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Main figures - Year 2014

Population (1 st January)	4 605 501	persons
Area	69 798	km ²
Currency	EUR	euro
Nominal GDP at current prices	189 046	million EUR
GDP per capita at current prices	41 000	EUR
GDP per capita at purchasing power	36 800	PPS
Harmonised index of consumer prices	0.3%	change over previous year
Unemployment rate	11.3%	of labour force
Exports (goods & services)	214 961	million EUR
Imports (goods & services)	180 287	million EUR
Balance (goods & services)	34 674	million EUR
Exports of agricultural products	10 870	million EUR
Imports of agricultural products	7 366	million EUR
Current account balance	3.6	% of GDP
General government balance	-3.9	% of GDP
General government gross debt	107.5	% of GDP

Sources: European Commission, Eurostat, and Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs.

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1. KEY DATA

Macroeconomics				
Population (new European Commission methodology)				
Total population (number of persons), of which:	2014	4 605 501	0.9%	of EU-28
in predominantly rural regions (PR)	2014	72.4%	22.3%	in EU-28
in intermediate regions	2014	0.0%	35.0%	in EU-28
in predominantly urban regions	2014	27.6%	42.7%	in EU-28
Population in PR regions (number of persons)	2014	3 333 944	3.0%	of EU-28
GDP				
In EUR (current prices):				
Million EUR	2014	189 046	1.4%	of EU-28
GDP per capita	2014	41 000	27 400	in EU-28
GDP per capita (PPS)	2014	36 800	27 400	in EU-28
Real GDP growth rate (% change over previous year)	2014	5.2%	1.4%	in EU-28
Gross value added				
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (% of total GVA)	2014	1.6%	1.6%	in EU-28
Financial aspects				
Agricultural expenditure				
Total expenditure (million EUR), of which:	2014	1 234	2.5%	of EU-28
Direct payments (%)	2014	99.5%	84.3%	in EU-28
Market measures (%)	2014	0.5%	5.0%	in EU-28
Rural development (%)	2014	0.0%	10.7%	in EU-28
Economic accounts of agriculture				
Agricultural output				
Agricultural goods output (million EUR), of which:	2015	7 158.6	1.9%	of EU-28
Crop output, of which:	2015	24.9%	0.8%	of EU-28
Cereals (including seeds)	2015	20.2%	0.7%	of EU-28
Industrial crops	2015	2.6%	0.2%	of EU-28
Forage plants	2015	52.0%	3.8%	of EU-28
Vegetables and horticultural products	2015	16.0%	0.5%	of EU-28
Potatoes	2015	6.4%	1.2%	of EU-28
Fruits	2015	2.8%	0.2%	of EU-28
Wine	2015	n.a.	n.a.	of EU-28
Olive oil	2015	n.a.	n.a.	of EU-28
Animal output, of which:	2015	75.1%	3.4%	of EU-28
Cattle	2015	43.8%	7.2%	of EU-28
Pigs	2015	8.5%	1.4%	of EU-28
Sheep and goats	2015	4.5%	4.7%	of EU-28
Poultry	2015	2.6%	0.7%	of EU-28
Milk	2015	34.8%	3.6%	of EU-28
Eggs	2015	0.9%	0.5%	of EU-28
Gross value added at basic prices (million EUR)	2015	2 432.9	1.5%	of EU-28
Agricultural input				
Total intermediate consumption (million EUR)	2015	5 085.6	2.1%	of EU-28
Agricultural income				
Indicator A (% change over previous year)	2015	2.6%	-1.8%	in EU-28
Farm structure				
Holdings				
Total (No), of which:	2013	139 600	1.3%	of EU-28
UAA < 5 ha (%)	2013	7.0%	66.3%	in EU-28
Economic size < 4 000 €	2013	21.0%	55.7%	in EU-28
Holder < 35 years (%)	2013	6.3%	5.9%	in EU-28
Holder > 64 years (%)	2013	26.5%	30.6%	in EU-28
UAA per holding (has)	2013	35.5	16.1	in EU-28
Labour force				
Persons (No), of which:	2013	269 510	1.2%	of EU-28
Women (%)	2013	27.5%	41.8%	in EU-28
Holders (%)	2013	51.6%	46.8%	in EU-28
Agriculture in % of total employment	2014	5.7%	4.7%	in EU-28

Sources: European Commission, Eurostat and Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development.

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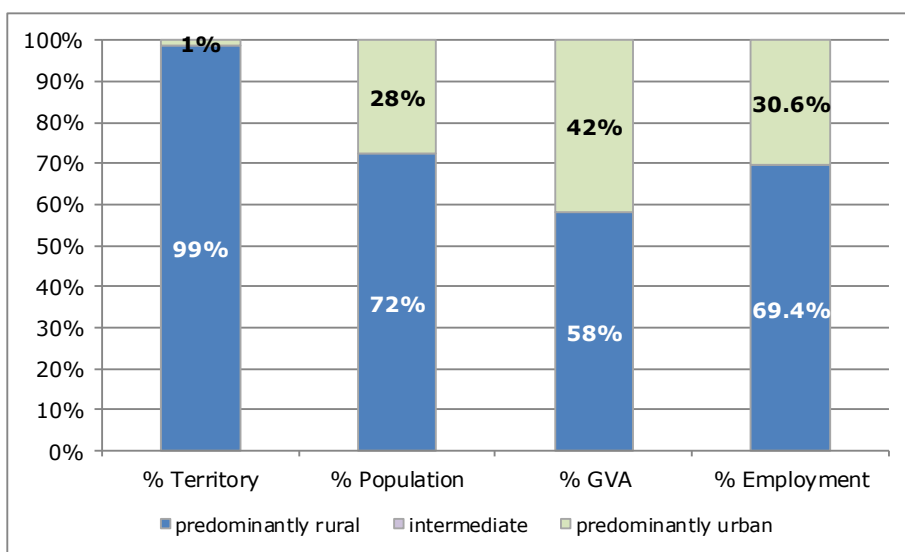
2. POPULATION AND ECONOMY

Importance of rural areas

	Territory (km ²)	Population (persons)	GVA (Million EUR)	Employment (persons)
Year	2013	2014	2012	2014
Predominantly Rural Regions (PR)	68 877	3 333 944	92 501	1 288 900
Intermediate Regions (IR)	:	:	:	:
Predominantly Urban Regions (PU)	921	1 271 557	66 708	567 400
Total	69 798	4 605 501	159 209	1 856 300

Source: Eurostat.

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Source: European Commission, Eurostat and Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development

Economic forecast

Indicators	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015f	2016f	2017f
GDP							
In million EUR (current prices)	173 940	174 844	179 448	189 046	204 462	217 626	228 052
Per capita (in PPS; current prices)	34 500	34 800	35 100	36 800	39 863	41 669	43 381
% change over previous period							
GDP growth (at constant prices)	2.6%	0.2%	1.4%	5.2%	6.0%	4.5%	3.5%
GDP deflator	2.0%	0.4%	1.2%	0.1%	2.0%	1.9%	1.3%
Harmonised index of consumer prices	1.2%	1.9%	0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	1.8%	1.6%
Exports (goods and services)	2.1%	2.1%	2.5%	12.1%	12.7%	7.0%	6.7%
Imports (goods and services)	-1.5%	2.9%	0.0%	14.7%	14.1%	7.7%	7.6%
Net exports of goods and services (million EUR)	31 301	30 028	34 669	34 674	38 512	41 217	41 862
% of total employment							
Unemployment rate	14.7	14.7	13.1	11.3	9.5	8.7	7.9
% of GDP							
Current account balance	-1.2	-1.5	3.1	3.6	5.9	5.7	4.7
General government balance	-12.5	-8	-5.7	-3.9	-1.8	-1.3	-0.8
General government gross debt	109.3	120.2	120	107.5	98.4	93.9	91.5

Source: European Commission, Eurostat and Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Economic Forecast – Autumn 2015.

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3.1. AGRICULTURE: FINANCIAL ASPECTS

CAP expenditure

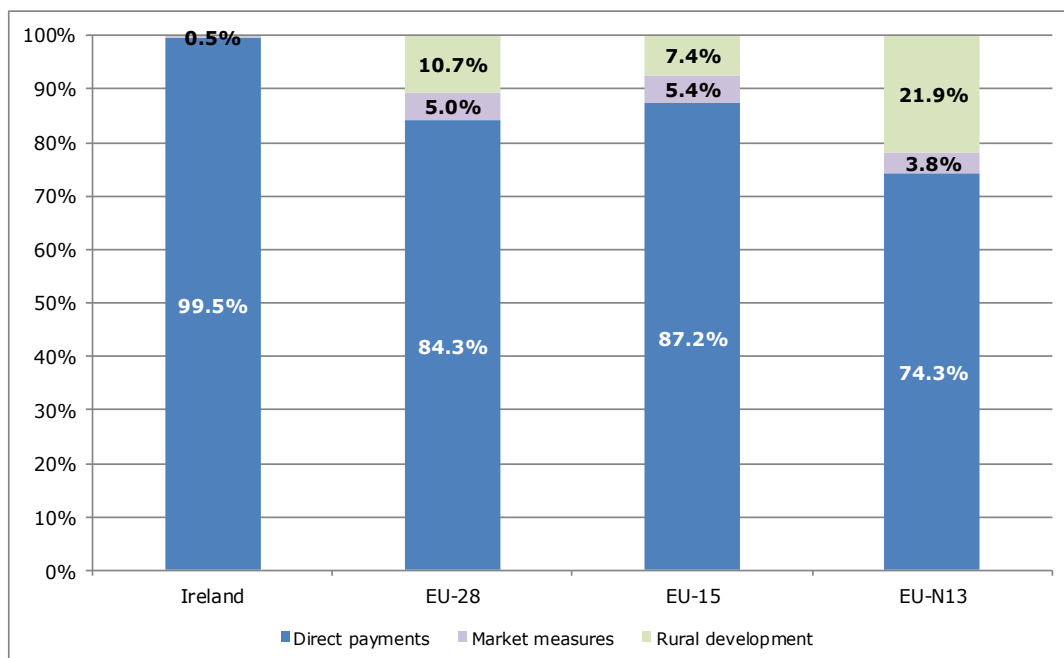
Measures	2014	Total 2008-2013	
	1 000 EUR	%	
Decoupled direct aids	1 206 124	74.3%	98.3%
Other direct aids	21 593	0.8%	1.0%
Additional amounts of aid	0	0.5%	0.6%
Direct payments	1 227 717	75.6%	100.0%
Cereals	-0	0.0%	0.0%
Rice	0	0.0%	0.0%
Refunds on non-Annex I products	0	0.3%	8.8%
Food programmes	0	0.1%	2.2%
Sugar	0	0.0%	1.2%
Olive oil	0	0.0%	0.0%
Textile plants	0	0.0%	0.0%
Fruit and vegetables	5 157	0.3%	7.7%
Wine sector	0	0.0%	0.0%
Promotion	608	0.0%	0.6%
Other plant products/measures	0	0.0%	0.1%
Milk and milk products	946	0.9%	26.3%
Beef and veal	0	0.1%	3.2%
Sheepmeat and goatmeat	0	0.0%	0.0%
Pigmeat, eggs, poultry and other	33	0.2%	100.0%
Market measures	6 744	3.4%	100.0%
Rural development *	-	21.1%	
TOTAL	1 234 461	100.0%	

Note: Expenditure in commitments for direct payments and market measures; ceilings of support for rural development.

Sources: European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development (2014 EAGF Financial Report) and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/791.

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Distribution of CAP expenditure 2014

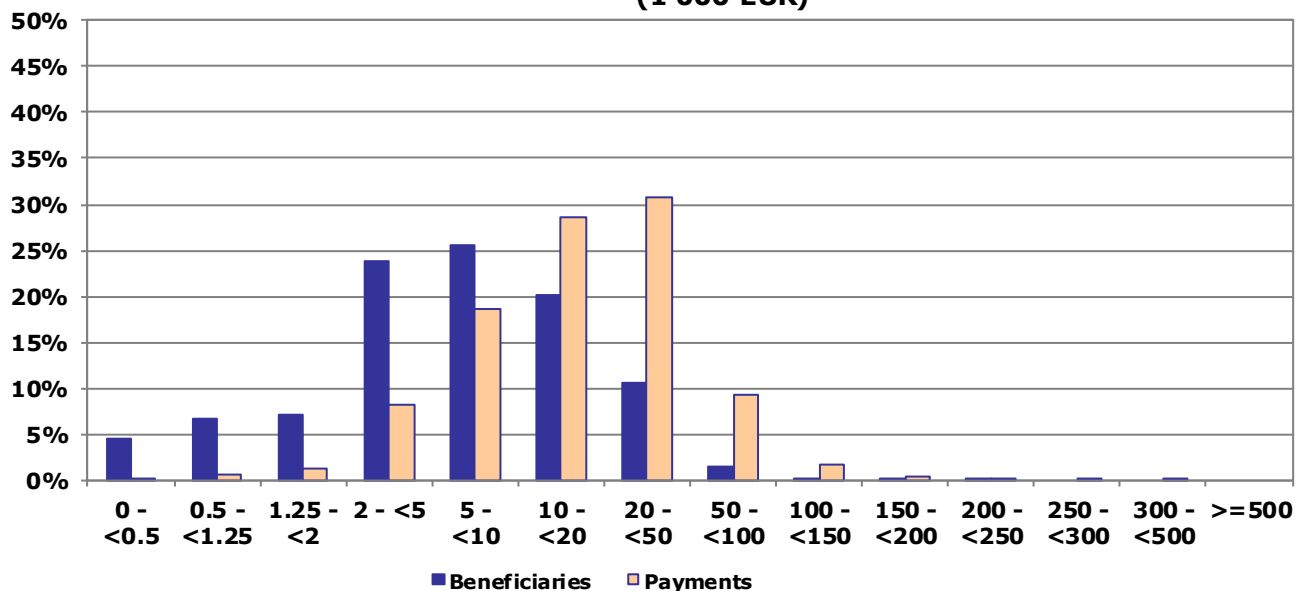


- In 2014, expenditures for rural development were low or zero in a number of Member States, due to the transition between two programming periods.

3.2. AGRICULTURE: FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Distribution of direct aids to the producers (financial year 2014)

Indicative figures on the distribution of direct aid by size-class of aid
(1 000 EUR)



Size-class of aid (all direct payments)	Financial year 2014			
	Beneficiaries		Payments in EUR	
	x 1 000	% of total	x 1 000	% of total
< 0 €	0.02	0.02%	- 30	0.0%
≥ 0 and < 500 €	5.70	4.6%	1 324	0.1%
≥ 500 and < 1 250 €	8.41	6.8%	7 436	0.6%
≥ 1 250 and < 2 000 €	8.86	7.1%	14 385	1.2%
≥ 2 000 and < 5 000 €	29.78	23.9%	101 641	8.3%
≥ 5 000 and < 10 000 €	31.71	25.5%	228 402	18.6%
≥ 10 000 and < 20 000 €	25.08	20.1%	351 752	28.7%
≥ 20 000 and < 50 000 €	13.07	10.5%	378 699	30.8%
≥ 50 000 and < 100 000 €	1.72	1.4%	112 934	9.2%
≥ 100 000 and < 150 000 €	0.18	0.1%	21 067	1.7%
≥ 150 000 and < 200 000 €	0.03	0.0%	5 497	0.4%
≥ 200 000 and < 250 000 €	0.01	0.01%	2 783	0.2%
≥ 250 000 and < 300 000 €	-	0.00%	518	0.0%
≥ 300 000 and < 500 000 €	-	0.00%	1 308	0.1%
≥ 500 000 €	-	0.00%	0	0.0%
Total	124.57	100%	1 227 716	100%

Source: European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Report on the distribution of direct aids to the producers (financial year 2014), November 2015.

Note: In order to protect the anonymity of the beneficiaries, numbers less than 10 have been made invisible in this table.

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4.1. AGRICULTURE: ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Output components	2013	2014	2015		
	Million EUR		Million EUR	% of total	% of EU-28
Cereals:	382	373	360	20.2%	0.7%
Wheat and spelt	85	100	95	5.3%	0.4%
Rye and meslin	:	:	:	:	:
Barley	259	251	239	13.4%	2.7%
Oats and summer cereal mixtures	38	21	27	1.5%	2.2%
Grain maize	:	:	:	:	:
Rice	:	:	:	:	:
Other cereals	:	:	:	:	:
Industrial crops:	46	44	45	2.6%	0.2%
Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	9	5	5	0.3%	0.0%
Protein crops	:	:	0	0.0%	0.0%
Raw tobacco	:	:	:	:	:
Sugar beet	:	:	:	:	:
Other industrial crops	38	39	40	2.3%	2.5%
Forage plants	1203	947	925	52.0%	3.8%
Vegetables and horticultural products	261	281	285	16.0%	0.5%
Potatoes	164	88	114	6.4%	1.2%
Fruits	49	50	50	2.8%	0.2%
Wine	:	:	:	:	:
Olive oil	:	:	:	:	:
Other crop products	:	0	:	:	:
Crop output	2 105	1 783	1 779	24.9%	0.8%
Animals:	3 151	3 070	3 447	64.1%	3.7%
Cattle	2 152	2 012	2 356	43.8%	7.2%
Pigs	476	471	459	8.5%	1.4%
Equines	189	222	247	4.6%	24.0%
Sheep and goats	204	232	245	4.5%	4.7%
Poultry	131	133	141	2.6%	0.7%
Other animals	:	:	:	:	:
Animal products:	2 134	2 153	1 932	35.9%	3.0%
Milk	2 073	2 093	1 872	34.8%	3.6%
Eggs	53	50	49	0.9%	3.6%
Other animal products	8	10	11	0.2%	3.6%
Animal output	5 285	5 223	3 447	75.1%	3.4%
Agricultural goods output	7 390	7 005	7 159	100.0%	1.9%
Gross value added at basic prices	2 059	2 233	2 433		1.5%

Source: Eurostat, Economic Accounts for Agriculture (values at current producer prices).

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4.2. AGRICULTURE: ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Agricultural input

Input components	2013	2014	2015	2014/13	2015/14
	Million EUR			% change	
Seeds and planting stock	75	67	69	-11.0%	2.4%
Energy	453	450	407	-0.5%	-9.7%
Fertilisers and soil improvers	614	566	565	-7.9%	-0.1%
Plant protection products	59	69	69	17.3%	-0.6%
Veterinary expenses	285	290	294	1.9%	1.2%
Feedingstuffs	2 900	2 356	2 332	-18.8%	-1.0%
Maintenance of materials	231	227	225	-1.9%	-1.0%
Maintenance of buildings	210	222	224	5.8%	0.7%
Agricultural services	366	362	360	-1.0%	-0.5%
Other goods and services	454	478	496	5.5%	3.6%
Total intermediate consumption	5 697	5 134	5 086	-9.9%	-0.9%
Fixed capital consumption	703	729	729	3.7%	0.0%

Source: Eurostat, Economic Accounts for Agriculture (values at current basic prices).

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Agricultural income

Values at basic prices	2013	2014	2015	2014/13	2015/14
	Million EUR			% change	
Output of the agricultural "industry":	7 715	7 333	7 435	-5.0%	1.4%
Crop output	2 105	1 783	1 779	-15.3%	-0.2%
Animal output:	5 245	5 189	5 296	-1.1%	2.1%
<i>Animals</i>	3 131	3 068	3 458	-2.0%	12.7%
<i>Animal products</i>	2 113	2 121	1 838	0.4%	-13.4%
Agricultural services	366	362	360	-1.0%	-0.5%
Secondary activities	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
- Intermediate consumption	5 697	5 134	5 086	-9.9%	-0.9%
= Gross value added at basic prices	2 019	2 199	2 349	9.0%	6.8%
- Consumption of fixed capital	703	729	729	3.7%	0.0%
- Taxes	83	79	59	-4.9%	-25.0%
+ Subsidies	1 640	1 603	1 573	-2.2%	-1.9%
= Factor income	2 873	2 995	3 134	4.3%	4.7%

Agricultural income* (2010=100)	124.1	129.3	132.7	4.2%	2.6%
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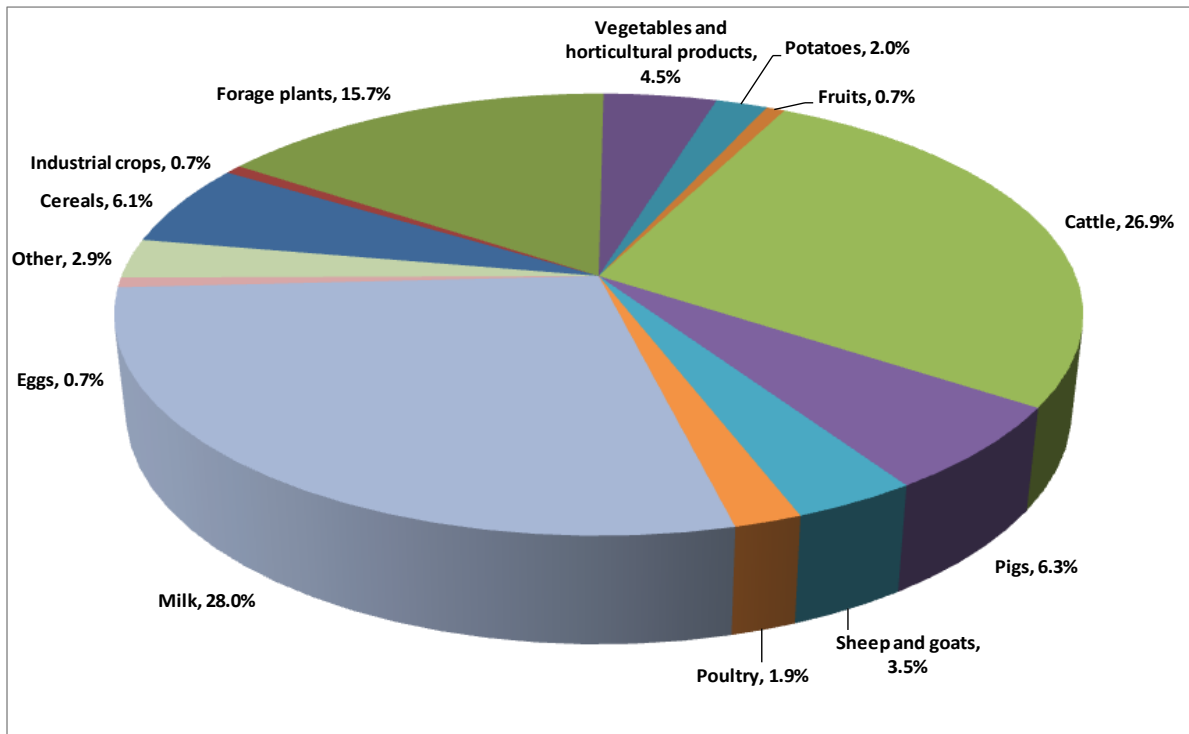
Source: Eurostat, Economic Accounts for Agriculture (values at current basic prices; constant prices for *Indicator A - see definition on page 9).

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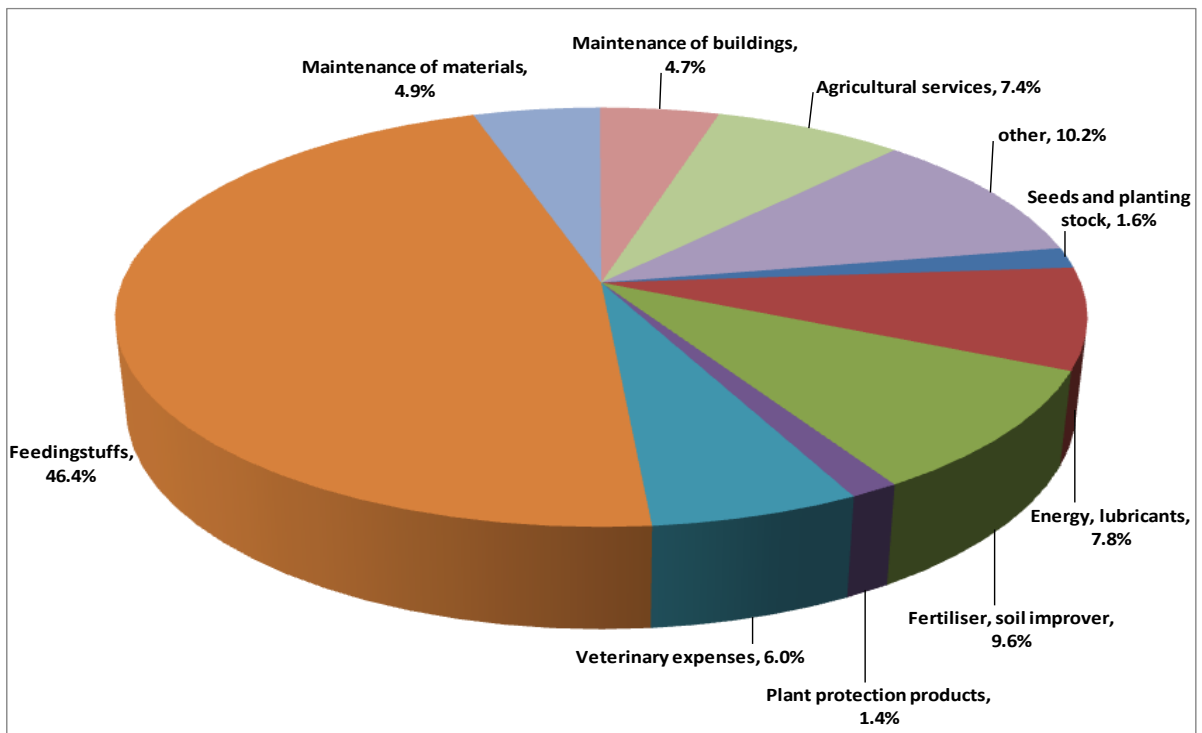
4.3. AGRICULTURE: ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Output components (2013-2015 average)



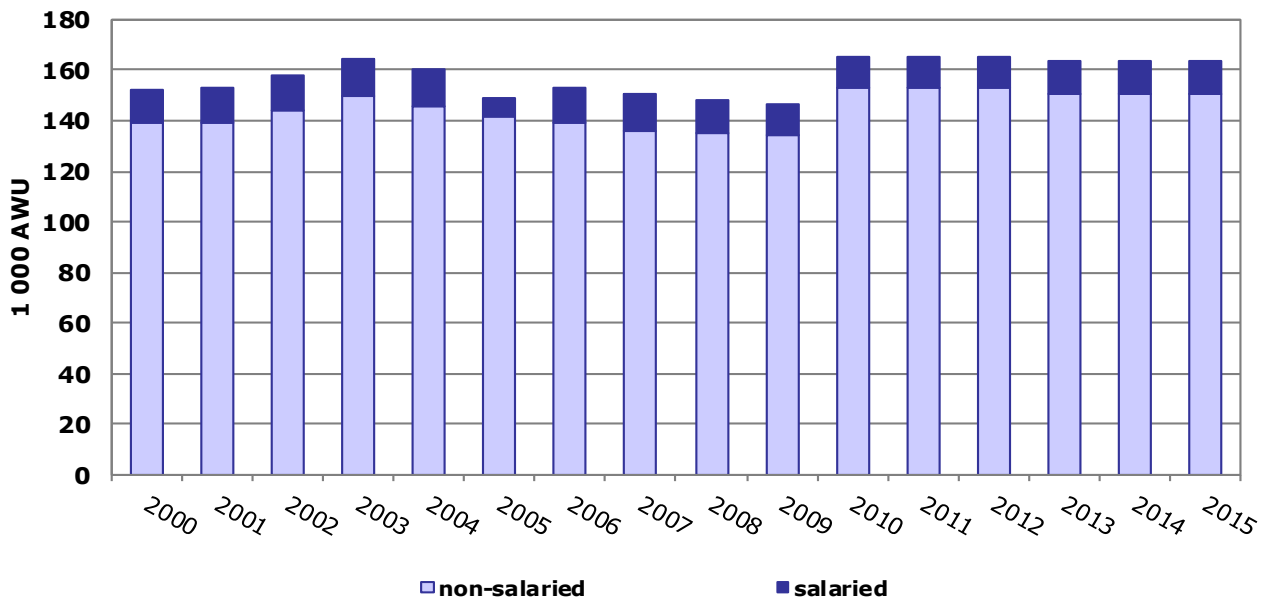
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Intermediate consumption (2013-2015 average)



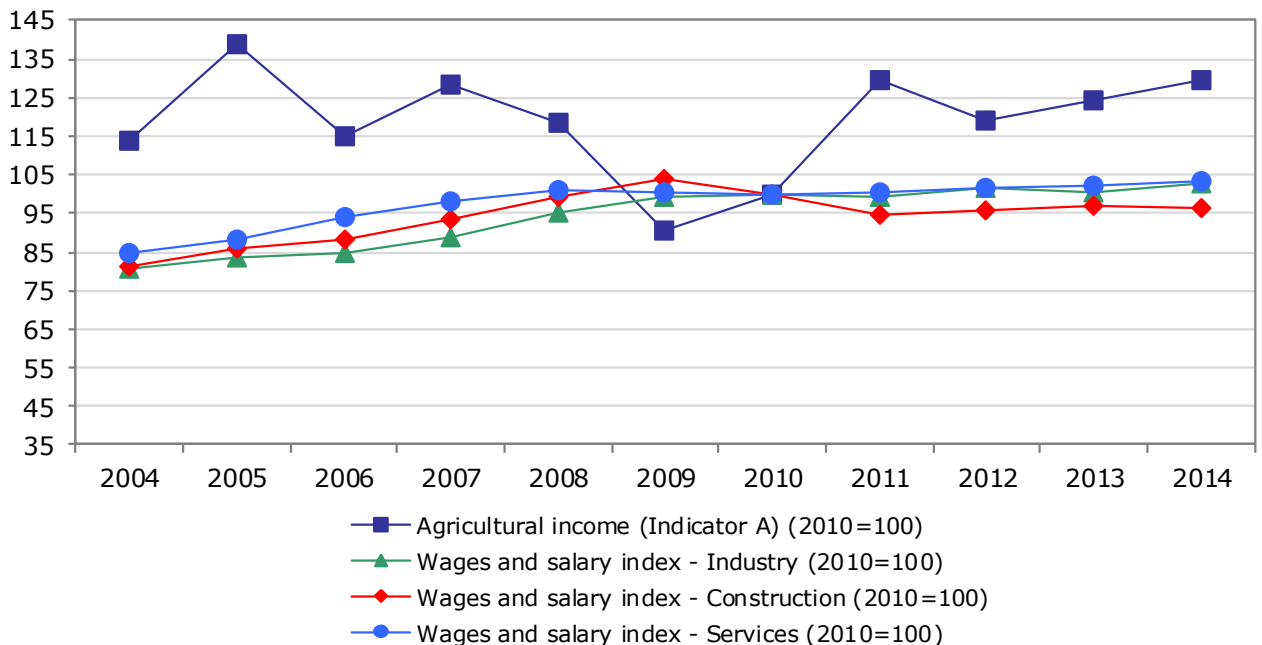
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Evolution of agricultural labour input



Source: Eurostat. Updated: February 2016.

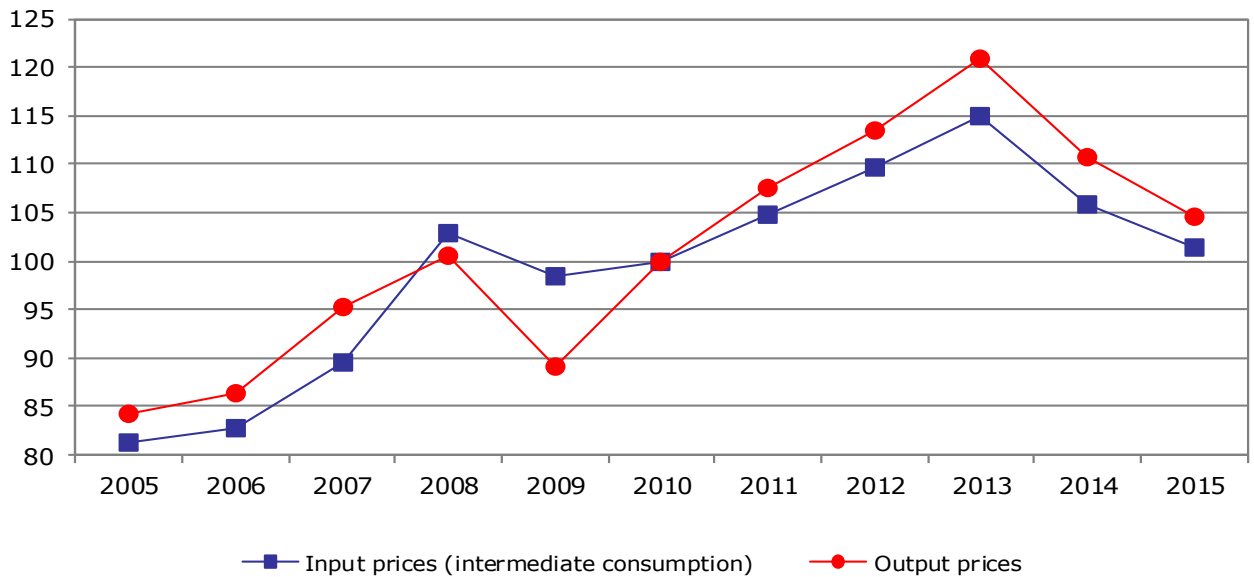
Evolution of agricultural income (*) compared to wages and salaries in other sectors of the economy



Source: Eurostat. Updated: January 2016.

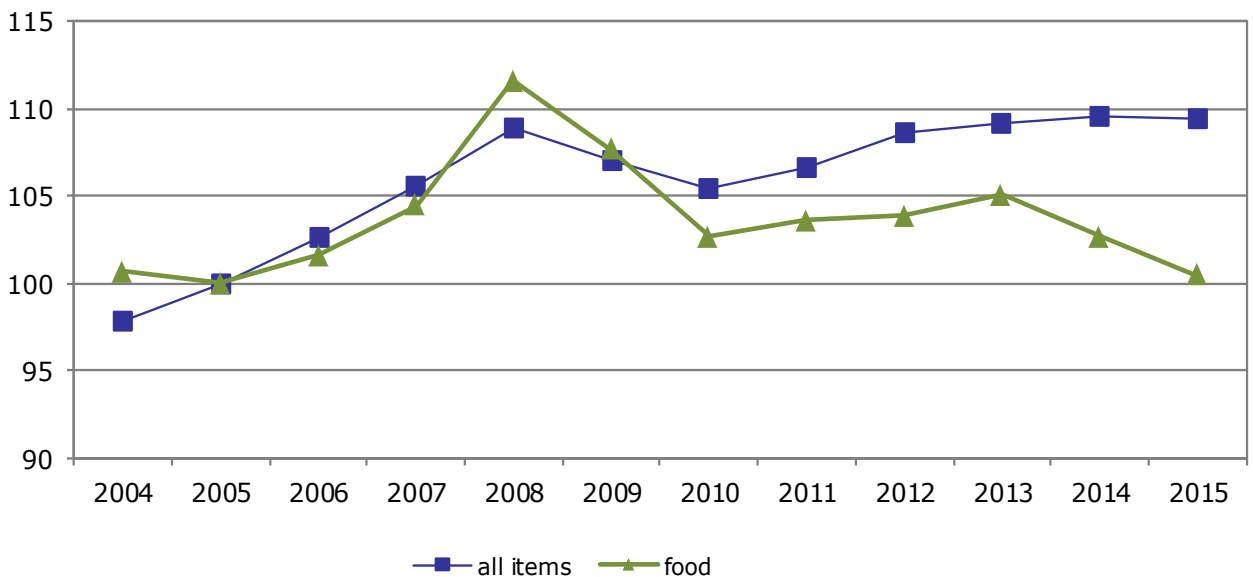
(*) The so-called indicator A is the real net value added at factor cost of agriculture per annual work unit (AWU). The net value added at factor cost (factor income) is calculated by subtracting the consumption of fixed capital from gross value added at basic prices and adding the value of subsidies less taxes. The AWU is defined as the work volume corresponding to one full-time employed worked.

Evolution of agricultural input and output prices



Source: Eurostat. Updated: March 2016.

Evolution of harmonised indices of consumer prices



Source: Eurostat. Updated: January 2016.

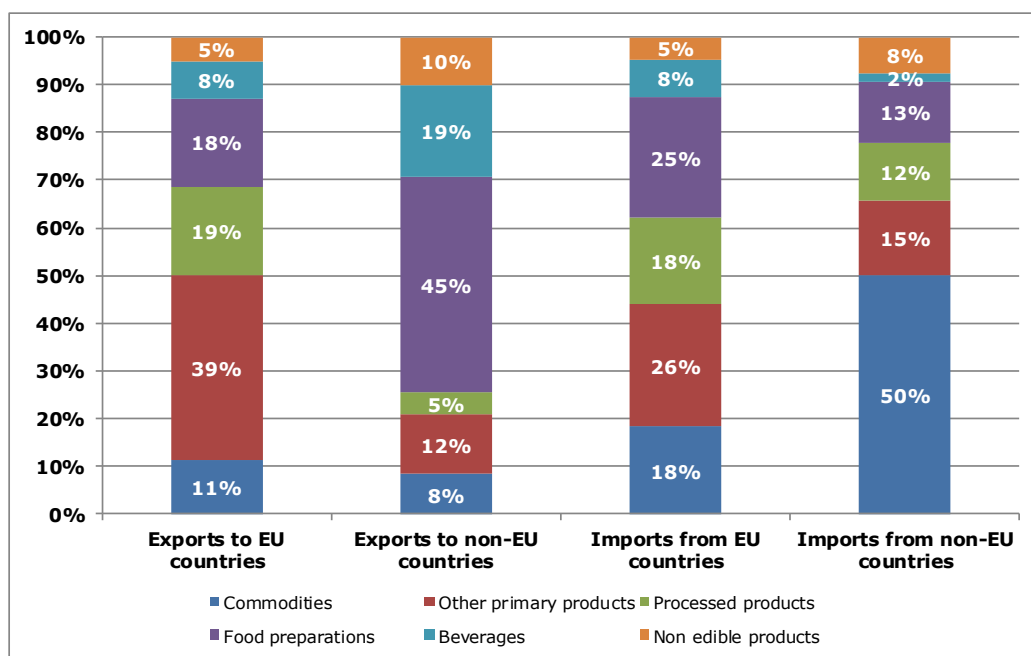
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5.1. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

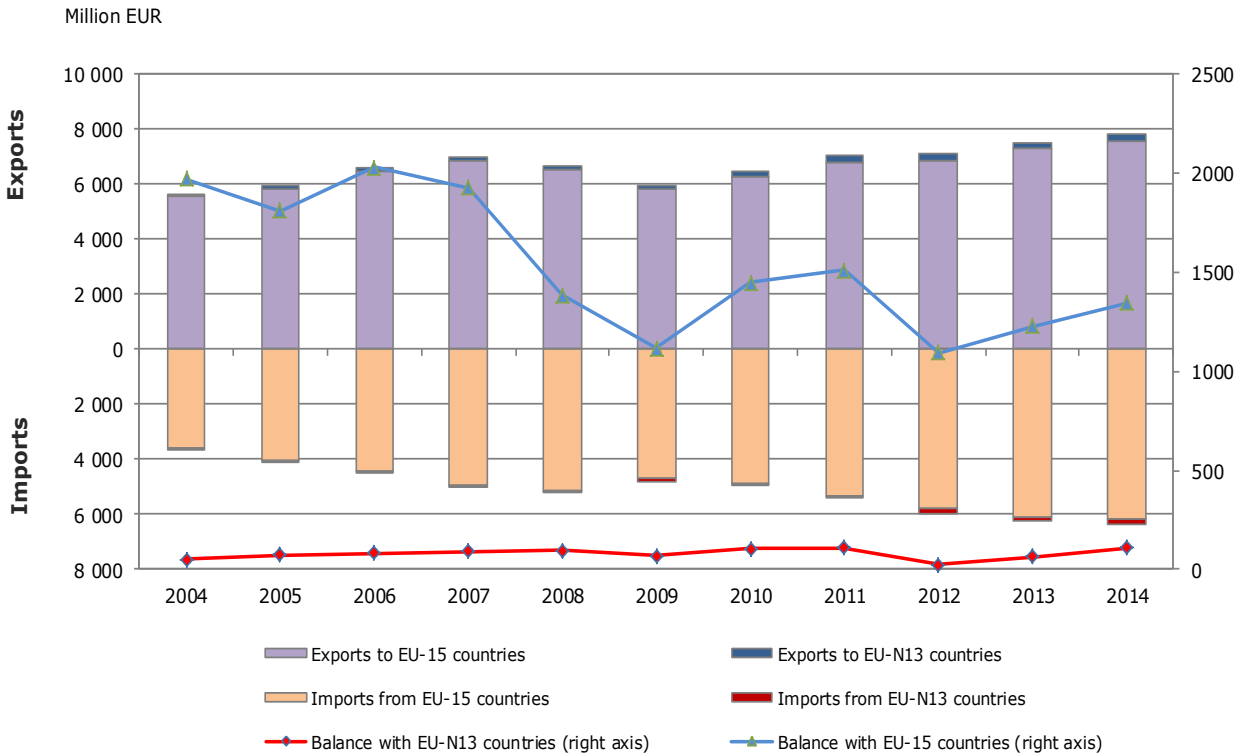
Agricultural trade in 2014

By category of product	Total trade	Trade with EU countries		Trade with non-EU countries	
	Million EUR	Million EUR	% change 2014/2013	Million EUR	% change 2014/2013
Exports					
Commodities	1146.5	891.6	-8.5%	255.0	11.3%
Other primary products	3390.0	3009.3	5.6%	380.7	10.3%
Processed products	1614.6	1469.1	5.8%	145.5	33.2%
Food preparations	2819.2	1440.6	7.8%	1378.6	17.7%
Beverages	1187.0	599.2	-1.1%	587.8	-3.7%
Non edible	712.2	402.5	5.4%	309.8	25.9%
Total agricultural products	10869.5	7812.2	0.3%	3057.3	8.7%
as % of total exports	12.1%	15.9%	-	7.6%	-
Imports					
Commodities	1678.6	1172.2	-8.6%	506.5	-7.8%
Other primary products	1780.1	1624.8	9.2%	155.2	20.3%
Processed products	1273.5	1149.4	1.9%	124.0	-0.9%
Food preparations	1733.9	1605.0	3.6%	128.9	2.6%
Beverages	523.0	505.9	6.7%	17.1	-0.3%
Non edible	376.9	299.5	-6.8%	77.4	-26.5%
Total agricultural products	7366.0	6356.8	8.1%	1009.2	17.9%
as % of total imports	13.4%	16.8%	-	5.9%	-
Balance					
Commodities	-532.1	-280.6	-	-251.5	-
Other primary products	1609.9	1384.5	-	225.5	-
Processed products	341.1	319.7	-	21.5	-
Food preparations	1085.3	-164.4	-	1249.6	-
Beverages	664.0	93.3	-	570.7	-
Non edible	335.3	103.0	-	232.3	-
Total agricultural products	3503.5	1455.4	-	2048.1	-

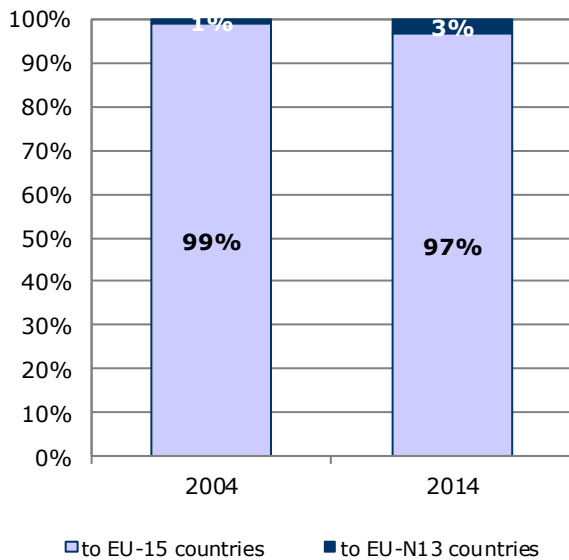
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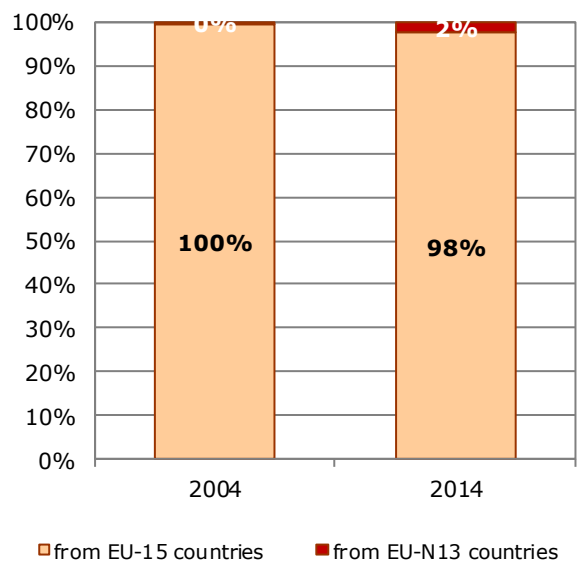
Evolution of agricultural trade with other EU countries



Exports of agricultural products



Imports of agricultural products



Source: DG Agriculture and Rural Development, based on Eurostat data. Updated: January 2016.

6.1. FARM STRUCTURE

Structure of agricultural holdings

Holdings		2005		2013	
		Total	%	Total	%
By UAA (*)	< 5 ha	9 240	7.0%	9 800	7.0%
	5-10 ha	18 490	13.9%	15 610	11.2%
	10-20 ha	30 090	22.7%	34 200	24.5%
	20-30 ha	22 520	17.0%	24 570	17.6%
	30-50 ha	28 700	21.6%	30 290	21.7%
	50-100 ha	19 620	14.8%	20 350	14.6%
	> 100 ha	4 020	3.0%	4 770	3.4%
By economic size (**)	< 4 000 €	19 330	14.6%	29 280	21.0%
	< 8 000 €	18 990	14.3%	23 040	16.5%
	< 15 000 €	28 300	21.3%	26 030	18.6%
	< 25 000 €	20 460	15.4%	19 430	13.9%
	< 50 000 €	20 120	15.2%	17 760	12.7%
	< 100 000 €	15 690	11.8%	11 410	8.2%
	< 250 000 €	8 590	6.5%	10 540	7.6%
	< 500 000 €	740	0.6%	1 640	1.2%
=/> 500 000 €	450	0.3%	460	0.3%	
By LSU (***)	0	4 460	3.4%	11 300	8.1%
	0-5	11 090	8.4%	15 330	11.0%
	5-10	13 490	10.2%	17 330	12.4%
	10-15	11 010	8.3%	13 790	9.9%
	15-20	10 970	8.3%	10 970	7.9%
	20-50	42 660	32.2%	36 140	25.9%
	50-100	24 820	18.7%	20 410	14.6%
	100-500	13 810	10.4%	13 970	10.0%
> 500	340	0.3%	360	0.3%	
By age of holder	< 35 years	14 250	10.7%	8 730	6.3%
	35-44 years	26 080	19.7%	23 290	16.7%
	45-54 years	32 950	24.8%	35 100	25.1%
	55-64 years	30 900	23.3%	35 530	25.5%
	> 64 years	28 500	21.5%	36 950	26.5%
Total		132 670	100	139 600	100
UAA in 1 000 ha		4 219		4 959	
UAA (ha) per holding		31.8		35.5	

Source: Eurostat, Farm Structure Survey 2005 and 2013. Updated: January 2016.

(*) UAA = Utilised agricultural area.

(**) Economic size: The standard output of an agricultural product (crop or livestock), abbreviated as SO, is the average monetary value of the agricultural output at farm-gate price, in euro per hectare or per head of livestock. There is a regional SO coefficient for each product, as an average value over a reference period (5 years, except for the SO 2004 coefficient calculated using the average of 3 years). The sum of all the SO per hectare of crop and per head of livestock in a farm is a measure of its overall [economic size](#), expressed in euro.

(***) LSU = Livestock units. A LSU is equivalent to a dairy cow. The number of animals (heads) is converted into LSU using a set of coefficients reflecting the feed requirements of the different animal categories.

6.2. FARM STRUCTURE

Structure of farm labour force

2013			
Family labour force		Non family labour force	
persons:	252 270		
of which women:	28.5%		
AWUs (*):	150 480	AWUs:	13 210
Holders	Family members	Regular non family labour force	Non regular non family labour force
persons:	persons:	persons:	
139 100	113 180	17 240	
of which women:	of which women:	of which women:	
11.7%	49.2%	14.5%	
AWUs:	AWUs:	AWUs:	AWUs:
102 580	47 890	10 130	3 080
Total farm labour force (persons)		269 510	
Total farm labour force (AWUs)		163 690	

Source: Eurostat, Farm Structure Survey 2013. Updated: January 2016.

* AWUs = Annual work units. An AWU is equivalent to a worker employed on a full time basis for one year.

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