

# Wickerwork Museum in Nowy Tomyśl



The museum was established in May 1985 as a branch of the National Museum of Agriculture and Agri-Food Industry in Szreniawa. The location of this unique museum of this type in Poland is related to the specificity of the region, the central point of which is Nowy Tomyśl, resulting from the rich traditions of wicker and hop cultivation and the production of wicker products. The natural terrain conditions and historical processes related to the influx of people within the Olęder settlement had a decisive influence on the creation and development of these traditions. The wet, sometimes swampy nature of the area means that wild willow has always grown here. The Olęders who settled in this area in the first half of the 18th century began to cultivate willow, using their knowledge and experience in this field. Such a rich raw material base was also an excellent base for the development of basketry crafts, which, apart from wicker cultivation, operate in these areas to this day. In Nowy Tomyśl there is the world's largest wicker basket, which decorates the city.

