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# Structure of agricultural holdings **Belgium 2003**

A farm structure survey was carried out in all EU Member States in 2003 (2002 in Poland). The detailed results are now available for 10 Member States: Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Results for the other Member States will become available in the course of the next six months. This Statistics in Focus is the first of a series of country-specific publications, all following the same structure.

In Belgium, in May, 2003, almost 53 000 agricultural holdings had an economic size of at least one ESU (European size unit)\*, which means a 14% decline compared to 2000.

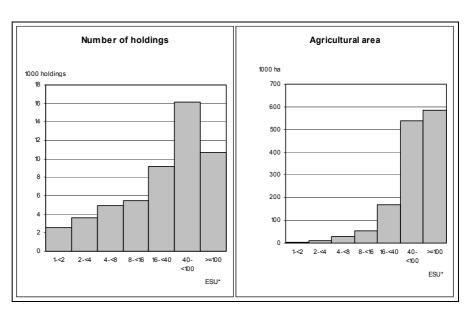
- These holdings employed 71 500 AWUs (annual work unit), the equivalent of 71 500 persons working full time;
- they made use of 1.4 million ha of agricultural area, which is on average 26.4 hectare per holding (compared to 22.6 ha in 2000).

Amongst these 53 000 agricultural holdings,

- 20% made use of less than one AWU, while 69% made use of 2 or more
- 25% used less than 5 ha, while 3% used more than 100 ha;
- 20% were mixed holdings, while 80% were specialised: cattle fattening and rearing 17%, dairies 16%, various grazing livestock 11%, field cropping 16%, horticulture 9% (of which almost half under glass), pigs and poultry 6%, permanent crops 5%;
- about 1% practised organic farming.

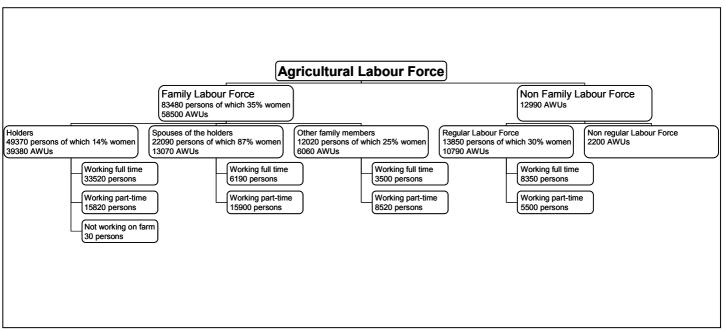
Amongst the 49 400 sole holders

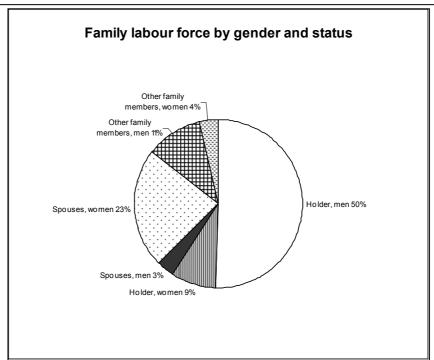
- 14% were women;
- 41% were aged 55 or more the smaller the farm size is higher the proportion of older holders;
- 9% had another gainful activity as major occupation.

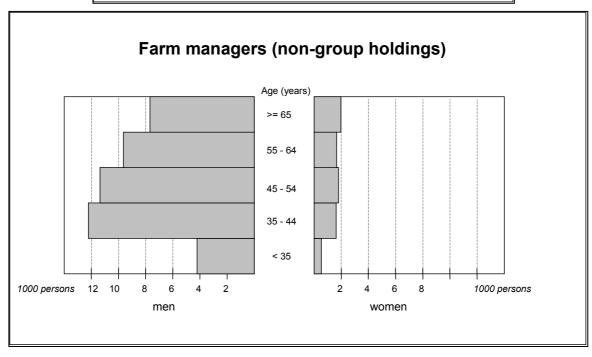


<sup>\*</sup> ESU measures the economic size of the holdings (see methodological notes).

## Belgium, 2003 - Holdings of at least 1 ESU







| Economic size (I  | ESU)                   | <1   | >=1  | 1-<2 | 2-<4 | 4-<8 | 8-<16 | 16-<40 | 40-<100 | >=100 |
|---|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|--------|---------|-------|
| Total labour force                                      |                        |      |      |      |      |      |       |        |         |       |
| 1000 annual work units                                  |                        | 1.0  | 71.5 | 1.1  | 1.9  | 3.3  | 4.8   | 10.8   | 24.2    | 25.3  |
| Family labour force                                     |                        |      |      |      |      |      |       |        |         |       |
| 1000 persons  |                        | 2.6  | 83.5 | 3.0  | 4.5  | 6.5  | 7.5   | 13.8   | 27.9    | 20.4  |
| 1000 annual work units                                  |                        | 0.8  | 58.5 | 1.0  | 1.8  | 3.1  | 4.4   | 9.7    | 21.9    | 16.8  |
| Non-family labour regularly                             | y employed             |      |      |      |      |      |       |        |         |       |
| 1000 persons  |                        | 0.2  | 13.8 | 0.1  | 0.2  | 0.4  | 0.6   | 1.6    | 2.6     | 8.2   |
| 1000 annual work units                                  |                        | 0.1  | 10.8 | 0.1  | 0.1  | 0.3  | 0.4   | 1.1    | 1.9     | 6.9   |
| Non regular non family laborated 1000 annual work units | our force              | 0    | 2.2  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0.1    | 0.4     | 1.7   |
| Holding managers  | (1000)                 | 2.3  | 52.7 | 2.5  | 3.6  | 5.0  | 5.5   | 9.2    | 16.2    | 10.7  |
| - women   | (%)                    | 20.5 | 14.7 | 22.4 | 22.3 | 21.6 | 21.7  | 19.7   | 10.2    | 5.8   |
|   | er 50 % (%)            | 79.1 | 23.2 | 77.0 | 69.4 | 55.7 | 38.7  | 19.1   | 4.8     | 3.2   |
| •   | 6 and over (%)         | 6.8  | 9.3  | 10.6 | 13.1 | 15.9 | 17.4  | 12.7   | 5.5     | 3.3   |
| Sole/main holders                                       | (1000)                 | 2.2  | 49.4 | 2.4  | 3.5  | 4.8  | 5.2   | 8.6    | 15.3    | 9.5   |
| - women   | (%)                    | 20.6 | 14.5 | 22.6 | 22.4 | 21.6 | 21.9  | 19.8   | 9.6     | 4.8   |
| - distribution by age                                   | (%)                    |      |      |      |      |      |       |        |         |       |
| - under 35 years  | ,                      | 2.5  | 8.8  | 2.9  | 3.2  | 3.8  | 4.7   | 6.8    | 12.0    | 14.0  |
| - from 35 to 44 years                                   | 3                      | 10.9 | 25.5 | 9.9  | 11.3 | 13.2 | 16.7  | 21.2   | 31.7    | 39.5  |
| - from 45 to 54 years                                   |                        | 15.8 | 24.8 | 16.3 | 15.7 | 18.2 | 20.8  | 25.6   | 29.0    | 28.3  |
| - from 55 to 64 years                                   |                        | 17.0 | 22.0 | 18.2 | 18.8 | 18.6 | 24.1  | 30.2   | 22.6    | 16.2  |
| - 65 years and over                                     |                        | 53.8 | 18.9 | 52.7 | 51.0 | 46.3 | 33.7  | 16.2   | 4.7     | 2.0   |
| - part-time - unde                                      | er 50 % (%)            | 80.1 | 23.0 | 77.3 | 69.8 | 56.1 | 38.3  | 17.8   | 3.8     | 2.0   |
| - 50 %  | % and over (%)         | 6.7  | 9.1  | 10.6 | 13.0 | 16.1 | 17.5  | 12.4   | 5.1     | 2.5   |
| - with another gainful act                              | ivity <sup>1</sup> (%) | 29.4 | 17.7 | 30.9 | 30.6 | 30.4 | 27.9  | 21.1   | 10.7    | 6.0   |
| - as main occupation                                    |                        | 23.6 | 9.3  | 24.0 | 23.4 | 21.9 | 18.0  | 9.6    | 1.9     | 0.7   |
| - as a subsidiary occi                                  | upation                | 5.8  | 8.4  | 6.9  | 7.2  | 8.4  | 9.9   | 11.4   | 8.7     | 5.3   |
| Spouse of sole holder                                   | (1000)                 | 0.3  | 22.1 | 0.4  | 0.7  | 1.2  | 1.6   | 3.5    | 8.3     | 6.3   |
| - women   | (%)                    | 77.1 | 87.5 | 70.2 | 71.3 | 73.7 | 74.4  | 78.4   | 91.4    | 96.3  |
| - distribution by age                                   | (%)                    |      |      |      |      |      |       |        |         |       |
| - under 35 years  |                        | 2.4  | 11.2 | 3.6  | 3.5  | 3.8  | 3.6   | 6.0    | 12.0    | 17.6  |
| - from 35 to 54 years                                   | 3                      | 40.3 | 58.6 | 33.3 | 30.8 | 35.7 | 41.4  | 48.9   | 64.2    | 69.9  |
| - 55 years and over                                     |                        | 57.3 | 30.3 | 63.1 | 65.7 | 60.5 | 55.0  | 45.1   | 23.8    | 12.6  |
|   | er 50 % (%)            | 79.5 | 43.6 | 83.7 | 81.8 | 74.8 | 65.4  | 54.5   | 38.9    | 25.6  |
|   | and over (%)           | 11.6 | 28.4 | 9.7  | 10.9 | 14.9 | 20.0  | 24.8   | 31.9    | 33.5  |
| - with another gainful act                              | •                      | 17.7 | 18.0 | 24.2 | 25.8 | 24.9 | 22.7  | 22.6   | 18.0    | 11.8  |
| - as main occupation                                    |                        | 12.6 | 12.4 | 18.3 | 20.5 | 19.4 | 16.9  | 16.2   | 12.0    | 7.1   |
| - as a subsidiary occu                                  | •                      | 5.1  | 5.6  | 5.9  | 5.4  | 5.5  | 5.8   | 6.4    | 6.0     | 4.6   |
| Other members of the holde working on the holding       | (1000)                 | 0.1  | 12.0 | 0.1  | 0.3  | 0.5  | 0.7   | 1.6    | 4.2     | 4.6   |
| - women   | (%)                    | 25.5 | 24.9 | 20.2 | 21.5 | 23.2 | 23.4  | 25.2   | 25.7    | 24.8  |
| •   | er 50 % (%)            | 76.5 | 57.9 | 85.5 | 87.3 | 84.3 | 77.6  | 71.1   | 60.7    | 42.5  |
|   | and over (%)           | 17.3 | 22.8 | 18.5 | 11.3 | 17.8 | 18.0  | 20.2   | 18.1    | 29.9  |
| - with another gainful act                              | ivity (%)              | 38.8 | 24.8 | 42.7 | 48.7 | 48.7 | 41.6  | 36.1   | 23.7    | 14.7  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only holders being also farm managers.



| Economic size (ESU)  | <1   | >=1  | 1-<2 | 2-<4    | 4-<8 | 8-<16 | 16-<40 | 40-<100 | >=100            |
|--|------|------|------|---------|------|-------|--------|---------|------------------|
|  |      |      | 1-\2 | 2-\4    | 4-\0 | 8-\10 | 10-\40 | 40-<100 | <i>&gt;</i> =100 |
| Holdings - total number (1000)   | 2.3  | 52.7 | 2.5  | 3.6     | 5.0  | 5.5   | 9.2    | 16.2    | 10.7             |
|  |      |      |      |         |      |       |        |         |                  |
| <ul><li>by legal personality of the holder (%)</li><li>sole holder</li></ul>     | 97.1 | 93.7 | 97.1 | 97.1    | 95.9 | 94.6  | 93.4   | 94.9    | 88.8             |
| - legal person   | 2.9  | 6.3  | 2.9  | 2.9     | 4.1  | 5.4   | 6.6    | 5.1     | 11.2             |
| - group holders  | 0    | 0.3  | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0     | 0.0    | 0       | 0                |
| - 1  |      | · ·  | U    | Ü       | O    | O     | O      | O       | V                |
| - by employed labour force (%)   | 760  | 20.2 | 740  | <i></i> | 51.0 | 22.0  | 140    | 2.0     | 1.2              |
| - under 1 AWU  | 76.8 | 20.2 | 74.3 | 65.5    | 51.2 | 33.8  | 14.9   | 3.0     | 1.3              |
| - from 1 to less than 2 AWU  | 8.6  | 10.1 | 12.7 | 16.2    | 18.8 | 20.1  | 14.0   | 5.0     | 2.4              |
| - from 2 to less than 3 AWU  | 12.3 | 48.3 | 11.6 | 16.0    | 26.2 | 39.5  | 59.0   | 67.6    | 44.2             |
| - 3 AWU and over   | 2.4  | 21.4 | 1.4  | 2.3     | 3.8  | 6.6   | 12.1   | 24.4    | 52.1             |
| - by agricultural area (%)   |      |      |      |         |      |       |        |         |                  |
| - under 5 ha   | 99.7 | 24.9 | 98.5 | 80.9    | 39.8 | 19.1  | 16.1   | 10.8    | 13.4             |
| - from 5 to less than 20 ha  | 0.2  | 30.6 | 1.5  | 19.0    | 59.9 | 74.5  | 44.1   | 17.5    | 13.5             |
| - from 20 to less than 50 ha   | 0.1  | 29.0 | 0    | 0.1     | 0.3  | 6.4   | 38.1   | 51.2    | 29.2             |
| - from 50 to less than 100 ha  | 0    | 12.3 | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0.1   | 1.7    | 19.8    | 29.2             |
| - 100 ha and over  | 0    | 3.2  | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0     | 0      | 0.7     | 14.8             |
| - by livestock size (%)  |      |      |      |         |      |       |        |         |                  |
| - without livestock  | 46.1 | 23.4 | 34.4 | 30.7    | 28.6 | 28.8  | 25.6   | 16.1    | 22.2             |
| - under 10 LSU   | 52.5 | 15.0 | 62.8 | 59.9    | 35.8 | 16.1  | 7.7    | 2.9     | 2.8              |
| - from 10 to less than 20 LSU  | 0.3  | 8.0  | 0.1  | 6.3     | 29.3 | 25.7  | 8.5    | 1.6     | 0.6              |
| - from 20 to less than 50 LSU  | 0.9  | 13.4 | 0.3  | 0.6     | 3.7  | 25.8  | 36.6   | 11.3    | 1.9              |
| - from 50 to less than 100 LSU   | 0.2  | 17.0 | 0.8  | 0.6     | 0.2  | 1.4   | 16.7   | 38.7    | 9.6              |
| - 100 LSU and over   | 0    | 23.3 | 1.7  | 2.0     | 2.4  | 2.2   | 5.0    | 29.5    | 62.8             |
| - by farm type (%)   |      |      |      |         |      |       |        |         |                  |
| specialist cereals   | 6.5  | 3.1  | 7.6  | 9.3     | 7.9  | 6.9   | 2.6    | 0.5     | 0.2              |
| general field cropping   | 6.9  | 12.5 | 11.1 | 12.9    | 17.1 | 19.7  | 18.0   | 8.8     | 7.8              |
| specialist horticulture  | 1.3  | 8.6  | 2.9  | 3.2     | 4.0  | 6.5   | 9.6    | 8.8     | 13.8             |
| specialist vineyard  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0     | 0      | 0       | 0                |
| specialist fruit and citrus fruit  | 1.1  | 2.6  | 1.6  | 1.9     | 2.3  | 2.3   | 2.2    | 2.5     | 4.0              |
| specialist olives  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0     | 0      | 0       | 0                |
| various permanent crops combined   | 0.6  | 1.5  | 1.0  | 1.0     | 1.3  | 1.3   | 1.7    | 1.1     | 2.6              |
| specialist dairy farming   | 0    | 16.2 | 1.2  | 2.0     | 2.3  | 5.5   | 15.1   | 30.0    | 16.3             |
| specialist cattle – rearing and fattening<br>cattle – dairy farming, rearing and | 15.4 | 17.4 | 24.7 | 29.7    | 34.1 | 31.8  | 21.9   | 9.0     | 4.9              |
| fattening combined   | 0    | 6.4  | 0.1  | 1.2     | 1.8  | 2.6   | 4.6    | 10.2    | 9.6              |
| sheep, goats and other grazing livestock   | 50.2 | 5.4  | 36.5 | 23.5    | 11.3 | 5.4   | 1.4    | 0.3     | 0.3              |
| specialist granivores  | 1.9  | 6.2  | 2.7  | 2.4     | 2.6  | 2.7   | 5.0    | 7.3     | 11.2             |
| mixed cropping   | 0.3  | 2.6  | 0.9  | 1.3     | 1.5  | 2.1   | 3.2    | 2.8     | 3.4              |
| mixed livestock, mainly grazing livestock  | 0.6  | 1.7  | 0.6  | 0.4     | 0.5  | 0.6   | 0.8    | 2.5     | 2.9              |
| mixed livestock, mainly granivores   | 0.5  | 3.3  | 0.6  | 0.7     | 0.7  | 0.6   | 1.6    | 3.6     | 8.6              |
| field crops - grazing livestock combined   | 3.8  | 10.4 | 7.6  | 9.6     | 11.9 | 11.0  | 10.6   | 10.0    | 10.7             |
| various crops and livestock combined   | 5.8  | 2.0  | 0.8  | 1.0     | 0.7  | 1.1   | 1.6    | 2.4     | 3.7              |
| - by farming methods (%)   |      |      |      |         |      |       |        |         |                  |
| - organic farming  | 0    | 1.0  | 0.3  | 0.4     | 0.3  | 0.9   | 1.4    | 1.4     | 0.9              |
| - irrigating   | 0    | 0.5  | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0.2   | 0.2    | 0.5     | 1.2              |
| - with crops under glass   | 0.8  | 7.4  | 1.3  | 1.8     | 2.9  | 4.6   | 7.6    | 8.1     | 13.3             |
| - % in less favoured or mountain area  | 10.6 | 13.1 | 11.4 | 12.3    | 13.6 | 15.4  | 15.8   | 14.9    | 7.4              |

| Economic size (ESU)                   | <1                          | >=1          | 1-<2 | 2-<4                    | 4-<8       | 8-<16      | 16-<40     | 40-<100      | >=100        |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Area (1000 ha)                        |                             |              |      |                         |            | •          |            |              |              |
| • Total area of agricultural holdings | 2.8                         | 1422.5       | 5.5  | 13.6                    | 31.1       | 57.7       | 171.8      | 548.8        | 593.9        |
| • H. Other area                       | 0.6                         | 30.2         | 0.6  | 1.2                     | 1.9        | 2.3        | 4.6        | 9.8          | 9.8          |
| Wooded area                           | 0.2                         | 4.6          | 0    | 0.3                     | 0.4        | 0.5        | 0.8        | 1.1          | 1.5          |
| Agricultural area                     | 2.1                         | 1392.3       | 4.9  | 12.4                    | 29.2       | 55.4       | 167.3      | 539.0        | 584.1        |
| - D. Arable land                      | 0.5                         | 837.0        | 1.2  | 4.3                     | 12.3       | 27.0       | 87.5       | 300.2        | 404.4        |
| Cereals                               | 0.1                         | 308.2        | 0.5  | 1.9                     | 5.8        | 12.7       | 38.3       | 105.5        | 143.5        |
| Common wheat and spelt                | 0.1                         | 199.3        | 0.2  | 0.7                     | 2.3        | 5.9        | 21.1       | 69.0         | 100.2        |
| Durum wheat                           | 0                           | 0            | 0    | 0                       | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Rye                                   | 0                           | 0.6          | 0    | 0                       | 0          | 0.1        | 0.1        | 0.2          | 0.2          |
| Barley                                | 0                           | 40.8         | 0.1  | 0.3                     | 1.0        | 2.0        | 6.6        | 14.4         | 16.4         |
| Oats                                  | 0                           | 7.0          | 0    | 0.1                     | 0.2        | 0.6        | 1.5        | 2.8          | 1.9          |
| Grain maize                           | $0 \\ 0$                    | 52.7         | 0.2  | 0.7                     | 1.9        | 3.7        | 7.9        | 15.9         | 22.4         |
| Dried pulses                          |                             | 2.6          | 0    | 0                       | 0          | 0.1        | 0.3        | 0.9          | 1.3          |
| Root crops                            | 0                           | 155.1        | 0.1  | 0.4                     | 1.4        | 3.7        | 15.2       | 51.9         | 82.5<br>33.2 |
| Potatoes<br>Sugar beet                | $0 \\ 0$                    | 59.3<br>91.2 | 0.1  | 0.2<br>0.1              | 0.5<br>0.6 | 1.3<br>2.0 | 5.6<br>8.9 | 18.4<br>31.6 | 33.2<br>47.9 |
| Sugar veet<br>Fodder root             |                             | 91.2<br>4.7  |      | 0.1<br>0.1              | 0.0        | 0.3        | 0.9<br>0.7 | 2.0          | 47.9<br>1.4  |
|                                       | $0 \\ 0$                    | 42.0         | 0    | 0.1                     | 0.2        | 0.5        | 3.5        | 12.8         | 24.7         |
| Industrial crops  Tobacco             | 0                           | 0.4          | 0    | 0.1                     | 0.2        | 0.6        | 3.3<br>0   | 0.2          | 0.1          |
| Hops                                  | $\frac{\partial}{\partial}$ | 0.4          | 0    | $0 \\ 0$                | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0.2          | 0.1          |
| Tiops<br>Cotton                       | $\frac{\partial}{\partial}$ | 0.2          | 0    | $\frac{\theta}{\theta}$ | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0.1          | 0.1          |
| Cotton<br>Rape and turnip             | 0                           | 4.7          | 0    | $0 \\ 0$                | 0          | 0.1        | 0.4        | 1.2          | 2.9          |
| Sunflower                             | 0                           | 0            | 0    | 0                       | 0          | 0.1        | 0.4        | 0            | 0            |
| Soya                                  | 0                           | 0            | 0    | 0                       | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry  | 0                           | 43.7         | 0    | 0                       | 0.2        | 0.6        | 3.3        | 13.1         | 26.5         |
| outside                               | 0                           | 42.3         | 0    | 0                       | 0.2        | 0.6        | 3.2        | 12.8         | 25.5         |
| under glass                           | 0                           | 1.4          | 0    | 0                       | 0.2        | 0.0        | 0.1        | 0.3          | 1.0          |
| Flower and ornamental plants          | 0                           | 2.0          | 0    | 0                       | 0          | 0          | 0.1        | 0.3          | 1.4          |
| outside                               | $\stackrel{\circ}{0}$       | 1.3          | 0    | $\stackrel{\circ}{0}$   | 0          | 0          | 0.1        | 0.3          | 0.9          |
| under glass                           | $\stackrel{o}{0}$           | 0.7          | 0    | $\stackrel{o}{\theta}$  | 0          | 0          | 0.1        | 0.2          | 0.5          |
| Fodder plants                         | 0.1                         | 251.4        | 0.5  | 1.8                     | 4.5        | 8.7        | 24.3       | 105.9        | 105.7        |
| Fallow land                           | 0.2                         | 29.7         | 0.1  | 0.2                     | 0.2        | 0.5        | 2.3        | 8.8          | 17.5         |
| - E. Kitchen garden                   | 0.2                         | 0.2          | 0.1  | 0.2                     | 0.2        | 0.5        | 0          | 0.0          | 0.1          |
| - F. Permanent pasture and            | U                           | 0.2          | U    | U                       | U          | U          | U          | U            | 0.1          |
| meadows                               | 1.7                         | 533.9        | 3.7  | 8.0                     | 16.8       | 28.1       | 78.8       | 234.4        | 164.2        |
| - G. Permanent crops                  | 0                           | 21.1         | 0    | 0                       | 0.1        | 0.2        | 0.9        | 4.3          | 15.4         |
| Fruit and berry plantation            | 0                           | 16.7         | 0    | 0                       | 0.1        | 0.2        | 0.8        | 3.8          | 11.7         |
| Citrus plantation                     | 0                           | 0            | 0    | 0                       | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Olive trees                           | 0                           | 0            | 0    | 0                       | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Vineyard                              | 0                           | 0            | 0    | 0                       | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0            |
| Ratios                                |                             |              |      |                         |            |            |            |              |              |
| Agricultural area per holding (ha)    | 0.9                         | 26.4         | 2.0  | 3.4                     | 5.9        | 10.1       | 18.1       | 33.3         | 54.8         |
| Agricultural area (%)                 |                             |              |      |                         |            |            |            |              |              |
| own farmed                            | 76.2                        | 31.8         | 70.9 | 63.5                    | 54.7       | 44.8       | 36.1       | 28.8         | 29.9         |
| in less favoured or mountain area     | 11.5                        | 19.9         | 15.0 | 16.1                    | 18.2       | 22.9       | 25.9       | 24.9         | 13.6         |
| organic farmed                        | 0.1                         | 1.3          | 0.2  | 0.5                     | 0.3        | 1.4        | 1.9        | 1.8          | 0.8          |
| irrigated                             | 0                           | 0.1          | 0    | 0                       | 0          | 0          | 0.1        | 0.1          | 0.2          |
| under cover crop protecting soil      | 0                           | 2.0          | 0    | 0.1                     | 0.2        | 0.3        | 0.7        | 1.7          | 3.0          |



Belgium – 2003 Table 4 – Livestock

| Economic size (ESU)   | <1  | >=1  | 1-<2  | 2-<4  | 4-<8   | 8-<16   | 16-<40   | 40-<100   | >=100   |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|
|   |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| •   | 0 LSU) 3.1  | 3953.1   | 12.7  | 30.6  | 66.8   | 110.9   | 361.4  | 1391.7  | 1979.1  |
| of which grazing  | (%) 61.5  | 50.9   | 38.6  | 43.5  | 48.8   | 56.2  | 58.1   | 61.0  | 42.4  |
| Grazing livestock (1000   | heads)  |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| Equidae   | 0.6   | 31.5   | 1.5   | 3.5   | 5.6  | 5.6   | 5.6  | 6.1   | 3.7   |
| Bovine animals  |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| Under 1 year  | 0.1   | 802.5  | 0.8   | 2.7   | 8.5  | 19.1  | 68.2   | 289.6   | 413.6   |
| From 1 to less than 2 years   | 0.3   | 546.9  | 1.0   | 3.0   | 8.0  | 16.7  | 57.1   | 226.1   | 235.0   |
| Dairy cows  | 0   |  | 0   | 0.2   | 0.7  | 3.2   | 32.8   | 284.3   | 264.1   |
| Other cows  | 0.2   |  | 1.0   | 3.9   | 13.0   | 26.5  | 81.9   | 207.5   | 182.8   |
| Other bovine animals 2 years and  | d older 0.6   | 325.5  | 1.0   | 3.0   | 7.4  | 14.3  | 44.8   | 141.7   | 113.3   |
| Sheep   | 5.4   | 140.7  | 10.3  | 15.2  | 17.9   | 22.1  | 28.2   | 27.5  | 19.5  |
| Goats   | 0.1   | 26.2   | 0.2   | 0.6   | 0.8  | 1.0   | 1.8  | 6.4   | 15.3  |
| Granivores  |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| Pigs (1000  | heads)  |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| Piglets < 20 kg   | 0   | 1763.7   | 0   | 0.3   | 1.7  | 6.7   | 56.8   | 502.8   | 1195.4  |
| Breeding sows   | 0   |  | 0   | 0.1   | 0.9  | 3.2   | 24.1   | 198.4   | 412.9   |
| Other pigs  | 0   | 4135.4   | 0.2   | 0.7   | 2.3  | 11.1  | 136.5  | 1127.8  | 2856.8  |
| Poultry (million  | heads) 0.2  | 31.9   | 1.0   | 2.1   | 3.6  | 4.0   | 8.3  | 8.9   | 4.0   |
| Broilers  | 0.1   | 18.1   | 1.0   | 1.8   | 2.5  | 1.8   | 3.1  | 5.4   | 2.5   |
| Laying hens   | 0   | 13.1   | 0.1   | 0.3   | 1.0  | 2.1   | 5.0  | 3.3   | 1.3   |
| Other poultry   | 0   | 0.8  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0.2  | 0.3   | 0.3   |
| Rabbits, breeding females (1000   | heads) 0.1  | 31.4   | 0.2   | 0.5   | 1.0  | 1.8   | 12.4   | 11.8  | 3.7   |
| Beehives  | (1000) 1.5  | 2.6  | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.2  | 0.2   | 0.3  | 0.5   | 0.3   |
| Total livestock per holding with  |   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| (1.S1)/h  | olding)   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| ·   | -   |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| Livestock   | 2.6   |  | 7.7   | 12.1  | 18.8   | 28.5  | 52.7   | 102.6   | 238.4   |
| Livestock Grazing livestock   | 2.8   | 107.8  | 8.3   | 13.1  | 20.2   | 30.5  | 57.2   | 112.2   | 277.5   |
| Livestock Grazing livestock Bovine animals (cattle)   | 2.8<br>6.7  | 107.8<br>119.3   | 8.3<br>13.9   | 13.1<br>17.9  | 20.2<br>24.2   | 30.5<br>34.2  | 57.2<br>61.2   | 112.2<br>116.8  | 277.5<br>295.5  |
| Livestock Grazing livestock Bovine animals (cattle) Cattle, other than cows   | 2.8<br>6.7<br>7.3   | 107.8<br>119.3<br>121.9  | 8.3<br>13.9<br>15.1   | 13.1<br>17.9<br>18.9  | 20.2<br>24.2<br>25.2   | 30.5<br>34.2<br>35.5  | 57.2<br>61.2<br>62.7   | 112.2<br>116.8<br>118.1   | 277.5<br>295.5<br>297.7   |
| Livestock Grazing livestock Bovine animals (cattle) Cattle, other than cows Granivores  | 2.8<br>6.7<br>7.3<br>348.3  | 107.8<br>119.3<br>121.9<br>457.7   | 8.3<br>13.9<br>15.1<br>352.3  | 13.1<br>17.9<br>18.9<br>369.1   | 20.2<br>24.2<br>25.2<br>360.9  | 30.5<br>34.2<br>35.5<br>355.3   | 57.2<br>61.2<br>62.7<br>357.1  | 112.2<br>116.8<br>118.1<br>395.7  | 277.5<br>295.5<br>297.7<br>566.9  |
| Livestock Grazing livestock Bovine animals (cattle) Cattle, other than cows   | 2.8<br>6.7<br>7.3   | 107.8<br>119.3<br>121.9  | 8.3<br>13.9<br>15.1   | 13.1<br>17.9<br>18.9  | 20.2<br>24.2<br>25.2   | 30.5<br>34.2<br>35.5  | 57.2<br>61.2<br>62.7   | 112.2<br>116.8<br>118.1   | 277.5<br>295.5<br>297.7   |
| Livestock Grazing livestock Bovine animals (cattle) Cattle, other than cows Granivores Pigs  Average size of herds*   | 2.8<br>6.7<br>7.3<br>348.3<br>10.0  | 107.8<br>119.3<br>121.9<br>457.7   | 8.3<br>13.9<br>15.1<br>352.3  | 13.1<br>17.9<br>18.9<br>369.1   | 20.2<br>24.2<br>25.2<br>360.9  | 30.5<br>34.2<br>35.5<br>355.3   | 57.2<br>61.2<br>62.7<br>357.1  | 112.2<br>116.8<br>118.1<br>395.7  | 277.5<br>295.5<br>297.7<br>566.9  |
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| Livestock Grazing livestock Bovine animals (cattle) Cattle, other than cows Granivores Pigs  Average size of herds*  (head/h Equidae Dairy cows Other cows Sheep  | 2.8<br>6.7<br>7.3<br>348.3<br>10.0<br>tolding)<br>2.5<br>:<br>1.2<br>11.1                       | 107.8<br>119.3<br>121.9<br>457.7<br>678.1<br>5.3<br>35.3<br>23.7<br>38.5                                   | 8.3<br>13.9<br>15.1<br>352.3<br>31.6<br>3.3<br>1.0<br>1.9<br>21.7                             | 13.1<br>17.9<br>18.9<br>369.1<br>50.8<br>5.2<br>1.6<br>3.3<br>31.6                              | 20.2<br>24.2<br>25.2<br>360.9<br>87.3<br>6.7<br>2.7<br>6.0<br>37.5                               | 30.5<br>34.2<br>35.5<br>355.3<br>147.0<br>7.5<br>6.0<br>10.6<br>50.6                                | 57.2<br>61.2<br>62.7<br>357.1<br>345.5<br>5.7<br>15.1<br>19.1<br>53.0                                  | 112.2<br>116.8<br>118.1<br>395.7<br>896.1<br>4.2<br>33.6<br>28.8<br>35.1                                  | 277.5<br>295.5<br>297.7<br>566.9<br>2795.3<br>4.2<br>53.2<br>46.5<br>41.8                                   |
| Livestock Grazing livestock Bovine animals (cattle) Cattle, other than cows Granivores Pigs  Average size of herds*  (head/h Equidae Dairy cows Other cows Sheep Goats  | 2.8<br>6.7<br>7.3<br>348.3<br>10.0<br>colding)<br>2.5<br>:                                      | 107.8<br>119.3<br>121.9<br>457.7<br>678.1<br>5.3<br>35.3<br>23.7<br>38.5<br>25.9                           | 8.3<br>13.9<br>15.1<br>352.3<br>31.6<br>3.3<br>1.0<br>1.9<br>21.7<br>3.7                      | 13.1<br>17.9<br>18.9<br>369.1<br>50.8<br>5.2<br>1.6<br>3.3<br>31.6<br>5.3                       | 20.2<br>24.2<br>25.2<br>360.9<br>87.3<br>6.7<br>2.7<br>6.0<br>37.5<br>6.8                        | 30.5<br>34.2<br>35.5<br>355.3<br>147.0<br>7.5<br>6.0<br>10.6<br>50.6<br>8.4                         | 57.2<br>61.2<br>62.7<br>357.1<br>345.5<br>5.7<br>15.1<br>19.1<br>53.0<br>11.3                          | 112.2<br>116.8<br>118.1<br>395.7<br>896.1<br>4.2<br>33.6<br>28.8<br>35.1<br>24.4                          | 277.5<br>295.5<br>297.7<br>566.9<br>2795.3<br>4.2<br>53.2<br>46.5<br>41.8<br>87.7                           |
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| Livestock Grazing livestock Bovine animals (cattle) Cattle, other than cows Granivores Pigs  Average size of herds*  (head/h Equidae Dairy cows Other cows Sheep Goats Breeding sows Other pigs > 20 kg   | 2.8<br>6.7<br>7.3<br>348.3<br>10.0<br>nolding)<br>2.5<br>:<br>1.2<br>11.1<br>2.1<br>:<br>2.1    | 107.8<br>119.3<br>121.9<br>457.7<br>678.1<br>5.3<br>35.3<br>23.7<br>38.5<br>25.9<br>112.7<br>503.2         | 8.3<br>13.9<br>15.1<br>352.3<br>31.6<br>3.3<br>1.0<br>1.9<br>21.7<br>3.7<br>4.1<br>6.2        | 13.1<br>17.9<br>18.9<br>369.1<br>50.8<br>5.2<br>1.6<br>3.3<br>31.6<br>5.3<br>4.9<br>10.1        | 20.2<br>24.2<br>25.2<br>360.9<br>87.3<br>6.7<br>2.7<br>6.0<br>37.5<br>6.8<br>10.8<br>15.0        | 30.5<br>34.2<br>35.5<br>355.3<br>147.0<br>7.5<br>6.0<br>10.6<br>50.6<br>8.4<br>19.7<br>41.4         | 57.2<br>61.2<br>62.7<br>357.1<br>345.5<br>5.7<br>15.1<br>19.1<br>53.0<br>11.3<br>44.2<br>150.4         | 112.2<br>116.8<br>118.1<br>395.7<br>896.1<br>4.2<br>33.6<br>28.8<br>35.1<br>24.4<br>86.7<br>335.3         | 277.5<br>295.5<br>297.7<br>566.9<br>2795.3<br>4.2<br>53.2<br>46.5<br>41.8<br>87.7<br>161.2<br>833.1         |
| Livestock Grazing livestock Bovine animals (cattle) Cattle, other than cows Granivores Pigs  Average size of herds*  (head/h Equidae Dairy cows Other cows Sheep Goats Breeding sows Other pigs > 20 kg Rabbits, breeding females                     | 2.8<br>6.7<br>7.3<br>348.3<br>10.0<br>10.0<br>2.5<br>:<br>1.2<br>11.1<br>2.1<br>:<br>2.1<br>2.1 | 107.8<br>119.3<br>121.9<br>457.7<br>678.1<br>5.3<br>35.3<br>23.7<br>38.5<br>25.9<br>112.7<br>503.2<br>40.2 | 8.3<br>13.9<br>15.1<br>352.3<br>31.6<br>3.3<br>1.0<br>1.9<br>21.7<br>3.7<br>4.1<br>6.2<br>3.6 | 13.1<br>17.9<br>18.9<br>369.1<br>50.8<br>5.2<br>1.6<br>3.3<br>31.6<br>5.3<br>4.9<br>10.1<br>6.0 | 20.2<br>24.2<br>25.2<br>360.9<br>87.3<br>6.7<br>2.7<br>6.0<br>37.5<br>6.8<br>10.8<br>15.0<br>8.9 | 30.5<br>34.2<br>35.5<br>355.3<br>147.0<br>7.5<br>6.0<br>10.6<br>50.6<br>8.4<br>19.7<br>41.4<br>16.3 | 57.2<br>61.2<br>62.7<br>357.1<br>345.5<br>5.7<br>15.1<br>19.1<br>53.0<br>11.3<br>44.2<br>150.4<br>84.7 | 112.2<br>116.8<br>118.1<br>395.7<br>896.1<br>4.2<br>33.6<br>28.8<br>35.1<br>24.4<br>86.7<br>335.3<br>62.0 | 277.5<br>295.5<br>297.7<br>566.9<br>2795.3<br>4.2<br>53.2<br>46.5<br>41.8<br>87.7<br>161.2<br>833.1<br>49.1 |
| Livestock Grazing livestock Bovine animals (cattle) Cattle, other than cows Granivores Pigs  Average size of herds*  (head/h Equidae Dairy cows Other cows Sheep Goats Breeding sows Other pigs > 20 kg Rabbits, breeding females Laying hens (1000/h | 2.8<br>6.7<br>7.3<br>348.3<br>10.0<br>nolding)<br>2.5<br>:<br>1.2<br>11.1<br>2.1<br>:<br>2.1    | 107.8<br>119.3<br>121.9<br>457.7<br>678.1<br>5.3<br>35.3<br>23.7<br>38.5<br>25.9<br>112.7<br>503.2         | 8.3<br>13.9<br>15.1<br>352.3<br>31.6<br>3.3<br>1.0<br>1.9<br>21.7<br>3.7<br>4.1<br>6.2        | 13.1<br>17.9<br>18.9<br>369.1<br>50.8<br>5.2<br>1.6<br>3.3<br>31.6<br>5.3<br>4.9<br>10.1        | 20.2<br>24.2<br>25.2<br>360.9<br>87.3<br>6.7<br>2.7<br>6.0<br>37.5<br>6.8<br>10.8<br>15.0        | 30.5<br>34.2<br>35.5<br>355.3<br>147.0<br>7.5<br>6.0<br>10.6<br>50.6<br>8.4<br>19.7<br>41.4         | 57.2<br>61.2<br>62.7<br>357.1<br>345.5<br>5.7<br>15.1<br>19.1<br>53.0<br>11.3<br>44.2<br>150.4         | 112.2<br>116.8<br>118.1<br>395.7<br>896.1<br>4.2<br>33.6<br>28.8<br>35.1<br>24.4<br>86.7<br>335.3         | 277.5<br>295.5<br>297.7<br>566.9<br>2795.3<br>4.2<br>53.2<br>46.5<br>41.8<br>87.7<br>161.2<br>833.1         |

<sup>\*</sup> number of animals of a given livestock category per holding with this kind of animals



Symbols: not available **0** less than half of the unit or nil

| Economic size (ESU)  | <1  | >=1 | 1-<2 | 2-<4 | 4-<8 | 8-<16 | 16-<40 | 40-<100 | >=100 |
|--|-----|-----|------|------|------|-------|--------|---------|-------|
| Holdings with another gainful activity than agricultural production: |     |     |      |      |      |       |        |         |       |
| (% all holdings)   | 3.1 | 3.8 | 2.3  | 3.2  | 3.5  | 4.5   | 4.2    | 4.0     | 3.6   |
| Tourism  | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.1  | 0.6  | 0.8  | 0.9   | 0.6    | 0.9     | 0.6   |
| Handicraft   | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1  | 0.2  | 0.4  | 0.4   | 0.2    | 0.2     | 0.3   |
| Processing of farm products  | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.2  | 0.3  | 0.5  | 0.5   | 0.6    | 1.1     | 1.3   |
| Wood processing  | 0   | 0.1 | 0.1  | 0.1  | 0.2  | 0.2   | 0.2    | 0.1     | 0.1   |
| Aquaculture  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0.1  | 0    | 0.1   | 0      | 0       | 0     |
| Renewable energy production  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0.1  | 0    | 0     | 0      | 0       | 0     |
| Contractual work   | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.4  | 0.7  | 0.8  | 1.0   | 1.2    | 1.0     | 1.1   |
| Other gainful activities n.a.e                                       | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.6  | 2.0  | 1.8  | 2.2   | 2.2    | 1.3     | 0.8   |

#### >METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in Belgium was carried out in May 2003 on an exhaustive base. Such full-scale agricultural censuses have been conducted on an annual basis since 1960. The reference time of the FSS 2003 was 1 May 2003, however for farm labour force and under cover cropping the preceding 12 months.

The FSS relates to agricultural holdings whose utilised agricultural area is one hectare or more and those whose area is less than one hectare if they produce a certain proportion for sale or if their production unit exceeds certain physical thresholds. The target population was all the farms with an operating base located in Belgium.

The data are multi-level checked and the non-responding units are imputed using their previous year data.

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.

Due to differences in the coverage of units of less than 1 ESU across Member States, these data are not comparable between countries. That is why the present analysis and graphs focus on the holdings of at least one ESU.

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) means the labour force working yearly like a worker employed on full time basis, it is 1800 hours (225 working days of 8 working hours per day).

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