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Farm structure in Sweden - 2005

Almost half of the agricultural land and livestock are in farms of 100 ha or more

This Statistics in Focus is part of a series of country-specific publications on the results of the Farm Structure Survey (FSS) 2005. It provides a brief but nevertheless comprehensive insight into the farm structure in Sweden. A similar publication was issued in December 2004 presenting the results of the FSS 2003 in Sweden.

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In June 2005 in Sweden, about **66 thousand* agricultural holdings** had an economic size of at least 1 European Size Unit (ESU).

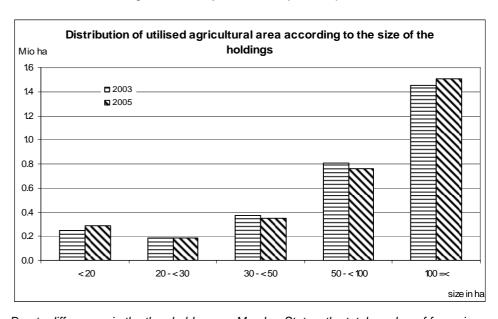
- These holdings employed 67 thousand AWUs (annual work units), the equivalent of 67 thousand persons working full time;
- they made use of about 3.1 million ha of agricultural area, which is on average **46.7** ha per holding (compared to 50.9 ha in 2003).

Among these 66 thousand agricultural holdings

- 60% made use of less than one AWU, while 13% made use of 2 or more AWUs;
- 11% used less than 5 ha agricultural area, while 12% used 100 ha or more;
- 39% were holdings of the type general field cropping, 21% specialist cereals, oil seed and protein crops, 12% were engaged in combined field cropping and grazing livestock, 12% were specialist dairy farming and 11% had specialised in cattle rearing and fattening;
- 47% of their agricultural area was situated in less favoured or mountain areas;
- 4% were organic farms;
- 6% benefited from direct investment aid.

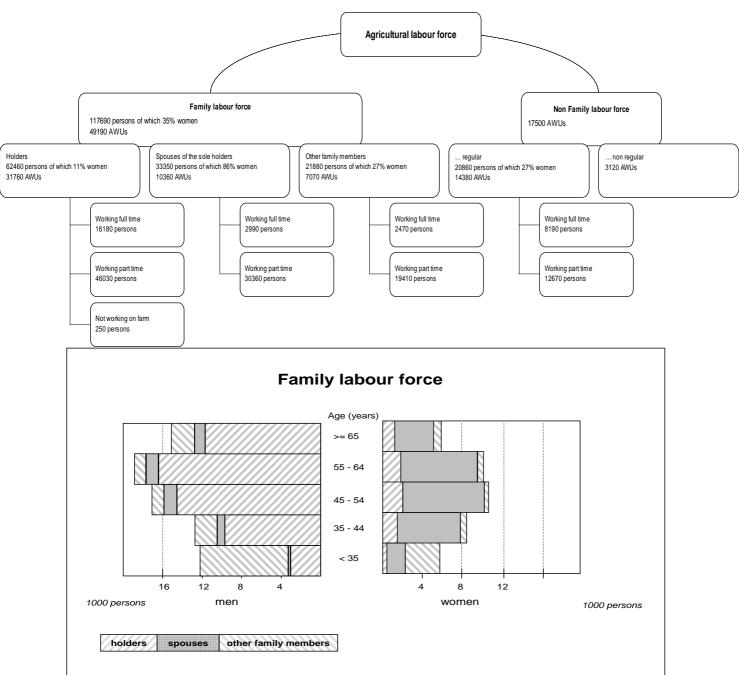
Among the 63 thousand sole holders

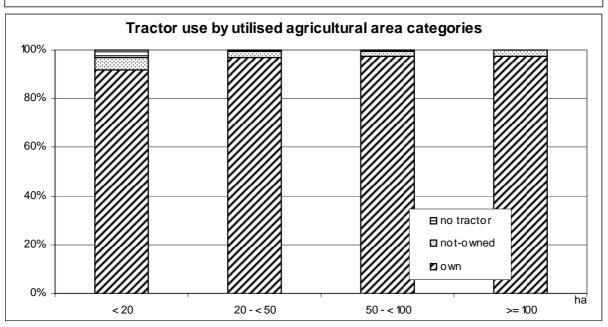
- 11% were women;
- 50% were aged 55 or more, and only 6% were younger than 35 years;
- 48% had another gainful activity as their major occupation.



Due to differences in the threshold across Member States, the total number of farms is not comparable between countries. This is why the present analysis, including Tables 1-4 and the graphs focus on the holdings of at least one ESU. See methodological notes for more information on the concept of the ESU.

Sweden 2005 - Holdings of at least 1 ESU





•	Size of the farms		Agricultur	al area (ha)		All		Livestock (LU*)		
5	ize of the farms	< 20	20 - < 50	50 -< 100	100 =<	farms	0	0 <- < 50	50 -< 100	100 =<
Total labour force										
1000 annual work ur	nits	18.3	15.0	15.1	18.3	66.7	18.3	26.6	9.8	12.0
Family labour force										
Family labour force 1000 persons		52.5	30.1	21.1	14.0	117.7	44.4	54.7	11.2	7.3
1000 persons	nits	14.1	13.2	12.5	9.4	49.2	12.5	23.4	7.8	5.5
			10.2	12.0	0.1	10.2	12.0	20.1	7.0	0.0
Non-family labour regulation 1000 persons	liarly employed	5.2	2.6	3.3	0.7	20.9	6.7	4.7	2.4	7.1
1000 persons	nite	3.2	1.4	3.3 2.1	9.7 7.7	14.4	6.7 4.1	4.7 2.7	2.4 1.7	7.1 5.8
		3.2	1.4	2.1	7.7	14.4	4.1	2.1	1.7	5.0
Non regular non family										
1000 annual work ur	nits	0.9	0.4	0.5	1.3	3.1	1.7	0.5	0.2	0.7
Holding managers	(1000)	31.1	16.6	10.8	7.9	66.3	30.3	26.5	5.4	4.2
- women	(%)	14.7	8.1	6.3	3.9	10.4	8.6	14.0	5.7	4.0
	under 50 % (%)	76.8	46.0	19.5	8.3	51.8	72.7	47.1	4.4	3.6
-	· 50 % and over(%)	15.3	27.1	23.9	16.9	19.8	16.5	26.2	10.9	8.6
- with a basic agricul	t. training only (%)	9.2	18.4	27.2	27.5	16.5	13.9	15.6	27.2	27.9
- with a full agricultur	ral training (%)	9.7	17.4	29.2	45.8	19.0	15.1	16.7	32.2	45.6
Sole/main holders	(1000)	30.6	15.9	10.0	6.0	62.5	26.8	27.8	4.9	2.9
- women	(%)	15.3	9.3	6.3	4.2	11.3	9.6	14.6	5.6	4.2
- distribution by age	(%)									
- under 35 years		5.7	4.6	5.8	7.1	5.6	5.0	5.7	6.5	7.9
- from 35 to 44	years	16.5	16.4	21.6	23.1	17.9	14.5	19.6	23.1	24.5
- from 45 to 54	years	22.7	27.5	31.7	35.2	26.6	22.6	28.1	34.5	35.5
- from 55 to 64		28.1	31.4	30.2	27.8	29.2	29.6	28.9	29.8	27.5
- 65 years and o		27.0	20.2	10.7	6.9	20.7	28.3	17.7	6.2	4.6
•	under 50 % (%)	80.1	48.3	21.1	11.0	55.9	77.7	49.4	4.8	5.0
	· 50 % and over(%)	15.9	28.5	25.9	22.5	21.4	17.7	27.5	12.1	12.1
- with another gainfu		71.5	65.5	50.8	40.1	63.8	68.9	68.4	31.7	23.7
- as main occup		62.7	46.9	23.1	11.8	47.7	55.4	51.0	9.7	5.5
- as a subsidiar	-	8.8	18.5	27.8	28.3	16.1	13.5	17.4	22.0	18.1
Spouse of sole holder holding	working on the (1000)	14.7	8.7	6.1	3.9	33.3	11.1	16.9	3.3	2.0
- women	(%)	80.2	87.7	92.8	95.5	86.2	87.1	83.1	93.7	95.9
- distribution by age	(%)									
- under 35 years	s	7.1	5.9	7.5	8.7	7.0	5.2	7.7	8.6	9.2
- from 35 to 54	years	46.2	47.5	56.3	62.5	50.3	41.5	52.1	62.1	64.1
- 55 years and o	over	46.7	46.6	36.3	28.8	42.7	53.3	40.2	29.3	26.7
- part-time -	under 50 % (%)	89.6	78.5	64.9	57.6	78.5	92.5	78.6	50.2	44.9
	- 50 % and over(%)	7.7	14.0	17.7	19.8	12.6	5.0	14.4	22.5	22.7
- with another gainfu	ll activity (%)	75.6	72.0	70.0	65.3	72.4	72.3	76.1	63.5	56.5
Other members of the working on the holding	,	7.2	5.5	4.9	4.2	21.9	6.5	10.0	3.0	2.4
- women	(%)	33.4	25.2	24.5	22.6	27.3	23.4	31.9	24.3	22.1
	under 50 % (%)	90.8	85.1	70.0	53.9	77.6	88.8	84.1	60.5	41.8
•	· 50 % and over(%)	5.8	8.8	15.5	18.0	11.1	6.6	9.6	18.6	20.0
- with another gainfu		66.8	62.2	56.8	46.2	59.4	65.2	63.4	50.4	39.0

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* LU = Livestock Unit

1 Refers only to holders who are also farm managers.



Table 2 – Agricultural holdings by size

Size of the forms		Agricultur	al area (ha))	All		Livestock (LU)		
Size of the farms	< 20	20 - < 50	50 -<100	100 =<	farms	0	0 <- < 50	50 -<100	100 =<
Holdings									
- total number (1000)	31.1	16.6	10.8	7.9	66.3	30.3	26.5	5.4	4.2
- by legal personality of the holder (%)									
- sole holder	95.9	95.3	92.0	75.3	92.7	93.6	95.3	90.4	71.0
- legal person	4.1	4.7	8.0	24.7	7.3	6.4	4.7	9.6	29.0
- group holders	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- by employed labour force (%)									
- under 1 AWU	83.6	57.6	27.5	10.8	59.5	81.5	56.1	5.1	2.7
- from 1 to less than 2 AWU	12.8	35.2	49.3	37.6	27.2	13.8	35.7	53.2	25.2
- from 2 to less than 3 AWU	2.0	5.7	18.7	28.0	8.7	2.3	6.6	33.1	35.3
- 3 AWU and over	1.7	1.5	4.4	23.6	4.6	2.4	1.6	8.6	36.9
- by economic size (%)									
- from 1 to less than 8 ESU	92.4	43.8	11.6	2.2	56.4	68.1	62.7	3.6	0.3
- from 8 to less than 16 ESU	5.3	33.2	15.7	4.0	13.8	14.1	15.3	14.1	1.1
- from 16 to less than 40 ESU	1.2	19.3	40.7	16.2	13.9	10.7	16.5	22.5	10.0
- from 40 to less than 100 ESU	0.5	3.4	29.4	46.3	11.4	5.1	4.6	58.0	39.1
- 100 ESU and over	0.6	0.4	2.6	31.3	4.5	1.9	0.9	1.8	49.4
- by farm type (%)									
- general field cropping - specialist cereals, oil seed and protein	59.6	24.3	15.6	17.4	38.6	59.2	27.6	3.3	4.6
crops	13.8	27.2	25.1	27.3	20.6	27.9	18.4	3.9	2.8
- field crops – grazing livestock combined	12.2	12.9	11.0	9.9	11.9	8.7	16.4	12.0	7.0
- specialist dairy farming	1.0	11.9	30.1	29.2	11.8	0.0	10.2	57.9	47.7
- specialist cattle – rearing and fattening - other types of farming	7.2 6.2	18.1 5.7	11.6 6.6	6.5 9.6	10.6 6.5	0.0 4.2	22.3 5.1	15.3 7.5	6.9 31.0
,,	0.2	3.7	0.0	9.0	0.5	4.2	5.1	7.5	31.0
- by farming methods (%)									
- organic farming	1.5	4.0	6.5	10.6	4.0	2.6	4.2	7.8	8.8
- irrigating	1.6	3.3	5.2	9.4	3.6	3.8	2.6	4.1	8.2
- with fixed irrigation equipment	1.3	2.4	4.5	9.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.7	9.3
- with crops under glass	3.5	1.2	0.8	0.7	2.1	3.3	1.5	0.6	0.7
- benefiting of direct investment aids	0.7	3.6	11.5	21.2	5.6	1.3	3.9	18.7	31.0
- using a tractor (%)	97.0	99.7	99.7	99.8	98.4	97.6	99.2	99.8	96.6
- with their own tractor	92.0	96.8	97.4	97.5	94.7	93.0	95.8	98.0	94.8
- using a combine harvester (%) - with another gainful activity than agricultural	24.3	56.6	72.5	81.7	46.9	44.8	41.8	67.0	70.2
production (%)	8.6	14.2	18.4	24.7	13.5	10.3	15.0	19.0	17.6
- tourism	2.3	3.1	3.7	4.9	3.0	1.8	3.8	4.4	3.7
- handicraft	0.5	8.0	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	8.0	0.4	0.6
- processing of farm products	1.1	1.2	1.6	2.9	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.6	2.0
- wood processing	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.5	0.7
- aquaculture	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
- renewable energy production	8.0	1.2	1.3	2.3	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.7
- contractual work	2.3	7.1	11.5	15.9	6.6	4.9	6.6	11.8	10.6
- other gainful activities n.a.e.	2.3	3.1	3.1	3.8	2.8	1.8	3.8	3.2	2.3

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		Agricultur	al area (ha)		Livestock (LU)				
Size of the farm	< 20	20 - < 50	50 -<100	100 =<	All farms	0	0 <- < 50	50 -<100	100 =<	
Area (1000 ha)										
Total area of agricultural holdings	1358.6	1372.0	1451.9	2370.6	6553.2	2216.6	2331.7	929.5	1075.3	
Other area	1070.4	833.5	688.9	864.5	3457.3	1341.3	1306.7	429.9	379.4	
Wooded area	1042.0	798.5	645.4	775.5	3261.4	1281.0	1232.7	402.6	345.0	
Agricultural area	288.2	538.5	763.0	1506.2	3095.9	875.3	1025.0	499.6	696.0	
Arable land	247.8	454.1	645.6	1268.9	2616.4	826.1	836.6	388.7	565.1	
Cereals	49.2	147.7	242.4	589.0	1028.3	397.1	290.2	115.7	225.2	
Common wheat and spelt	8.2	34.2	70.3	244.7	357.4	164.2	94.3	25.6	73.3	
Durum wheat	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Rye	0.8	2.2	4.2	14.3	21.5	10.7	5.5	1.7	3.5	
Barley	19.3	60.1	98.6	202.4	380.4	136.6	106.0	49.1	88.7	
Oats	18.4	41.3	52.1	88.0	199.8	68.5	67.9	27.3	36.1	
Grain maize	0.0			0.0					0.0	
		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Dried pulses	0.8	2.7	5.8	22.9	32.2	13.3	8.3	2.6	8.0	
Root crops	2.7	9.4	17.6	50.3	80.1	38.8	18.9	5.4	17.0	
Potatoes	1.7	4.0	6.9	18.0	30.6	14.2	7.2	2.0	7.2	
Sugar beet	1.0	5.4	10.7	32.4	49.5	24.6	11.6	3.4	9.9	
Fodder root	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Industrial crops	1.8	7.5	16.6	66.4	92.2	45.0	26.1	5.5	15.6	
Tobacco	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Hops	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Cotton	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Rape and turnip	1.5	7.0	15.4	58.5	82.4	39.8	23.6	5.0	14.0	
Sunflower	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Soya	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry	1.9	2.6	3.8	12.4	20.6	13.2	4.5	0.7	2.3	
outside	1.6	2.2	3.5	12.3	19.6	12.2	4.4	0.7	2.4	
under glass	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Flower and ornamental plants	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
·	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
outside										
under glass	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Forage plants	160.7	215.9	275.7	375.9	1028.2	164.4	390.8	226.5	246.5	
Fallow land	29.7	66.8	80.8	138.3	315.7	145.6	91.9	31.3	47.0	
Kitchen garden	:	:	:	:		:	:	:	:	
Permanent pasture and meadows	40.2	84.1	116.9	236.8	477.9	48.2	188.1	110.9	130.8	
Permanent crops	1.6	1.0	8.0	0.5	3.8	2.7	1.0	0.1	0.1	
Fruit and berry plantation	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.3	2.8	2.1	0.6	0.0	0.1	
Citrus plantation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Olive trees	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Vineyard	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Ratios										
Agricultural area per holding (ha)	9.3	32.5	70.8	190.7	46.7	28.9	38.7	92.3	166.7	
Agricultural area (%)										
own farmed	83.0	69.3	58.0	52.2	59.5	67.5	61.5	50.4	52.9	
in less favoured or mountain area	69.7	58.9	53.0	36.2	47.4	31.1	54.4	64.0	45.7	
organic farmed	1.7	3.8	5.8	8.4	6.3	3.8	5.4	8.5	9.4	
irrigated	0.5	1.0	1.3	2.1	1.6	2.4	0.9	0.8	2.1	
imgateu	0.5	1.0	1.3	۷.۱	1.0	2.4	0.9	0.0	۷.۱	

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	Size of the farm	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)		
	oize of the failif	< 20	20 - < 50	50 -< 100	100 =<	All lallis	0 <- < 50	50 -< 100	100 =<
Total livestock	(1000 LU)	201.4	268.0	474.7	854.0	1798.1	397.0	381.7	1019.4
of which grazing	(%)	37.6	80.7	78.5	64.3	67.5	96.0	93.5	46.7
Grazing livestock	(1000 heads)								
Equidae		34.8	23.3	15.8	16.3	90.2	71.1	10.0	9.1
Bovine animals		68.9	279.6	497.5	743.5	1589.4	457.4	485.8	646.2
Under 1 year		22.7	90.0	154.8	236.4	504.0	148.6	152.9	202.5
From 1 to less than 2 yea	rs	18.0	73.4	124.0	182.1	397.5	124.0	119.9	153.6
Dairy cows		5.0	45.9	132.2	210.1	393.3	56.1	132.1	205.0
Other cows		17.6	47.4	47.2	62.2	174.4	91.2	44.0	39.1
Other bovine animals 2 ye	ears and older	5.6	22.9	39.1	52.7	120.3	37.5	36.8	46.0
Sheep		21.6	68.9	82.4	104.4	277.4	166.0	56.4	54.9
Goats		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Granivores									
Pigs	(1000 heads)	263.1	182.7	372.7	992.6	1811.1	86.4	117.7	1607.0
Piglets < 20 kg	(1000 11011110)	89.9	74.3	134.2	239.4	537.8	56.4	62.7	418.7
Breeding sows		37.1	24.6	38.9	84.8	185.4	9.3	14.2	161.9
Other pigs		136.0	83.8	199.7	668.5	1087.9	20.7	40.8	1026.4
Poultry	(million heads)	5.9	1.0	1.8	5.7	14.4	0.3	0.3	13.8
Broilers	` ,	2.6	0.3	1.0	3.6	7.5	0.0	0.0	7.4
Laying hens		3.3	0.7	0.7	2.0	6.7	0.2	0.3	6.3
Other poultry		0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Rabbits, breeding females	(1000 heads)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Beehives	(1000)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Assessed the selection of the selection									
Average size of herds* Equidae	(bood/bolding)	<i>E</i> 1	6.6	6.7	0.0	6.0	F 0	7.6	9.2
•	(head/holding)	5.1	6.6	6.7	8.2	6.2	5.8	7.6	
Cattle	(head/holding)	17.8	34.9	73.2	152.4	67.5	29.7	95.5	212.4
Dairy cows	(head/holding)	15.5	22.4	38.2	77.4	46.0	18.9	39.4	92.3
Other cows	(head/holding)	6.1	10.5	18.4	35.8	14.9	9.6	30.3	54.7
Sheep	(head/holding)	28.9	53.4	88.0	133.0	73.8	57.7	109.8	150.0
Goats	(head/holding)	:	:	: : :		:	:	:	:
Pigs	(head/holding)	489.0	256.6	535.5	1239.2	659.3	80.8	273.0	1288.7
Breeding sows	(head/holding)	96.4	47.9	87.2	209.8	105.9	12.3	44.6	239.9
Other pigs > 20 kg	(head/holding)	298.3	135.5	305.8	859.2	434.3	23.7	101.0	836.5
Rabbits, breeding females		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Laying hens	(1000/holding)	1.9	0.6	1.2	5.2	1.7	0.1	0.7	17.6
Broilers	(1000/holding)	28.3	7.1	34.4	84.8	36.8	0.3	2.9	90.8
Beehives	(hive/holding)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Symbols : not available



⁰ less than half of the unit or nil

^{*} Number of animals of a given livestock category per holding with this kind of animal.

		A	Absolute figure	% of	total	
		Total	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU
Regular labour force	(1000 persons)	154.1	15.5	138.6	10.1	89.9
Regular labour force	(1000 AWU)	67.9	4.4	63.6	6.4	93.6
Holders	(1000 persons)	70.7	8.2	62.5	11.6	88.4
at least 65 years old		14.9	1.9	12.9	12.9	87.1
having another gainful activity		43.2	5.7	37.5	13.2	86.8
Number of holdings	(1000)	75.8	9.5	66.3	12.5	87.5
producing mainly for own consumption		:	:	:	:	:
producing mainly for direct sales		:	:	:	:	:
using a tractor		74.6	8.3	66.3	11.1	88.9
Standard Gross Margin (SGM)	(1000 ESU)	1632.0	4.0	1628.0	0.2	99.8
Agricultural area	(1000 ha)	3192.4	96.6	3095.9	3.0	97.0
owned farmed		1911.6	70.3	1841.4	3.7	96.3
Livestock	(1000 LU)	1835.0	36.9	1798.1	2.0	98.0

Symbols : not available

O less than half of the unit or nil

≻METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The 2005 survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in Sweden was carried out with the reference day of 2 June 2005. It was a combination of an exhaustive and a sample survey according to EU requirements. A prior full-scale agricultural census was conducted in 2000. The reference period for characteristics related to farm labour force, machinery and irrigation was June 2004 to May 2005.

The target population was all the holdings operating in agriculture, horticulture or in animal husbandry, and reaching at least one of the thresholds applied (at least 2 ha arable land; 200 m² under glass or 2500 m² outdoor horticulture; 50 cows, sows or ewes; 250 other cattle, pig; 1000 chicken). These holdings are included in the statistical farm register, which is updated on an annual basis (from statistical surveys and from administrative sources like IACS). The frame was stratified by regions, by arable land area and by number of different livestock. In practice 119 strata were used. In 85 strata simple random sampling with Neyman-allocation was applied based on arable land area and on number of different livestock. In the remaining 34 strata the selection ratio is 100% (for example for large size holdings). The sample size was about 32 thousand.

For each activity ('enterprise') on a farm (for instance wheat, dairy cow or vineyard), a **standard gross margin (SGM)** is estimated, based on the area (or the number of heads) and a regional coefficient. The sum of such margins in a farm is its **economic size**, expressed in **European Size Units (ESU)**. 1 ESU is equal to 1200 euros.

Each farm is classified in the community typology by its economic size and its **type of farming**, depending on the share of each enterprise in its economic size. For instance, a farm where breeding sows account for more than 2/3 of the economic size is classified as

specialist pig rearing (type 5011). Depending on the level of aggregation, farms are grouped into 8 to 70 types.

Annual work unit (AWU) is equivalent to a worker employed on a full time basis for one year. In Sweden it is 1800 hours (225 working days of 8 working hours per day).

Livestock Unit (LU) is equivalent to a dairy cow. The number of animals (number of heads) is converted into LU using a set of coefficients reflecting the feed requirements of the different animal categories.

Subsistence farming refers here to all farms below 1 ESU economic size. Note that the number of farms cannot be compared between countries due to the differences in coverage of FSS.

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