Farm structure in Cyprus – 2005

One third of the agricultural holdings are specialised in fruit and citrus

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 Cyprus. A similar publication was issued in August 2005 presenting the results of the FSS 2003 in Cyprus.

In 2005 in Cyprus, about **29.9 thousand** agricultural holdings had an economic size of at least 1 European Size Unit (ESU).
- These holdings employed 25.9 thousand AWUs (annual work units), the equivalent of 25.9 thousand persons working full time;
- they made use of about 142.1 thousand ha of agricultural area, which is on average **4.8 ha per holding** (compared to 5.2 ha in 2003).

Among these 29.9 thousand agricultural holdings
- 72% made use of less than one AWU, while 10% made use of 2 or more AWUs;
- 81% used less than 5 ha agricultural area, while 4% used 20 ha or more;
- 33% were holdings of the type special fruit and citrus fruit, 20% were holdings of various permanent crops combined, 10% were engaged in mixed cropping, 7% were general field cropping and 6% were specialist olives;
- 33% were producing mainly for their own consumption;
- 58% benefited from direct investment aid.

Among the 29.5 thousand sole holders
- 21% were women;
- 55% were aged 55 or more, and only 3% were younger than 35 years;
- 50% 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 holdings of at least one ESU. See methodological notes for more information on the concept of the ESU.*

**In general, for larger holdings in Europe, the amount of utilised agricultural area has increased since 2003. In Cyprus, the opposite is the case, because there was a reduction in the amount of land rented out for agricultural purposes by the larger holdings.**
Cyprus 2005 – Holdings of at least 1 ESU

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Family labour force

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- Spouses of the sole holders: 19950 persons of which 78% women
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- >= 65
- 55 - 64
- 45 - 54
- 35 - 44
- < 35

Tractor use by utilised agricultural area categories

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- 20%
- 40%
- 60%
- 80%
- 100%

- < 5
- 5 - < 20
- 20 - < 50
- >= 50

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- Holders: 3680 persons
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- Spouses of the sole holders: 17470 persons
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*LU = Livestock Unit
1 Refers only to holders who are also farm managers.
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**Ratios**

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**Symbols**

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#### Table 4 – Livestock by size of the farms

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<td>14.5</td>
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#### Grazing livestock (1000 heads)

- **Equidae**
  - 0.8
  - 0.2
  - 0.1
  - 0.2
  - 1.4
  - 0.4
  - 0.7
  - 0.3

- **Bovine animals**
  - 3.3
  - 12.8
  - 15.9
  - 27.1
  - 59.1
  - 0.1
  - 0.7
  - 58.4

  - Under 1 year
    - 1.1
    - 4.3
    - 5.9
    - 9.4
    - 20.8
    - 0.0
    - 0.4
    - 20.4

  - From 1 to less than 2 years
    - 0.6
    - 2.5
    - 2.7
    - 4.6
    - 10.4
    - 0.0
    - 0.1
    - 10.3

  - Dairy cows
    - 1.4
    - 5.0
    - 6.6
    - 11.2
    - 24.2
    - 0.0
    - 0.1
    - 24.1

  - Other cows
    - 0.1
    - 0.1
    - 0.0
    - 0.0
    - 0.2
    - 0.0
    - 0.1
    - 0.1

  - Other bovine animals 2 years and older
    - 0.1
    - 0.9
    - 0.7
    - 1.8
    - 3.5
    - 0.0
    - 0.0
    - 3.5

- **Sheep**
  - 62.6
  - 116.0
  - 56.5
  - 18.8
  - 253.9
  - 6.1
  - 136.9
  - 110.9

- **Goats**
  - 118.3
  - 112.1
  - 57.3
  - 28.8
  - 316.3
  - 16.4
  - 157.7
  - 142.2

#### Granivores

- **Pigs**
  - (1000 heads)
  - 370.9
  - 35.0
  - 4.2
  - 13.4
  - 423.5
  - 0.6
  - 2.5
  - 420.4

  - Piglets < 20 kg
    - 117.7
    - 9.5
    - 1.3
    - 4.8
    - 133.3
    - 0.1
    - 0.8
    - 132.4

  - Breeding sows
    - 46.3
    - 4.7
    - 0.7
    - 2.0
    - 53.7
    - 0.1
    - 0.6
    - 53.0

  - Other pigs
    - 206.9
    - 20.8
    - 2.3
    - 6.7
    - 236.6
    - 0.4
    - 1.2
    - 235.0

- **Poultry**
  - (million heads)
  - 3.9
  - 0.3
  - 0.0
  - 0.1
  - 4.3
  - 0.2
  - 0.1
  - 4.0

  - Broilers
    - 3.0
    - 0.2
    - 0.0
    - 0.1
    - 3.4
    - 0.1
    - 0.1
    - 3.3

  - Laying hens
    - 0.7
    - 0.0
    - 0.0
    - 0.0
    - 0.7
    - 0.1
    - 0.0
    - 0.6

  - Other poultry
    - 0.2
    - 0.0
    - 0.0
    - 0.0
    - 0.2
    - 0.0
    - 0.0
    - 0.2

- **Rabbits, breeding females**
  - (1000 heads)
  - 23.5
  - 3.6
  - 0.8
  - 0.2
  - 28.0
  - 18.7
  - 8.1
  - 1.2

- **Beehives**
  - (1000)
  - 21.1
  - 1.3
  - 0.7
  - 0.0
  - 23.1
  - 4.5
  - 0.1
  - 0.0

#### Average size of herds**

- **Equidae**
  - (head/holding)
  - 2.8
  - 2.1
  - 5.2
  - 9.9
  - 3.1
  - 1.5
  - 5.4
  - 7.0

- **Cattle**
  - (head/holding)
  - 70.7
  - 120.6
  - 241.3
  - 334.5
  - 196.4
  - 2.6
  - 14.4
  - 251.7

- **Dairy cows**
  - (head/holding)
  - 64.0
  - 63.6
  - 109.9
  - 145.8
  - 101.9
  - 1.5
  - 9.1
  - 110.5

- **Other cows**
  - (head/holding)
  - 10.8
  - 3.9
  - 3.2
  - 10.0
  - 6.4
  - 2.0
  - 3.8
  - 18.3

- **Sheep**
  - (head/holding)
  - 89.0
  - 180.1
  - 326.5
  - 294.1
  - 160.2
  - 18.8
  - 132.9
  - 478.2

- **Goats**
  - (head/holding)
  - 82.4
  - 121.7
  - 270.1
  - 330.5
  - 119.1
  - 16.6
  - 113.8
  - 511.6

- **Pigs**
  - (head/holding)
  - 1148.3
  - 182.4
  - 104.8
  - 407.4
  - 720.3
  - 2.7
  - 12.0
  - 2532.7

- **Breeding sows**
  - (head/holding)
  - 302.6
  - 84.9
  - 32.0
  - 111.6
  - 216.3
  - 1.8
  - 7.0
  - 390.0

- **Other pigs > 20 kg**
  - (head/holding)
  - 754.9
  - 121.2
  - 64.7
  - 246.8
  - 465.8
  - 2.3
  - 6.5
  - 1556.5

- **Rabbits, breeding females**
  - (head/holding)
  - 7.7
  - 5.3
  - 6.7
  - 5.5
  - 7.2
  - 5.5
  - 21.1
  - 16.7

- **Laying hens**
  - (1000/holding)
  - 0.1
  - 0.0
  - 0.0
  - 0.0
  - 0.1
  - 0.0
  - 0.0
  - 3.1

- **Broilers**
  - (1000/holding)
  - 1.3
  - 0.4
  - 0.0
  - 2.4
  - 1.1
  - 0.0
  - 0.2
  - 25.0

- **Beehives**
  - (hive/holding)
  - 106.3
  - 45.9
  - 81.8
  - : 98.2
  - : 55.0
  - : 10.1
  - : 7.0

Symbols: *not available* | 0 less than half of the unit or nil
*Bees are not taken into account when calculating Livestock Unit, there are 133.5 thousand hives on holdings with 0 LU.*

**Number of animals of a given livestock category per holding with this kind of animal.**
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Table 5 – Subsistence farming

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METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in Cyprus was carried out between October 2005 and March 2006 using a combined method (exhaustive and sample survey). An agricultural census was previously conducted last time in 2003. The reference period of farm structure survey 2005 was from 1st October 2004 until 30 September 2005. However for livestock the reference date was 30th September 2005.

The target population was all agricultural holdings of the census 2003 recorded in the farm register. Agricultural holding is a technical-economical unit under single management and which is producing agricultural products. The holdings should have at least 0.05 ha agricultural area, or certain number of livestock (e.g. 1 cow, 2 bigger animals, 5 smaller animals, 50 poultry, 20 beehives). Holdings having at least an SGM of 19,200 euros were surveyed exhaustively, while the rest using a stratified random sampling. The latter units were stratified according to the type of farming and economic size. The total number of holding surveyed is 15,000.

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 Cyprus it is 2080 hours (260 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.

REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

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