 'puza -ä f *part of the front trabje (axle) of the cart (where svora is placed)*
- (6) **oplen** || 'oplín -a m *a diagonal pole on the front and rear part of the cart, to which the ročice are affixed* ↔ vrtel
- (7) **ročica** || ru'čica -ä f, pl. ru'čicā ru'či:jč a *wooden handle attached to the cart*
- vrtel** || vr'ti:ęu -la m *the front oplen* ↔ oplen
- rebrnica** || räbr'ni:ęca -ä f, pl. räbr'ni:ęcā -o *a ladder-like frame attached to the side of the cart*

kombajn || 'kombajň -a m *a combine*: 'Kombajň pa 'děla flsä z 'ädnin na 'jivj, ku'si:ę pa m'la:tj. – A combine on the field can mow and thresh simultaneously. [← Stand. ← Eng. *combine*]

kosa || 'kosa ku'si:ę f 1. *scythe*: 'Něgda sā flsä ku'si:ęlu s ku'so:ę. 'De:ili ku'si:ę su '(x)rbät, 'kosa, ku'siščä, 'müntäu, 'osträc, 'pi:ęta pa 'ri:nčák. Li'sänj 'ta:ę jā 'ku'siščä, na ku'siščę pa jā 'müntäu. – The *kosa* used to be the only tool for cutting grass. The parts of a scythe are the *hrbet*, *kosa*, *kosišče*, *muntelj*, *ostrec*, *peta* and *rincék*. The wooden part is called the *kosišče*; attached to the *kosišče*, there is the *muntelj*. 2. *blade of a scythe*: Žäli:ęznej 'ta:ę ku'si:ę jā 'tui:ę 'kosa. – The iron part of the scythe is also called a *kosa*.

- (1) **kosišče** || ku'siščä -a m *snath*
- (2) **hrbet** || '(x)rbät -pta m *chine*
- (3) **ostrec** || 'osträc -a m *blade*

- (4) **peta** || 'pi:̄eta -ä f heel
- (5) **rinček** || 'ri:nčäk -a m ring
- (6) **muntelj** || 'müntäū -tla m snaith [← OHG. *muntil*, south Bav. *Mü(n)tel*]



kosilnica || ku'silnica -ä f *mowing machine*: Ku'si:̄imu s ku'silnicuf. 'Nęgda pa su 'moškј f'sä 'peškј ku'si:̄ilj. – We mow with a mowing machine. Men used to cut grass manually before.

kositi || ku'sitj ku'si:̄in imperf. *to cut grass or reap grain*: S ku'so:̄uf ku'si:̄imu. 'To:̄u 'delu jä kušäjī:̄e. – We cut grass with a scythe. This activity is *košenje*.

kramp || k'rāmp -a m *a tool with three or four tines for unloading and spreading manure*: K'rāmp jä za 'dol ku'pa:tj g'nuj s 'ko:̄ul na 'jivj. – A *kramp* is used for unloading manure on the field. [← MHG. *krampe*]

krampek || k'rāmpäk -a m *hoe with a narrow sharpened blade and two tines*: K'rāmpäk jä za d'ro:ugnu u'ka:pa:jä. – A *krampek* is used for hoeing.

krčenica || 'krčänca -ä f *a tool with a flat blade set at right angles to the handle and used for digging*: 'Krčänca, 'nücalj su ju za 'vö 'kopatj pänuv'ji:̄e. – *Krčenica*; it was used for pulling out tree stumps.

krumpel || k'rumpäū -pla m, pl. k'rumplj -of *potato*: K'rumplj zras'ti:̄eju pud zäm'lo:̄uf. Su g'la:vna 'ra:na za li'di:̄i. – The potato grows underground. It is the main food for people. [← Car. G. *gruntpirn*, *grumper*, *krumpir*, Styr. G. *grundbir*]

krumplovica || k'rumplovica -ä f *the potato plant*: K'rumplovica g'li:̄eda 'vö z zäm'li:̄e. – The *krumplovica* grows above ground.

kukorica || 'kukřca -ä f *corn (Zea mays)*: 'Kukřco šp'rickamu, 'kå 'li:čepše ras'ti:č. – Corn is sprayed for better growth. [← Cro. *kukuruz* ← Turk. *kokoroz*]

kukorišče || 'kukřščä -a n *dry corn husk*: S'låma 'kukřcä pa já 'kukřščä. – The dry corn husk is called the *kukorišče*.

lanec || 'lånc -a m *a chain for binding the cart wheels*: Z 'låncun 'vi:čžämu pu'ta:čä. – A *lanec* is used for binding the cart wheels. [← MHG. *lanne*]

lesen || li'sänj -a -u adj. *the attribute of wood, wooden*
→ razsohe

lucerna || lu'cärna -ä f *lucerne/alfalfa (Medicago sativa)*: Lu'cärna já ør'di:čěa pa 'ma: 'du:ugä c've:jtä. – Lucerne is red and has long flowers. [← G. *Luzerne* ← Fr. *luzerne* ← Lat. *lūcerna*]

lupati || 'lü:ipatj -läñ imperf. *to remove husks from the corncob*: Vla'ti:ž 'lü:iplämu, 'dol 'trgamo 'bilje. – Husks are peeled; they are pulled off. ↔ dol trgati

mašin || ma'ši:žn -a m *a threshing machine*: S'no:upjä m'la:timu z ma'ši:žnun. – Sheaves are threshed by a threshing machine. [← G. *Maschine*, Fr. *machine* ← Lat. *māchina* ← OGr.]

metlica || 'mäklica -ä f *male inflorescence on the top of the corn (Zea Mays) stalk*: 'Kukřca 'ma: 'mäklicu ali c'me:žr. – Corn has *metlica* or *cmer*. ↔ cmer

mikati || 'mikati 'mi:žčän imperf. 1. *to pull straw from the stack*: S'låmu su 'mi:žčalij s k'lü:žčun. – Straw was pulled from the stack with a *ključ*. 2. *to pull*: Z'rēlu 'repu 'mi:žčämu. – Ripe turnips have to be pulled.

mlatec || m'låtäc m'lå(t)ca m *a person threshing*: Š'tärj m'la:tj, já m'låtäc, či jij já 'väč, pa su m'låčj. – A person threshing is a *mlatec*; if there are several, they are called *mlatci*.

mlatev || m'lå:čäf -čvj also -čve f *the process of separating grain from the husk or panicle with a flail, a threshing machine, or a combine*: 'To:ž 'dēlu, 'kå s ci'pa:mj m'la:timu pu gla'va:j s'no:upja, sä zu'vi:č m'la:čäf. – This activity, threshing the sheaves with flails, is called *mlačev*.

mlatiti || m'lå:titj -in imperf. *to separate grain from the husk or panicle with a flail, a threshing machine, or a combine*: G'näs pa 'sä m'lå:tj 'kombaj, žžja pa m'la:tj. – Today, both are done by combine, reaping and threshing (*mlatiti*).

mrva || 'mřva -ä f *hay of low quality*: 'Mřva já s'låba 'kr̄ma. – *Mrvá* is bad *kr̄ma* (mown grass).

nakladalka || nakla'da:lka -ä f *forage wagon, a hay wain*: Nakla'da:lka já ma'ši:žn, š'tärj si 'sa:n nak'l'a:da 'kr̄mu. – A forage wagon is a machine for loading cut grass.



Kukorica

okopati || u'kópatj u'kopan perf. *hoeing, hillng*: 'Då ži k'rumplij 'ma:lu zras'ti:eju, 'tä jä tr'be:ij u'kópatj. – When the potatoes are big enough, you have to hoe them.

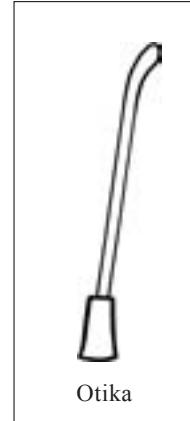
orač || u'ra:č -a m *ploughman*: U'ra:č ur'ji:ę. – A ploughman ploughs.

otava || 'o:útava -ä f (*dry*) *second mowing of grass, aftermath hay*: Dr'go:úč ku'si:im'u 'o:útavu. – *Otava* is the second-cut hay.

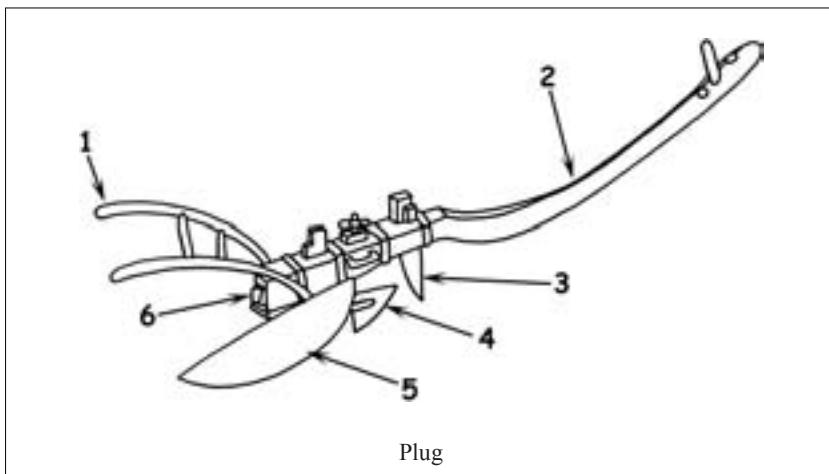
otika || 'ótika -ä f *a tool for removing soil, weeds, and manure from the plough*: 'To:ú jä 'ótika pŕ p'lügj. – This is the *otika* in a plough.

oves || 'oväs 'ofsa m *oats*: 'Oväs pu'la:gaju 'kužun. – Horses are fed oats.

plug || p'lük -ga m *a tool or device for tilling the soil, a plough*: S p'lügun sá ur'ji:ę. 'De:ílj p'lüga su 'črtalu, 'dáska, p'lü:ížnu žá'lézu, p'ri:ílič, 'ru:d pa 'pi:ęta. 'Črtalu jä bi'llo:ú za 'rězatj b'r'a:zde. – A plough is used for ploughing. The parts of the plough are the *črtalo*, *deska*, *plužno žezezo*, *prilič*, *rud* and the *peta*. A *črtalo* is used for drawing the furrows vertically.



- (1) **prilič** || p'ri:ílič -a m *handle* [← from *priroč*]
- (2) **rud** || 'ru:t 'ru:da m *a pole on the front part of a plough, by which an animal is harnessed to a vehicle; shaft* [← Hun. *rud*]
- (3) **črtalo** || 'črtalu -a n *knife/coulter*
- (4) **žezezo** || žá'lézu -a n *iron*
- (5) **deska** || 'dáska -ä f *mouldboard* [PS. ← Rom.]
- (6) **peta** || 'pi:ęta -ä f *chisel*



Plug

plužen || p'lü:žän -žna -u adj. *referring to the plough* → železo

potač || pu'ta:č -a m *wheel (of a cart)*: Na 'ko:ulaj pa su 'tā bi'li:ž š'čä pu'ta:č, š'tirjä. 'De:žlj pu'ta:ča su pla'tiščä, 'šija, š'picä, 'pe:istu, š'te:jslin pa 'lü:näk. – There were also wheels on the cart, four of them. Their parts are called the *platišče, šinja, špice, pesto, šteslin* and *lunek*.

(1) **platišče** || pla'tiščä -a n *felloe*

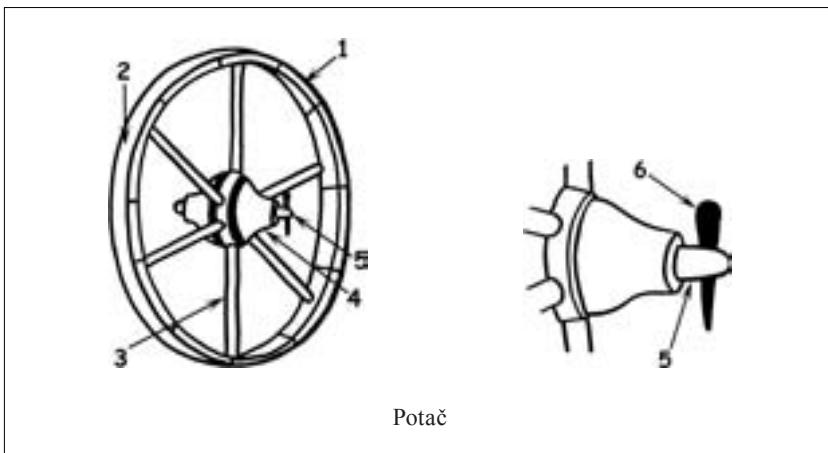
(2) **šinja** || 'šija -ä f *the steel rim on a felloe* [← G. *Schiene*]

(3) **špica** || š'pica -ä f *spoke*

(4) **pesto** || 'pe:istu -a n *hub*

(5) **štесlin** || š'te:jslin -a m *the end part of the cart axle (cap) with two inserted nails preventing the wheel from slipping or falling off the axle* [← G. *Stössel*]

(6) **lunek** || 'lü:näk -a m *a nail in the axle preventing the wheel from slipping or falling off the axle* [← MHG. *lun, lune*]



povreslo || puv're:jslu -a n also 'po:žvrisla -ä f *a furled wisp of straw for making sheaves*: S'nop sä z'vi:žä s 'po:žvrisluf. – Sheaves are bound with *povreslo*.

praskač || p'råskač -a m *plough for hoeing*: 'Kuk̄cu tř'be:ž mäd 'rändamj pup'ra:skatj s p'råskačun. – Rows in the cornfield have to be hoed with a *praskač*.

prednji || p're:židži -a -u adj. *the forward part of something* → trebe

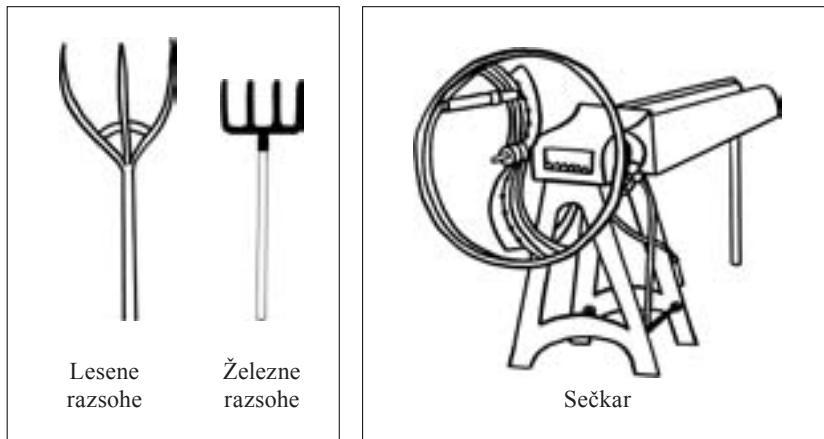
proso || pru'so:ž -a n *millet*: Is pru'sa: du'bí:žmu pru'sänu 'kåšu. – We make porridge from boiled millet.

pšenica || pšä'nicä -ä f *wheat*: Pšä'nicu säl'mälämu, 'kå du'bí:žmu 'be:žlu 'mälu. – Wheat can be ground into wheat flour.

razsohe || 'rásujä -ø f pl. *fork*

lesene razsohe || li'sänä 'rásujä a long-handled, wooden, three-tine hay fork for lifting or moving hay

železne razsohe || žä'léznä 'rásujä a long-handled, iron, four-tine fork for moving manure



razstava || 'ra:stava -ä f a cluster of (usually ten) freshly stacked sheaves in a field: Pru'sänü s'no:üpää smu pus'ta:vilj v 'ra:stavu. – The sheaves of millet were set into *razstava*.

renda || 'rända -ä f a row/line: 'Kukřco tř'be:ji mäd 'rändamj pup'ra:skati s p'ráskačun. – Rows in the cornfield have to be hoed with *praskač*. [← Hun. *rend* ← S. red]

repa || 'répa -ä f *turnip*

bela repa || 'be:jlá 'répa white turnip (*Brassica rapa*): 'Be:jlú 'répu pa pu'la:gamu 'ma:rxi. – White turnip is fed to the cattle.

rezač || ri'za:č -a m strawcutter – a device for manual cutting of grass or straw: 'Róčnu su s'lámú 'režalj z ri'za:čun. – Straw was manually cut with *rezač*.

rips || 'rips -a m rapeseed: 'Rips pa 'žu:útu cvälti:ę. 'Ra:da ga 'je:i 'ma:rxa. – Rapeseed blossoms are yellow. Cattle like to eat it. [← G. *Raps*]

sečkar || 'séčkar -a m a larger device with a wheel for cutting (maize) straw: S'lámú, 'kukřščá pa su 'režalj s 'séčkarun. 'To:ü jä ma'sí:ín z 'välkin pu'ta:čun. – Straw and maize straw were cut with a *sečkar*. This is an implement with a large wheel.

sejač || si'ja:č -a m sower: Š'tärj 'mäčä 'zr:je v zäm'lo:ü, jä si'ja:č. – A person scattering the seeds over the soil is *sejač*.

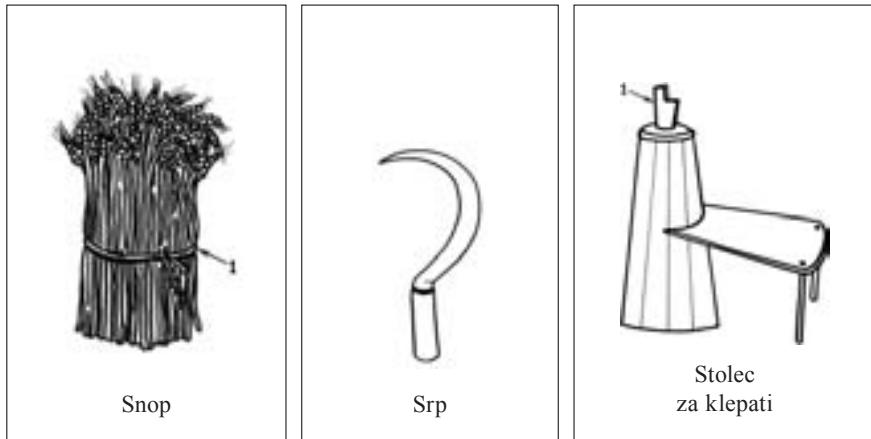
sejalnica || 'séjanca -ä f *a round or oval basket for seeds used for sowing*: Is 'séjancä 'séjamu. – We sow from a *sejalnica*.

sejati || 'séjatj -an imperf. *to sow*: 'Då 'mäčamu 'zr:jä v zäm'lo:ü, 'tä p'ra:vimu, 'kå 'séjamu. – When we scatter seeds over the soil, we say that we are sowing.

silje || 'siljä -a n *rye*: 'Ži:etva jä, 'då sä ku'si:i 'siljä. – At the time of harvest, *silje* is cut. ↔ žito

snop || s'nöp -a m *a larger wisp of reaped grain or straw, a sheaf*: 'Möškj su ku'si:ilj, 'žänskä pa su 'dälalä s'nöpä. – The men used to cut grass and the women made sheaves.

srp || 'sř:p -a also sř'pa: m *a tool with a wooden handle and curved blade for cutting crops, a sickle*: S 'sř:pu:n t'ra:vu bär'i:emu, 'kåj 'se:jkamu, 'négda pa sä 'tüj 'žälu 'sř:pu:n. – A sickle is used for clearing grass or cutting; in the past, it was used for harvesting.



stolec || s'toläc s'touca m *seat, chair*

stolec za klepati || s'toläc za klä'pätj a *sharpening-anvil*: 'Gor na s'touci za klä'pätj pa jä 'bápka. – The *babka* is part of the sharpening-anvil.

(1) **babka** || 'bápka -ä f *the upper part of the sharpening-anvil*: 'Bápka jä žä'lëznj fa'läčák na s'touci za klä'pätj. – A *babka* is the small iron part of the sharpening-anvil.

strnišče || strniščä -a n *a stubble of short stalks in the field after harvesting*: 'Tåñ, 'gë jä bi'lo:ü pu'žätu 'žitu, jä strniščä. – Where žito has been cut, stubble remains in the field.

šker || š'ki:er -i f *tool or implement*: Lu'pa:ta pa k'råmp pa k'råmpäk flküpar, 'tómj 'mi:ij p'ra:vimu š'ki:er. – The shovel and mattock and *krampek* altogether are called *šker*. [← OHG. *giskirri*, MHG. *geschirre*]

tikev || 'tikäf -kvj f *pumpkin*: 'Na:jpr̩li:ę su 'tikvј zä'li:enä, 'tä sä pa pu'målј 'zoriju pa grał'čüvläju 'žu:ytä. 'Tikvј zras'ti:ęju 'ja:ku 'däbälä. – Pumpkins are green at first; when they ripen, they get yellow. They can become very big.

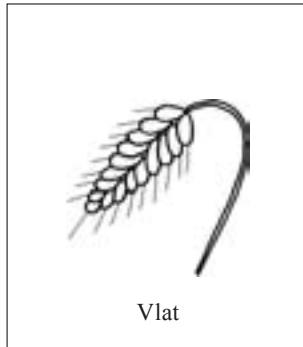
traktor || t'råktur -a m *a motor vehicle used to pull heavy loads, especially farm implements, a tractor*: G'näs'di:en f'sä ur'ji:čemu s t'råkturun. – Today, a tractor is used for soil cultivation. [← G. *Traktor* ← Lat. *tractor*]

trgati || 'třgatj -an *imperf. to pull/tear something off*

trgati dol || 'dol 'třgatj *to remove husks from the corncob* ↔ lupati

vlačiti || v'la:čitj -in *loosening the soil with a harrow (brana)*: Z b'ra:nuf v'la:čimu pu 'jivaj. – The *brana* is pulled (*vlačiti*) around the field.

vlat || v'la:t vla'ti:j f **1. corncob with husk leaves**: 'Biljä je uk'ro:ük vla'ti:j. – A corncob is wrapped in *bilje*. **2. the upper part of a plant with grain, for example in oats or millet**: Udz'gora 'ma: s'nop vlatuv'ji:ę. – Sheaves have *vlati* on the top.



vratnica || vrat'ni:čca -ä f *a patch of grass at the edge of a field, where the plough is turned during ploughing*: Na 'kuncj 'jivä pa su vrat'ni:čcä. – At the edge of a field, there are *vratnice*.

zadnji || 'za:djij -a -u adj. *the rear part of something* → trebe

žanjec || ži:jäc -a m *harvester*: 'Žitu je pu'ko:usu ži:jäc s ku'so:uf. – A *žanjec* cuts *žito* with a scythe.

železen || žä'llezän -zna -u adj. *made of iron* → razsohe

žetev || 'ži:ětva -tvä f *harvest*: 'Ži:ětva jä, 'då sä ku'si:j 'siljä. – At the time of the harvest, the *silje* is cut.

žito || 'žitu -a m *a cultivated plant yielding starchy grain suitable for food (cereal), or its grains; rye*: 'Žitu pa zras'ti:ę 'ja:ku 'visku, zm'letu pa 'da: 'čornu 'mälu. 'Žitu je 'erš. – *Žito* can grow very high; it can be ground into whole-grain flour. *Žito* means rye. ↔ silje

Vocabulary and its Origin

The compiled material in Črenšovci shows that the dialectal agricultural terminology is still well preserved. The basic (old) dialectal agricultural terminology is Slavic; loanwords are mostly of Germanic origin. The oldest German loanwords in the Prekmurje dialect, e.g., *muntelj* and *šker*, can be traced back to Old High German. Both these words are used only in the dialect. Loanwords from Middle High German and later, borrowed predominantly from Bavarian German, are marked by Standard Slovene as neutral – *kramp*, dialectal – *lunek*, *rips* or eastern dialectal – *(x)ajdina*; one word is time-bound – *lanec*; the words *krumpel*, *šinja* and *štесlin* can be found only in the dialect. A large number of loanwords of Romance origin entered the Pannonian vocabulary via the German language, e.g., *lucerna*, *traktor*, *mašin* – the first two words qualify as neutral and the third one as colloquial. From Hungarian, the words *rud* and *cmer* are borrowed. This indicates that the influence of Hungarian (being of non-Indo-European origin) was less significant for the Prekmurje dialect than the influence of German.⁶

One loanword entered the dialect from English via Standard Slovene – *kombajn*, another was borrowed from the Turkish language via Croatian – *kukorica*.

Conclusion

The variety of changes in Slovene society and language is reflected in the Prekmurje Dolinsko region vocabulary in the field of agriculture. For centuries, this vocabulary has been developing at the crossroads of the three largest European language areas; consequently, the range of Romance, Germanic and general Slavic elements based on the native Proto-Slavic vocabulary is clearly reflected in the Pannonian dialect. We can observe that Prekmurje dialect expressions in the field of agriculture and other areas related to rural life still constitute a rich native Slavic substratum, as loanwords entail merely 20 % of the vocabulary. Owing to the constantly changing situation (technical innovation, exchange of tools, new farming methods), however, the ancient and even general Slavic terminology related to farming is gradually disappearing from use in the middle generation of speakers and is practically unknown to the younger generation. Recent vocabulary established in accordance with Slovene word-formation rules often adopts the already existing loanwords (e.g., *kombajn*).

By creating an inventory of the existent and gradually disappearing terminology, we seek to prevent it from falling into oblivion and to stimulate a comparison between terminological vocabulary material of various Slovene dialects. This would allow for a demarcation of the individual lexeme areas

⁶ Agricultural vocabulary of Slavic origin has been borrowed by Hungarian as well, a phenomenon which can be observed in the following examples: Hun. *kukorica* ‘koruza’ (corn/maize), *rend* ‘red, vrsta (sena)’ (row, line of hay), and *ugorka* ‘kumara’ (pickle).

and their semantic range, as well as contributing to the realization of the idea of creating discrete Slovene dialectal terminology dictionaries.

LANGUAGE ABBREVIATIONS

Eng. – English, Bav. – Bavarian, Fr. – French, OGr. – Old Greek, Cro. – Croatian, Stand. – Standard, Car. – Carinthian, Lat. – Latin, Hun. – Hungarian, G. – German, PS. – Proto-Slavic, S. – Slavic, Rom. – Romance, Slo. – Slovene, MHG. – Middle High German, O. – Old, OHG. – Old High German, Styr. – Styrian, Turk. – Turkish.

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PREKMURSKA DOLINSKA POLJEDELSKA TERMINOLOGIJA

Prispevek obravnava prekmursko dolinsko poimenovalno besedje s področja poljedelske dejavnosti. Gre za strokovno izrazje, ki zaradi spremenjajočega se načina življenja izginja iz aktivnega besednega zaklada govorcev. Prekmurski izrazi za poljedelstvo in vse, kar je povezano s kmečkim življenjem, sicer še tvorijo bogat izvirnoslovanski substrat, vendar pa stara slovanska terminologija pri srednji generaciji govorcev hitro tone v pozabovo, mlajša generacija pa je sploh ne pozna več. Stoletja ustaljeno kmetijsko orodje so zamenjali različni stroji in pripomočki, skupaj z njimi pa se prevzemajo tudi poimenovanja zanje.

Besedje tujega izvora v narečni poljedelski terminologiji je zlasti germansko in romansko, kar kaže na to, da je bil stik z neindoevropskim madžarskim jezikom za prekmurščino manj usoden kot nemščina, prek katere so bili v panonsko leksiko največkrat sprejeti tudi romanizmi, čeprav je bilo Prekmurje s Porabjem od 11. stoletja sestavni del ogrskega kraljestva in odtrgano od drugih slovanskih pokrajin.
