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# Structure of agricultural holdings

## Sweden 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 part of a series of country-specific publications, all following the same structure.

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**In Sweden, in 2003 about 60 200 agricultural holdings had an economic size of at least one ESU (European size unit)\*, which means 20% decline compared to 2000.**

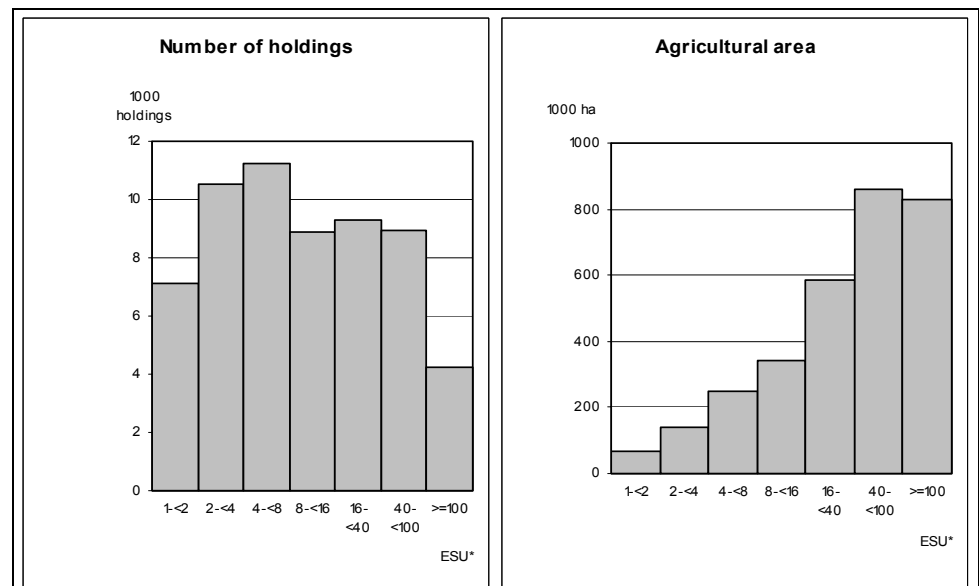
- These holdings employed 67 100 AWUs (annual work units), the equivalent of 67 100 persons working full time;
- they made use of 3.1 million ha of agricultural area, which is on average 50.9 hectare per holding (compared to 40.5 ha in 2000).

Amongst these 60 200 agricultural holdings,

- 38% made use of less than one AWU, while 40% made use of 2 or more AWUs;
- 7% used less than 5 ha, while 13% used more than 100 ha;
- 14% were mixed holdings, while 86% were specialised: for cereals, oil seed and protein crops 24%, field cropping 22%, dairies 15%, cattle rearing and fattening 14%, other grazing livestock 8%, pigs and poultry 2%, horticulture 1% (of which 60% under glass), permanent crops 1%;
- about 22% practised organic farming.

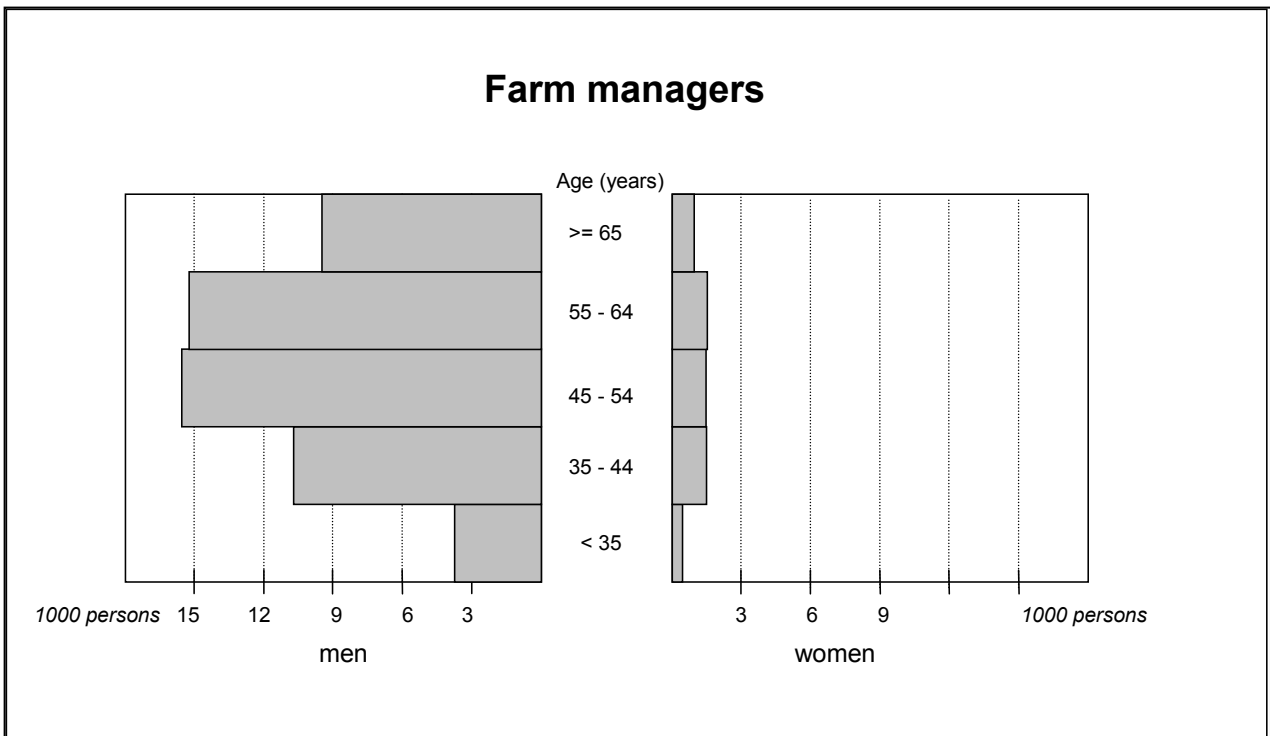
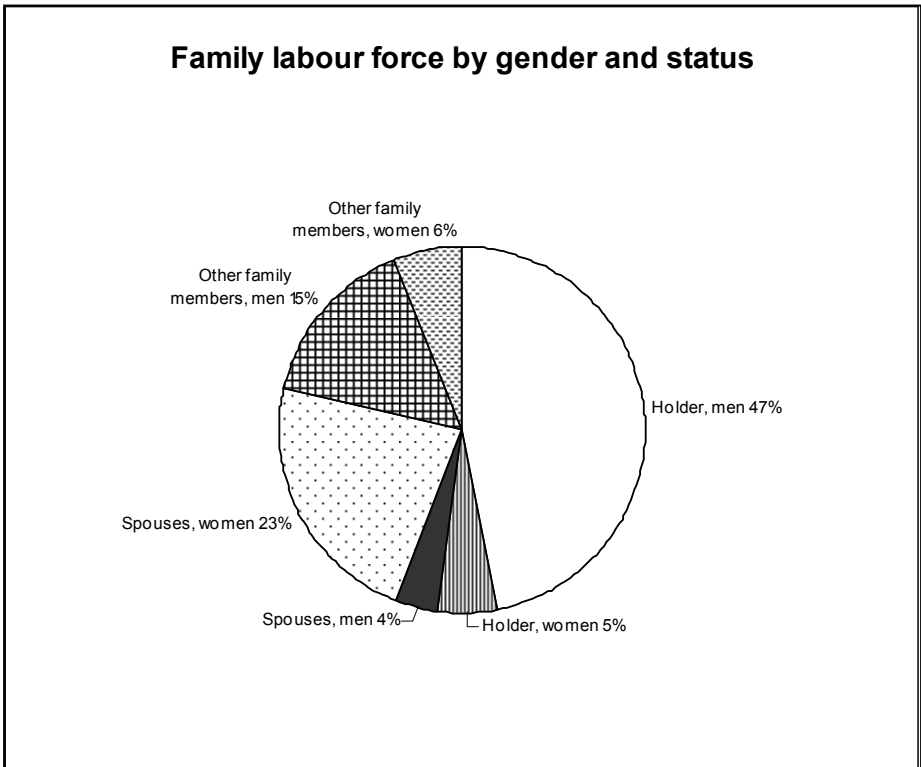
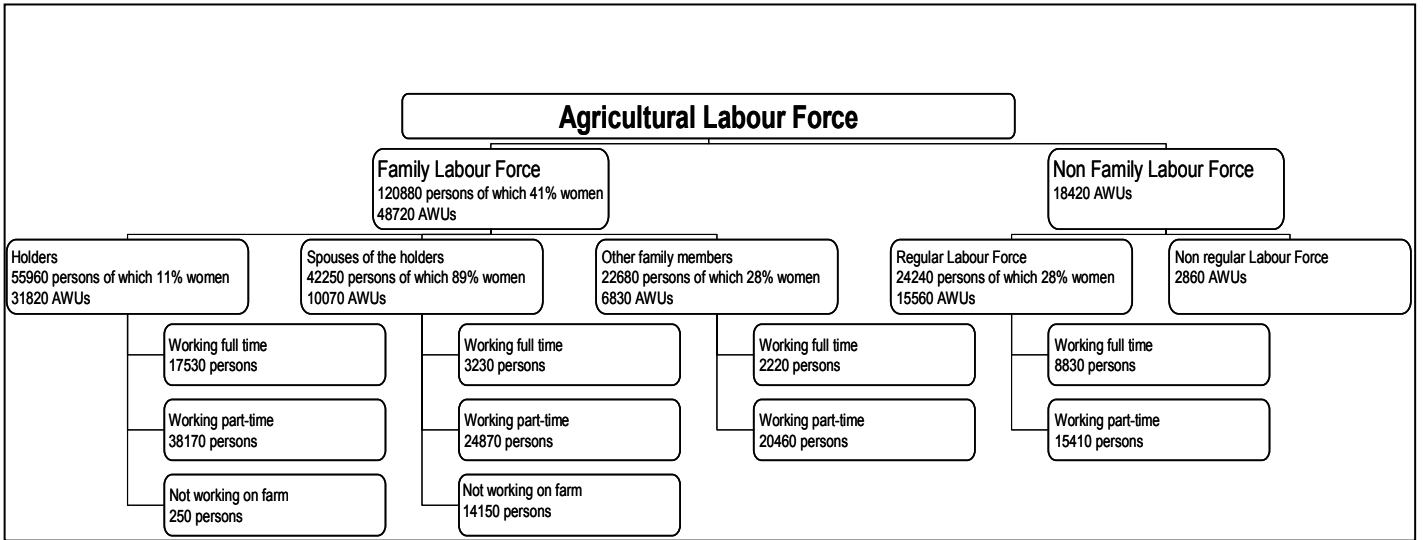
Amongst the 56 000 sole holders

- 11% were women;
- 47% were aged 55 or more, only 6% is younger than 35 years;
- 43% had another gainful activity as major occupation.



\* ESU measures the economic size of the holdings (see methodological notes).

## Sweden, 2003 – Holdings of at least 1 ESU



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
<b>Total labour force</b>									
1000 annual work units	3.5	67.1	3.5	6.1	7.4	7.7	11.4	16.0	14.9
<b>Family labour force</b>									
1000 persons	14.4	120.9	13.7	21.4	22.0	18.1	19.2	18.9	7.6
1000 annual work units	3.3	48.7	3.3	5.6	6.6	6.8	9.5	11.7	5.2
<b>Non-family labour regularly employed</b>									
1000 persons	0.5	24.2	0.6	1.2	1.5	1.6	3.0	5.7	10.5
1000 annual work units	0.2	15.6	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.8	1.7	3.6	8.2
<b>Non regular non family labour force</b>									
1000 annual work units	0	2.9	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.7	1.5
<b>Holding managers (1000)</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>
- women (%)	20.0	9.7	18.5	14.4	10.4	8.2	7.1	4.2	3.6
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	80.6	45.3	78.2	72.9	64.2	46.4	25.0	6.5	3.2
- 50 % and over (%)	15.0	21.1	15.4	18.8	23.4	30.3	28.5	14.7	8.0
<b>Sole/main holders (1000)</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>
- women (%)	21.4	10.5	18.6	15.9	11.5	8.4	7.1	4.2	3.2
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	5.6	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.3	6.6	5.9	6.4	9.0
- from 35 to 44 years	18.5	19.4	17.1	17.5	17.7	19.4	19.5	23.8	26.0
- from 45 to 54 years	26.3	27.7	24.9	24.1	25.3	26.1	28.7	35.3	37.9
- from 55 to 64 years	29.4	28.5	29.5	28.6	26.6	27.9	32.1	28.7	22.7
- 65 years and over	20.2	18.2	22.5	23.9	25.1	20.1	13.8	5.8	4.4
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	81.0	47.0	77.9	73.1	64.1	45.9	24.8	5.5	2.9
- 50 % and over (%)	14.3	21.2	15.2	18.5	23.8	30.5	28.7	13.4	6.6
- with another gainful activity <sup>1</sup> (%)	74.4	59.8	72.5	70.6	67.9	65.8	55.3	33.5	26.2
- as main occupation	65.9	42.5	64.1	60.4	54.8	44.9	26.5	10.1	9.9
- as a subsidiary occupation	8.6	17.3	8.4	10.3	13.1	20.8	28.7	23.5	16.3
<b>Spouse of sole holder (1000)</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
- women (%)	77.6	89.2	81.4	83.3	88.2	90.8	92.4	95.7	97.1
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	7.3	7.7	7.6	7.5	6.6	7.9	6.9	8.4	11.5
- from 35 to 54 years	50.7	52.1	49.2	48.2	46.6	48.4	52.5	62.9	66.5
- 55 years and over	42.0	40.3	43.2	44.3	46.8	43.7	40.5	28.7	22.1
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	63.2	48.6	54.3	54.5	51.2	51.8	48.1	38.2	31.8
- 50 % and over (%)	5.6	10.2	6.3	6.6	7.2	9.0	12.1	17.2	18.5
- with another gainful activity (%)	77.8	73.7	77.4	76.2	73.1	75.7	76.3	68.5	61.1
- as main occupation	74.7	66.7	72.7	71.2	68.2	69.9	67.4	57.3	50.8
- as a subsidiary occupation	3.1	6.9	4.6	5.0	4.9	5.8	8.8	11.2	10.4
<b>Other members of the holder's family working on the holding (1000)</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>
- women (%)	34.8	28.2	38.5	33.6	26.3	28.0	26.8	24.4	24.7
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	95.1	80.3	93.7	93.3	90.6	87.6	77.7	68.0	50.2
- 50 % and over (%)	3.6	9.9	5.6	5.1	6.2	8.7	13.0	14.8	14.4
- with another gainful activity (%)	66.5	64.5	74.6	70.8	70.2	67.8	65.3	57.0	45.4

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

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
<b>Holdings</b>									
- total number (1000)	7.7	60.2	7.1	10.5	11.2	8.9	9.3	8.9	4.3
- by legal personality of the holder (%)									
- sole holder	98.4	92.1	97.8	97.6	96.1	94.9	92.0	86.7	65.3
- legal person	1.6	7.9	2.2	2.4	3.9	5.1	8.0	13.3	34.7
- group holders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- by employed labour force (%)									
- under 1 AWU	72.2	38.4	69.0	64.5	55.4	38.8	18.5	3.2	0.6
- from 1 to less than 2 AWU	20.3	21.4	20.9	22.4	26.5	29.9	26.2	9.8	2.6
- from 2 to less than 3 AWU	6.1	25.0	8.6	10.7	14.8	25.5	42.3	50.7	19.2
- 3 AWU and over	1.3	15.2	1.5	2.4	3.3	5.8	13.0	36.3	77.6
- by agricultural area (%)									
- under 5 ha	40.0	6.6	34.8	8.5	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.4	3.0
- from 5 to less than 20 ha	53.8	32.8	57.0	76.0	53.5	11.8	6.2	0.8	0.5
- from 20 to less than 50 ha	5.6	28.6	7.4	14.4	41.1	67.8	32.4	16.1	2.3
- from 50 to less than 100 ha	0.5	18.9	0.7	0.9	3.5	17.6	47.3	46.1	17.7
- 100 ha and over	0.1	13.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.6	12.8	35.6	76.5
- by livestock size (%)									
- without livestock	20.7	37.2	37.9	46.1	47.7	43.9	36.3	18.1	14.4
- under 10 LSU	76.8	20.5	57.7	36.7	16.2	13.5	9.2	4.6	2.6
- from 10 to less than 20 LSU	2.4	10.8	3.4	15.8	24.2	9.9	9.0	1.5	0.7
- from 20 to less than 50 LSU	0.2	15.0	1.0	1.2	11.7	30.5	29.4	22.7	1.8
- from 50 to less than 100 LSU	0	9.7	0	0.1	0.2	2.1	13.3	41.9	15.0
- 100 LSU and over	0	6.8	0	0	0.1	0.2	2.8	11.2	65.6
- by farm type (%)									
... specialist cereals, oil seed and protein crops	7.3	24.2	16.8	22.4	30.5	34.7	32.4	13.6	6.6
... general field cropping	5.9	22.3	27.4	30.1	26.2	20.6	18.1	14.4	14.3
... specialist horticulture	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.8	1.6
... specialist vineyard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
... specialist fruit and citrus fruit	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.9	1.1	0.5	0.5
... specialist olives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
... various permanent crops combined	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7
... specialist dairy farming	0	15.3	0	0	0.1	2.8	19.4	54.3	53.7
... specialist cattle – rearing and fattening	8.9	14.0	14.7	19.9	22.1	20.0	9.6	1.6	0.4
... cattle – dairy farming, rearing and fattening combined	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.3	0.4
... sheep, goats and other grazing livestock	56.1	7.5	27.5	13.2	6.5	3.9	1.1	0.2	0.1
... specialist granivores	0.6	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	2.1	2.9	8.4
... mixed cropping	0.6	1.5	0.7	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.1	1.8	2.3
... mixed livestock, mainly grazing livestock	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.4	1.2
... mixed livestock, mainly granivores	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5
... field crops – grazing livestock combined	6.7	9.4	10.5	11.4	10.6	12.0	9.4	4.6	3.9
... various crops and livestock combined	0.5	1.7	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.0	2.2	3.7	5.4
- by farming methods (%)									
- organic farming	25.3	21.8	24.3	23.9	23.5	22.7	19.2	17.9	19.1
- irrigating	0.6	4.1	0.9	0.8	1.3	2.7	5.5	9.3	14.3
- with crops under glass	0.7	3.0	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.3	4.3	4.0	6.6
- % in less favoured or mountain area	80.6	60.3	80.0	76.9	66.9	55.1	44.9	48.1	38.3

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Economic size (ESU)	<1	>=1	1-<2	2-<4	4-<8	8-<16	16-<40	40-<100	>=100
<b>Area (1000 ha)</b>									
• <b>Total area of agricultural holdings</b>	<b>405.5</b>	<b>6353.1</b>	<b>344.4</b>	<b>589.1</b>	<b>768.8</b>	<b>803.8</b>	<b>1146.3</b>	<b>1422.8</b>	<b>1277.9</b>
• <b>H. Other area</b>	<b>344.3</b>	<b>3287.4</b>	<b>277.2</b>	<b>449.7</b>	<b>519.8</b>	<b>463.0</b>	<b>561.9</b>	<b>565.1</b>	<b>450.8</b>
Wooded area	324.3	3087.8	266.0	433.4	498.6	440.3	520.2	522.5	406.8
• <b>Agricultural area</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>3065.8</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>139.4</b>	<b>249.0</b>	<b>340.8</b>	<b>584.4</b>	<b>857.7</b>	<b>827.2</b>
- <b>D. Arable land</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>2591.0</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>277.9</b>	<b>498.5</b>	<b>732.7</b>	<b>723.0</b>
Cereals	1.3	1152.6	6.5	24.8	67.5	116.0	246.4	343.6	347.8
<i>Common wheat and spelt</i>	0	411.3	0.3	2.2	10.7	27.4	86.2	129.5	155.0
<i>Durum wheat</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rye</i>	0	24.4	0.1	0.4	1.1	2.2	4.9	7.3	8.4
<i>Barley</i>	0.5	368.0	2.5	9.3	23.8	39.3	76.3	110.9	105.8
<i>Oats</i>	0.7	279.1	3.3	11.6	28.3	41.0	67.1	73.8	54.0
<i>Grain maize</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dried pulses	0	29.7	0.1	0.3	0.8	1.8	6.5	9.3	10.9
Root crops	0.1	81.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	2.5	11.2	25.9	40.4
<i>Potatoes</i>	0.1	30.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.0	3.8	9.9	15.5
<i>Sugar beet</i>	0	50.1	0	0	0.3	1.5	7.4	16.0	25.0
<i>Fodder root</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial crops	0	62.3	0.1	0.4	1.5	3.8	12.4	21.2	22.9
<i>Tobacco</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Hops</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Cotton</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rape and turnip</i>	0	58.6	0.1	0.3	1.4	3.5	11.8	20.0	21.6
<i>Sunflower</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Soya</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry	0	18.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.7	6.0	9.6
<i>outside</i>	0	18.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.8	5.7	9.7
<i>under glass</i>	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
Flower and ornamental plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>outside</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>under glass</i>	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
Fodder plants	40.8	953.7	40.2	72.2	106.8	116.7	155.1	250.6	212.0
Fallow land	1.1	274.7	3.4	9.8	21.7	35.6	62.3	71.1	70.7
- <b>E. Kitchen garden</b>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
- <b>F. Permanent pasture and meadows</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>464.2</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>123.2</b>	<b>97.3</b>
- <b>G. Permanent crops</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Fruit and berry plantation	0	5.8	0	0	0.2	0.4	1.2	1.8	2.2
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
<b>Ratios</b>									
<b>Agricultural area per holding (ha)</b>	8.0	50.9	9.5	13.2	22.2	38.4	62.8	95.9	194.4
<b>Agricultural area... (%)</b>									
... own farmed	75.8	54.9	74.4	72.1	67.1	62.5	57.4	50.2	46.6
... in less favoured or mountain area	86.2	47.2	83.4	80.5	71.3	60.8	45.2	42.6	32.1
... organic farmed	23.4	10.8	21.3	18.9	17.2	14.9	11.3	8.6	6.8
... irrigated	0.3	1.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.9	1.9	3.6
... under cover crop protecting soil	0.1	5.8	0.6	1.5	3.2	4.2	5.5	6.1	8.3

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Economic size (ESU)		<1	>=1	1-<2	2-<4	4-<8	8-<16	16-<40	40-<100	>=100
<b>Total livestock</b>	<b>(1000 LSU<sup>+</sup>)</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>1818.6</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>118.4</b>	<b>225.5</b>	<b>524.0</b>	<b>795.4</b>
of which grazing	(%)	98.8	67.5	98.7	98.6	97.6	94.0	80.8	73.4	50.0
<b>Grazing livestock</b>	<b>(1000 heads)</b>									
<b>Equidae</b>		<b>7.2</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Bovine animals</b>										
Under 1 year		1.0	511.3	3.8	14.3	33.9	53.0	92.2	162.2	151.8
From 1 to less than 2 years		1.2	407.3	4.4	13.7	29.8	45.3	73.3	124.3	116.4
Dairy cows		0	402.5	0	0	0.1	1.6	27.8	165.7	207.2
Other cows		0.5	164.3	2.4	10.7	25.2	37.9	47.4	28.5	12.2
Other bovine animals 2 years and older		0.8	117.8	1.5	4.2	7.7	9.7	15.8	39.8	39.2
<b>Sheep</b>		<b>108.0</b>	<b>340.5</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>15.8</b>
<b>Goats</b>		<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Granivores</b>										
<b>Pigs</b>	<b>(1000 heads)</b>									
Piglets < 20 kg		0	567.3	0	0.5	4.0	12.9	67.5	165.1	317.3
Breeding sows		0	204.5	0.1	0.2	0.7	2.6	12.0	38.9	150.1
Other pigs		0.1	1131.2	0.2	0.6	3.4	14.9	102.1	328.7	681.3
<b>Poultry</b>	<b>(million heads)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>10.4</b>
Broilers		0	5.9	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	5.6
Laying hens		0	6.0	0	0	0	0.1	0.3	1.0	4.5
Other poultry		0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2
<b>Rabbits, breeding females</b>	<b>(1000 heads)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Beehives</b>	<b>(1000)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>:</b>
<b>Total livestock per holding with...</b>	<b>(LSU/holding)</b>									
Livestock		3.2	48.1	5.4	8.4	14.3	23.8	38.1	71.5	218.3
Grazing livestock		3.2	51.5	5.5	8.8	15.0	25.0	41.3	78.2	257.2
Bovine animals (cattle)		19.4	67.6	13.8	14.1	19.9	30.6	48.0	84.7	279.3
Cattle, other than cows		21.9	68.4	14.4	14.5	20.2	30.9	48.5	84.9	280.6
Granivores		498.2	500.0	349.5	295.6	278.8	278.5	274.7	497.2	985.6
Pigs		22.0	365.8	30.7	45.9	84.6	186.1	360.2	898.9	2477.9
<b>Average size of herds*</b>	<b>(head/holding)</b>									
Equidae		2.4	6.6	4.4	6.0	7.5	9.3	8.1	6.2	6.5
Dairy cows		:	41.4	1.0	2.0	3.3	6.4	14.8	32.9	82.1
Other cows		1.4	13.3	2.5	4.5	8.1	13.7	22.5	33.3	50.8
Sheep		39.0	69.7	59.7	63.7	75.1	85.9	76.7	66.8	65.9
Goats		13.2	9.5	13.6	6.9	8.4	5.7	8.7	5.9	22.5
Breeding sows		1.2	83.1	1.6	2.2	3.3	8.0	21.3	57.8	269.9
Other pigs > 20 kg		3.0	345.8	3.9	5.7	15.0	43.2	136.2	328.0	862.4
Rabbits, breeding females		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Laying hens	(1000/holding)	0	1.3	0	0	0	0.1	0.5	1.9	18.1
Broilers	(1000/holding)	0	28.1	0	0	0	0.3	2.1	7.8	89.2
Beehives	(hive/holding)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

\* number of animals of a given livestock category per holding with this kind of animals

+ LSU : Livestock Unit

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
<b>Holdings with another gainful activity than agricultural production:</b>									
(% all holdings)	<b>8.9</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>
Tourism	1.7	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.5
Handicraft	1.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5
Processing of farm products	1.6	1.3	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.7
Wood processing	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.0	0.6
Aquaculture	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Renewable energy production	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.0
Contractual work	2.0	6.4	2.0	3.3	4.0	7.3	10.0	10.8	8.7
Other gainful activities n.a.e	2.1	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.7	3.1	3.5	2.6	2.5

## ► METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The 2003 survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in Sweden was carried out with the reference day of 5 June 2003. It was a combination of a census for national purposes and a survey on a sample base according to EU requirements. Information on farm labour force, on horticultural production, irrigation and rural developments was collected in the sample part only. Prior full-scale agricultural census was conducted in 2000.

The target population was all the holdings operating in agriculture, horticulture or in animal husbandry, and reaching at least one of the thresholds applied. 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 84 strata simple random sampling with Neyman-allocation was applied based on arable land area and on number of different livestock. In the remaining 35 strata the selection ratio is 100% (for example for large size holdings). The sample size was 33 700.

The data are multi-level checked. The non-response was 2.5%, but was decreased with the help of telephone interviews and information from administrative data sources (IACS). Missing or incorrect data are handled following telephone contact with the farmers, using register information or previous surveys (FSS, Horticultural Census 2002), as well as imputation based on data of similar holdings.

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 working 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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