Farm Structure Survey in the United Kingdom - 2007

Permanent grassland and meadow accounts for 59% of the total UAA.

Due to the different coverage of the FSS 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 European Size Unit (ESU). See the methodological notes for more information on the concept of ESU.

In 2007, 61% (183 000) of the agricultural holdings in the United Kingdom (UK) had an economic size of at least 1 ESU. They used about 14.8 million ha of utilised agricultural area (UAA), a decrease of 0.3% compared with 2005. This area represents 89% of the total UAA in the UK and an average of 81 ha per holding.

These holdings employed 286 000 AWUs (annual work units), the equivalent of 286 000 people working full time; (2% less than 2005). They had 13.7 million livestock units (LSU) in 2007, a decrease of 3.5% from 2005.

Amongst these 183 000 agricultural holdings: 40% made use of less than one AWU, while another 27% made use of 2 or more AWUs; 7% used less than 2 ha, while 73% used 50 ha or more; 75% of farms in UK specialise in livestock; 36% of the holdings specialised in sheep, goats and other grazing livestock; 17% specialised in cattle – rearing and fattening; 16% specialised in cereals, oil seed and protein crops.

The family labour force represents 27% (187 795 AWU) of the total labour force. Amongst the sole holders:

- 14% were women;
- 58% were aged 55 or more and 3% were younger than 35 years;
- 34% of the sole holders had another gainful activity in 2007.

In the UK in 2007, 9.8 million hectares (66%) of the agricultural area was farmed by its owners, a 6% decrease compared with 2005. The area of permanent grassland and meadow was 9 million ha, 59% of the UAA in the UK, and it has suffered a 4% reduction since 2005. 41% of the UAA is arable land.

Industrial plants increased by 10% in terms of area compared with 2005, this rise resulted from the growth in the area of rape and turnip with nearly 100 000 ha more in 2007.

84% of the farms in the UK have livestock. The average LSU per holding was 88. Of all the farm animals 80% are grazing livestock. The number of farms with dairy cows rose by 12% from 2005 to 2007, in spite of the 6% reduction in the number of dairy cows during the same period.

27% of the British holdings are engaged in other gainful activities. When considering only tourism, accommodation and other leisure activities, the percentage of farms is 11%.

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1. This rise is due to greater numbers of registrations for animal tracing purposes and for subsidy scheme payments. The increase is mainly on the smallest holdings with <1 ESU.
Distribution of the utilised agricultural area

Description of the labour force in the United Kingdom

Family labour force
- Holders: 173370 persons of which 14% women, 108630 AWUs
- Spouses of the sole holders: 79730 persons of which 87% women, 31770 AWUs
- Other family members: 91640 persons of which 26% women, 46580 AWUs

Non Family labour force
- ... regular: 111010 persons of which 23% women, 76970 AWUs
- ... non regular: 21090 AWUs

Agricultural labour force
- Working full time: 74880 persons
- Working part time: 95560 persons
- Not working on farm: 2940 persons
- Working full time: 26300 persons
- Working part time: 65340 persons
- Working full time: 57430 persons
- Working part time: 53580 persons
- Working full time: 11690 persons
- Working part time: 68040 persons

Distribution of the number of livestock units

*LSUs = Livestock Unit
### Table 1 – Labour force by size of the farms

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<td>- with another gainful activity (%)</td>
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| Other members of the holder’s family working on the holding 1000 |             |           |                 |
| - women (%)         | 33.2 26.2 23.8 22.4 | 26.4 | 24.9 30.7 25.3 22.4 |
| - part-time: - under 50 % (%) | 77.2 65.9 49.4 36.6 | 56.2 | 57.4 74.1 56.0 35.1 |
| - 50 % and over (%) | 11.2 16.0 17.9 15.8 | 15.1 | 14.8 12.6 17.5 17.0 |
| - with another gainful activity (%) | 55.7 52.8 42.2 31.9 | 44.8 | 48.0 55.8 46.0 30.2 |

*LSU = Livestock unit

1 Only holders who are also farm managers

Source: Eurostat (ef_ov_lfft)
### Table 2 – Agricultural holdings by size

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<td>- from 2 to less than 3 AWU</td>
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<td>- 3 AWU and over</td>
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<td>by economic size (%)</td>
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<td>by type of farming (top 5 + ‘other’) (%)</td>
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<td>with another gainful activity than agricultural production (%)</td>
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Source: Eurostat (ef_ov_kvaesu)
United Kingdom – 2007

Table 3 – Land use by size of the farms

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Ratios

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Table 4 – Livestock by size of the farm

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Source: Eurostat (ef_ov_lssum)
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### METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

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The FSS data were collected in each country in two separate surveys: the majority of data through the regular June survey of agriculture (with 1st June 2007 as its reference day) but the labour data was collected in a separate Labour survey.

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