

Structure of agricultural holdings

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

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In Lithuania, in June 2003 about 89 400 agricultural holdings had an economic size of at least 1 ESU (European Size Unit)*.

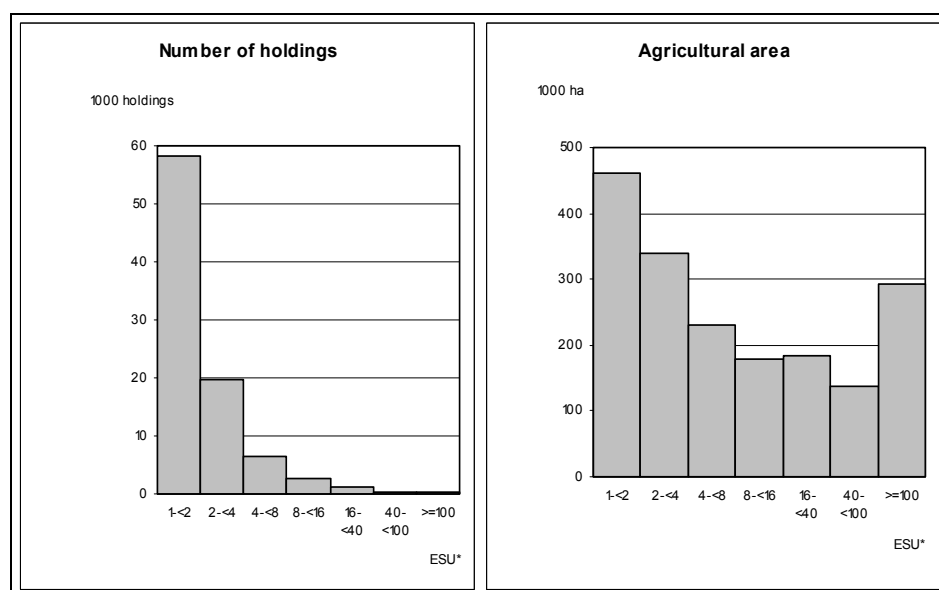
- These holdings employed 120 700 AWUs (annual work units), the equivalent of 120 700 persons working full time;
- they made use of 1.8 million ha of agricultural area, which is on average 20.4 hectare per holding.

Amongst these 89 400 agricultural holdings,

- 44% made use of less than one AWU, while 9% made use of 2 or more AWUs;
- 20% used less than 5 ha, while 2% used 100 ha or more;
- 71% were mixed holdings, while 29% were specialised: dairies 11%, field cropping 8%, cereals, oil seed and protein crops 6%, various grazing livestock 2%, horticulture 1% (of which 68% under glass) and permanent crops 1%;
- about 0.3% practised organic farming.

Amongst the 88 800 sole holders

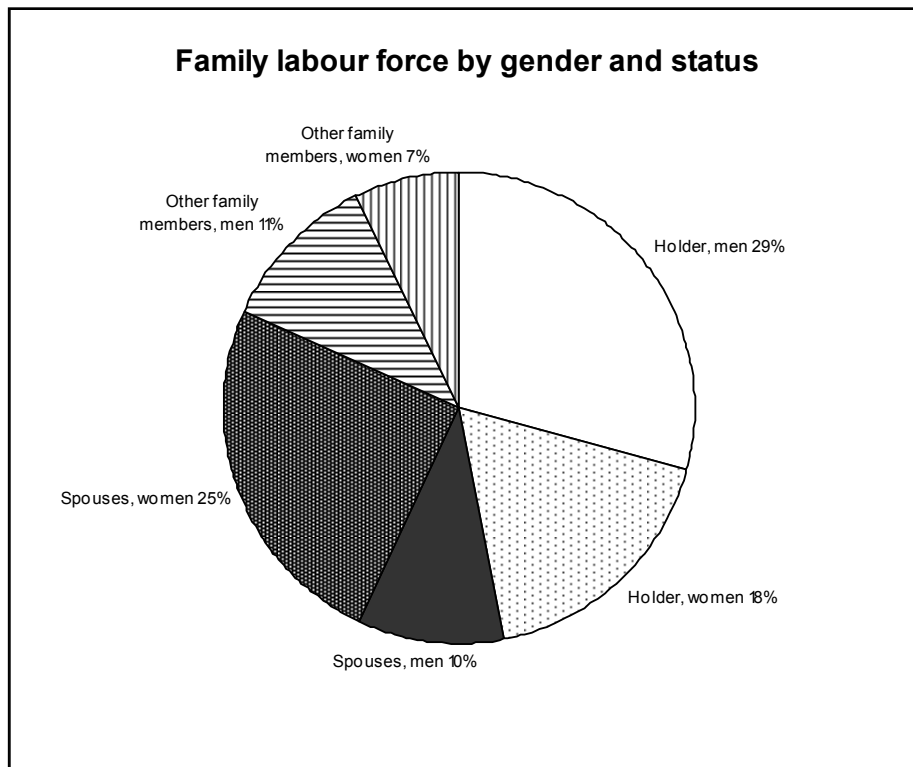
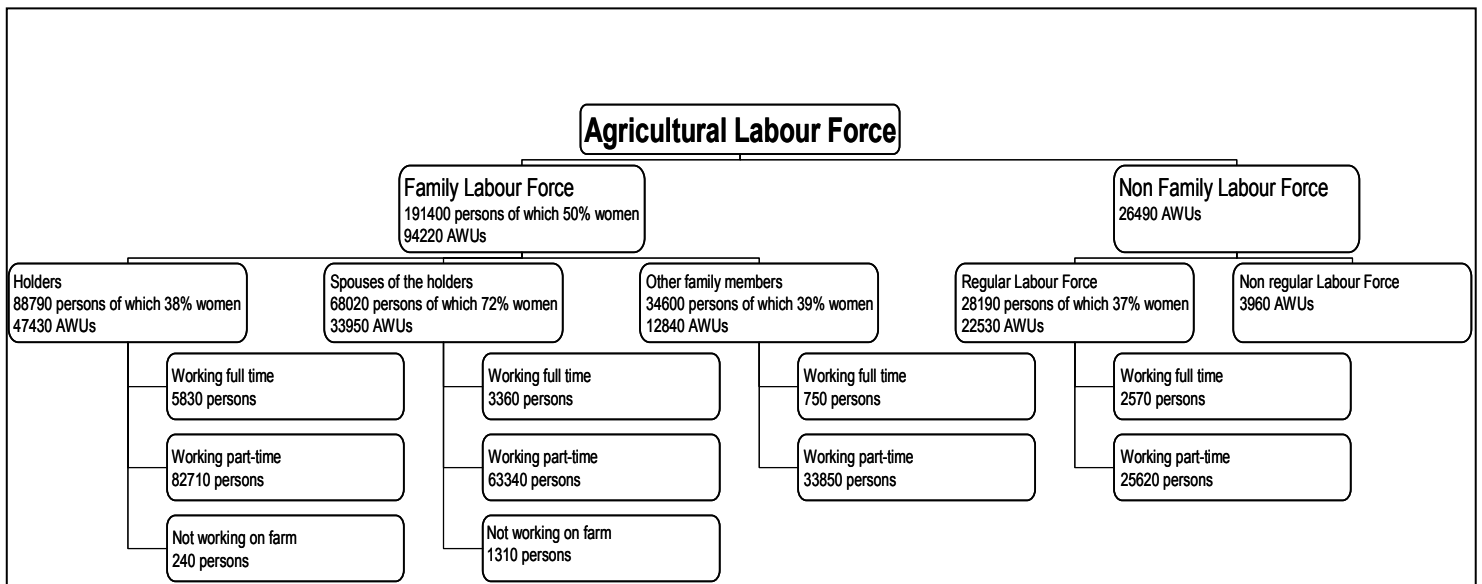
- 38% were women;
- 52% were aged 55 or more, and only 7% younger than 35 years;
- 17% had another gainful activity as major occupation.



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



Lithuania, 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
Total labour force									
1000 annual work units	101.4	120.7	55.2	25.2	10.5	5.3	4.2	3.5	16.8
Family labour force									
1000 persons	325.2	191.4	123.1	43.9	14.9	5.8	2.8	0.7	0.2
1000 annual work units	99.8	94.2	54.3	24.5	9.3	3.8	1.9	0.4	0.1
Non-family labour regularly employed									
1000 persons	0.5	28.2	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.3	2.6	3.5	19.1
1000 annual work units	0.3	22.5	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.0	1.9	2.6	16.0
Non regular non family labour force									
1000 annual work units	1.3	4.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7
Holding managers (1000)	182.8	89.4	58.3	19.8	6.6	2.6	1.3	0.4	0.3
- women (%)	50.1	37.7	41.0	35.7	28.9	21.7	15.3	10.5	7.1
- part-time									
- under 50 % (%)	82.0	46.2	54.6	35.5	24.4	18.5	16.3	11.4	3.5
- 50 % and over (%)	18.0	47.1	44.9	52.5	49.8	47.5	45.1	53.2	60.6
Sole/main holders (1000)	182.7	88.8	58.3	19.8	6.5	2.5	1.2	0.3	0.1
- women (%)	50.1	38.1	41.0	36.1	29.7	22.5	16.6	11.3	9.6
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	7.2	6.7	6.1	7.0	9.5	11.1	11.2	9.0	9.6
- from 35 to 44 years	16.0	19.9	18.3	20.8	25.3	29.1	31.1	40.0	34.9
- from 45 to 54 years	16.0	21.0	19.2	22.5	26.4	28.7	31.2	30.6	34.9
- from 55 to 64 years	18.5	24.3	24.4	25.8	22.7	20.0	16.2	15.8	16.9
- 65 years and over	42.4	28.0	32.0	23.9	16.0	11.1	10.2	4.5	3.6
- part-time									
- under 50 % (%)	81.8	46.5	54.5	35.9	25.3	19.3	17.9	14.5	10.8
- 50 % and over (%)	17.9	46.6	44.7	52.0	48.8	46.3	42.3	43.2	44.6
- with another gainful activity ¹ (%)	22.3	22.5	22.8	22.6	21.2	20.3	19.2	20.6	24.7
- as main occupation	20.7	16.6	17.9	15.2	12.9	10.7	11.2	10.8	8.6
- as a subsidiary occupation	1.7	5.9	4.9	7.4	8.3	9.6	7.9	9.8	16.0
Spouse of sole holder (1000)	97.2	68.0	43.1	16.0	5.4	2.1	1.0	0.2	0.1
- women (%)	70.0	71.6	70.7	70.7	74.6	79.9	86.0	90.0	89.7
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	12.6	10.5	10.2	10.1	12.5	13.1	14.5	10.4	11.8
- from 35 to 54 years	41.0	47.1	43.8	49.3	56.5	61.0	64.9	76.7	73.5
- 55 years and over	46.4	42.4	46.0	40.7	31.0	25.9	20.6	12.9	14.7
- part-time									
- under 50 % (%)	79.9	49.7	56.6	39.7	32.6	34.9	36.7	40.2	39.7
- 50 % and over (%)	16.9	43.4	41.5	49.6	45.3	38.1	35.3	31.3	22.1
- with another gainful activity (%)	27.8	23.6	23.3	22.7	24.4	28.7	31.4	36.1	45.6
- as main occupation	25.7	18.7	18.9	17.1	18.1	22.3	25.7	31.3	42.6
- as a subsidiary occupation	2.1	4.9	4.4	5.5	6.2	6.4	5.6	4.8	2.9
Other members of the holder's family working on the holding (1000)	45.3	34.6	21.7	8.1	3.0	1.1	0.6	0.1	0
- women (%)	38.2	38.8	38.7	39.7	39.1	36.7	32.3	22.0	33.3
- part-time									
- under 50 % (%)	90.0	72.0	77.5	66.4	58.5	56.1	50.8	52.7	52.4
- 50 % and over (%)	10.0	25.8	22.4	30.3	33.9	33.2	34.3	30.8	33.3
- with another gainful activity (%)	33.9	29.5	31.4	28.5	23.3	22.5	19.0	26.4	38.1

¹ Only holders being also farm managers.

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Economic size (ESU)	<1	>=1	1-<2	2-<4	4-<8	8-<16	16-<40	40-<100	>=100
Holdings									
- total number (1000)	182.8	89.4	58.3	19.8	6.6	2.6	1.3	0.4	0.3
- by legal personality of the holder (%)									
- sole holder	100.0	99.3	100.0	99.8	99.3	97.1	93.4	73.6	26.8
- legal person	0	0.6	0	0.1	0.6	2.8	6.1	26.4	73.2
- group holders	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.5	0	0
- by employed labour force (%)									
- under 1 AWU	85.6	44.4	54.5	30.5	20.1	15.0	9.7	4.0	0.6
- from 1 to less than 2 AWU	14.0	47.0	43.1	58.4	54.3	46.9	35.8	12.8	1.0
- from 2 to less than 3 AWU	0.3	6.6	2.2	10.3	21.6	27.3	26.7	15.9	2.3
- 3 AWU and over	0	2.0	0.2	0.9	4.0	10.9	27.8	67.2	96.1
- by agricultural area (%)									
- under 5 ha	82.6	20.1	28.6	4.8	2.9	2.1	2.2	2.6	6.8
- from 5 to less than 20 ha	17.1	60.9	68.9	66.3	13.7	5.1	2.4	1.0	1.9
- from 20 to less than 50 ha	0.3	13.4	2.5	27.9	66.4	23.0	4.5	1.2	0.6
- from 50 to less than 100 ha	0	3.3	0	0.9	16.2	55.0	20.3	3.6	1.9
- 100 ha and over	0	2.3	0	0.1	0.9	14.8	70.6	91.7	88.7
- by livestock size (%)									
- without livestock	8.3	4.5	2.9	4.4	8.3	14.0	23.4	41.3	34.2
- under 10 LSU ⁺	91.7	81.1	96.0	63.8	34.9	37.3	36.2	27.8	5.2
- from 10 to less than 20 LSU	0	11.0	1.1	31.0	36.5	18.8	11.2	5.2	1.9
- from 20 to less than 50 LSU	0	2.6	0	0.8	20.1	24.0	13.5	4.8	1.9
- from 50 to less than 100 LSU	0	0.3	0	0	0.2	5.7	9.4	4.5	0.6
- 100 LSU and over	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.2	6.3	16.4	56.1
- by farm type (%)									
... specialist cereals, oil seed and protein crops	2.7	5.6	1.9	5.8	16.7	33.5	40.0	37.5	22.6
... general field cropping	20.0	8.4	6.0	8.8	15.6	24.1	30.9	36.6	29.0
... specialist horticulture	0.1	1.4	0.9	1.9	3.5	3.7	2.7	3.6	2.9
... specialist vineyard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
... specialist fruit and citrus fruit	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.9	1.2	2.5	1.6	2.9	3.5
... specialist olives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
... various permanent crops combined	0	0.2	0	0.2	0.6	0.8	1.9	1.2	1.3
... specialist dairy farming	9.7	10.8	11.7	10.1	9.2	6.4	3.6	1.7	0.6
... specialist cattle – rearing and fattening	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
... cattle – dairy farming, rearing and fattening combined	0.6	1.5	1.4	2.2	1.6	0.7	0.5	0	0.3
... sheep, goats and other grazing livestock	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0	0.1	0	0
... specialist granivores	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.6	2.0	3.1	14.5
... mixed cropping	13.4	15.8	15.6	17.1	17.8	11.6	6.8	4.8	5.5
... mixed livestock, mainly grazing livestock	17.8	20.6	24.3	18.4	7.9	2.3	0.9	0.5	0
... mixed livestock, mainly granivores	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.2	0
... field crops – grazing livestock combined	29.6	30.6	33.4	30.3	21.7	10.8	7.1	5.9	17.7
... various crops and livestock combined	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.5	1.7	2.1	1.9
- by farming methods (%)									
- organic farming	0	0.3	0	0.3	0.8	1.4	2.1	3.1	2.9
- irrigating	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
- with crops under glass	0.2	2.4	1.6	3.4	5.1	5.6	3.8	4.5	3.5
- % in less favoured or mountain area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

+ LSU : Livestock Unit

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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	835.5	2000.3	540.4	380.6	250.9	189.7	191.8	140.6	306.3
• H. Other area	171.0	173.8	78.1	41.6	19.5	10.4	7.3	4.0	12.8
Wooded area	104.2	99.2	50.6	27.1	11.2	5.6	3.2	1.0	0.4
• Agricultural area	664.5	1826.5	462.2	339.0	231.5	179.3	184.5	136.6	293.5
- D. Arable land	239.7	1256.4	206.3	186.3	155.3	142.8	162.6	127.1	276.1
Cereals	108.8	755.8	114.8	114.1	97.8	89.4	100.6	77.7	161.5
<i>Common wheat and spelt</i>	18.9	317.6	24.7	29.5	32.9	39.3	53.7	43.9	93.7
<i>Durum wheat</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rye</i>	8.9	50.9	10.0	9.5	7.7	6.6	5.5	5.3	6.3
<i>Barley</i>	57.0	251.3	49.9	44.4	34.4	27.3	28.0	20.1	47.2
<i>Oats</i>	9.5	38.8	11.1	10.4	6.9	3.7	2.8	1.4	2.4
<i>Grain maize</i>	0	2.7	0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	1.4
Dried pulses	1.0	20.6	1.3	2.2	2.7	3.4	3.4	2.5	5.1
Root crops	52.5	83.4	30.0	14.8	7.8	5.6	5.9	5.7	13.6
<i>Potatoes</i>	40.0	44.4	22.2	10.4	4.8	2.6	1.8	1.4	1.2
<i>Sugar beet</i>	0.1	25.5	0.4	0.9	1.6	2.4	3.8	4.2	12.2
<i>Fodder root</i>	12.4	13.4	7.4	3.5	1.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2
Industrial crops	0.3	83.0	0.5	1.7	5.0	10.2	19.8	18.0	27.9
<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>	0.2	66.4	0.3	1.3	4.0	8.1	15.6	14.5	22.6
<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	8.9	12.2	4.8	2.4	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.4
<i>outside</i>	8.9	11.9	4.7	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.3
<i>under glass</i>	0	0.3	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0.1
Flower and ornamental plants	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>outside</i>	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>under glass</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fodder plants	37.2	175.4	34.7	32.0	24.2	16.0	12.9	8.0	47.7
Fallow land	31.0	122.9	20.2	19.1	16.3	16.9	18.7	13.9	17.8
- E. Kitchen garden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- F. Permanent pasture and meadows	418.1	554.8	251.7	150.2	74.7	35.1	20.6	8.1	14.3
- G. Permanent crops	6.7	15.2	4.2	2.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	3.0
Fruit and berry plantation	6.4	14.6	4.1	2.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	2.8
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)	3.6	20.4	7.9	17.1	35.3	68.6	140.0	324.5	946.6
Agricultural area... (%)									
... own farmed	67.3	37.7	63.5	53.5	41.7	28.9	21.0	12.5	3.4
... in less favoured or mountain area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
... organic farmed	0	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.4
... irrigated	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
... under cover crop protecting soil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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
Total livestock (1000 LSU)	303.7	870.7	266.2	161.4	82.7	41.8	31.3	22.2	265.1
of which grazing (%)	75.2	61.5	78.1	79.4	78.9	76.5	68.4	49.5	26.2
Grazing livestock (1000 heads)									
Equidae	32.0	33.4	20.7	7.3	2.1	1.0	0.4	0.3	1.6
Bovine animals									
Under 1 year	55.1	160.3	58.6	41.5	21.8	10.3	6.9	3.3	18.0
From 1 to less than 2 years	43.2	142.4	47.5	34.5	18.7	9.0	6.2	3.5	22.9
Dairy cows	139.7	311.4	126.9	75.5	37.9	18.7	12.2	5.6	34.6
Other cows	1.0	4.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	2.0
Other bovine animals 2 years and older	7.3	30.6	6.6	5.4	3.5	1.9	1.6	1.5	10.2
Sheep	9.3	21.7	8.2	6.5	3.0	1.2	2.7	0.1	0
Goats	31.3	12.2	7.9	2.7	1.1	0.4	0.1	0	0
Granivores									
Pigs (1000 heads)									
Piglets < 20 kg	45.1	231.8	30.2	19.2	11.6	7.8	8.6	8.2	146.2
Breeding sows	4.1	86.7	10.0	9.1	5.1	3.1	2.7	3.2	53.4
Other pigs	161.0	560.6	131.4	73.3	39.7	23.2	21.4	19.3	252.4
Poultry (million heads)	1.5	7.2	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	5.1
Broilers	0.4	2.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.4	1.3
Laying hens	1.0	3.0	0.5	0.2	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	2.1
Other poultry	0.2	2.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	1.7
Rabbits, breeding females (1000 heads)	62.1	43.3	26.3	10.7	3.7	2.1	0.4	0.1	0
Beehives (1000)	14.1	70.6	23.6	21.8	12.3	6.3	2.5	0.4	3.8
Total livestock per holding with... (LSU/holding)									
Livestock	1.8	10.2	4.7	8.5	13.8	18.6	31.0	90.0	1299.6
Grazing livestock	2.1	8.3	4.8	8.8	14.4	19.9	31.5	79.6	643.0
Bovine animals (cattle)	2.2	8.2	4.8	8.8	14.5	20.0	31.5	82.5	612.8
Cattle, other than cows	2.5	9.1	5.2	9.2	15.2	21.3	35.4	97.1	621.9
Granivores	1.9	9.7	4.7	8.5	13.6	18.0	27.8	81.8	1922.6
Pigs	2.2	9.0	4.8	8.8	14.0	18.6	27.7	82.9	1447.6
Average size of herds* (head/holding)									
Equidae	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.6	2.8	3.0	4.9	13.3
Dairy cows	1.2	3.9	2.4	4.2	6.9	9.7	15.3	35.5	262.2
Other cows	1.2	3.8	1.4	2.2	2.5	3.3	4.2	12.7	20.7
Sheep	4.2	8.9	6.0	9.0	12.4	16.7	110.9	15.3	:
Goats	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.8	4.0	5.2	2.2	1.2	1.0
Breeding sows	1.2	5.2	1.3	1.7	2.2	3.8	9.0	43.4	703.0
Other pigs > 20 kg	2.0	8.3	3.0	4.7	8.0	13.1	29.5	134.2	2685.0
Rabbits, breeding females	2.9	3.4	3.1	3.7	4.3	8.0	4.2	3.9	3.3
Laying hens (1000/holding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.6	82.2
Broilers (1000/holding)	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.1	6.4	111.4
Beehives (hive/holding)	3.7	10.0	6.6	10.4	14.3	17.9	21.0	13.5	270.4

* 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-<4	2-<4	4-<8	8-<16	16-<40	40-<100	>=100
Holdings with another gainful activity than agricultural production:									
(% all holdings)	1.1	2.7	1.8	3.3	4.3	7.5	9.2	16.9	35.8
Tourism	0	0.1	0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0	0
Handicraft	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.3
Processing of farm products	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.9	2.6	7.4
Wood processing	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.9
Aquaculture	0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0	0.6
Renewable energy production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
Contractual work	0.1	0.8	0.4	1.0	1.5	3.1	3.6	5.5	14.8
Other gainful activities n.a.e	0.6	1.2	0.8	1.3	1.6	2.7	3.9	9.5	18.7

► METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in Lithuania was carried out in the June 2003 on an exhaustive base. Such a full-scale agricultural census had been conducted last time in 1930. The reference time of the agricultural census 2003 was 1st June 2003. However for crops, it was the harvest year 2003, and for labour force characteristics the period of 1st June 2002 until 31st May 2003.

The target population was all the holdings, enterprises or agricultural companies producing agricultural products or providing agricultural services. The list of target population was compiled from different administrative data-sources (farm register, business register, cattle register, land cadastre). The questionnaire had to be filled in by units having at least 1 ha agricultural area or less than 1 ha agricultural area, but with an annual income from agricultural activity of at least 5000 LTL (5000 Lithuanian Litas ~ 1300 euros). The smaller units were listed only on household enumeration list.

The data are multi-level checked. Partly completed forms and errors have been corrected via contact with the farmers.

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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