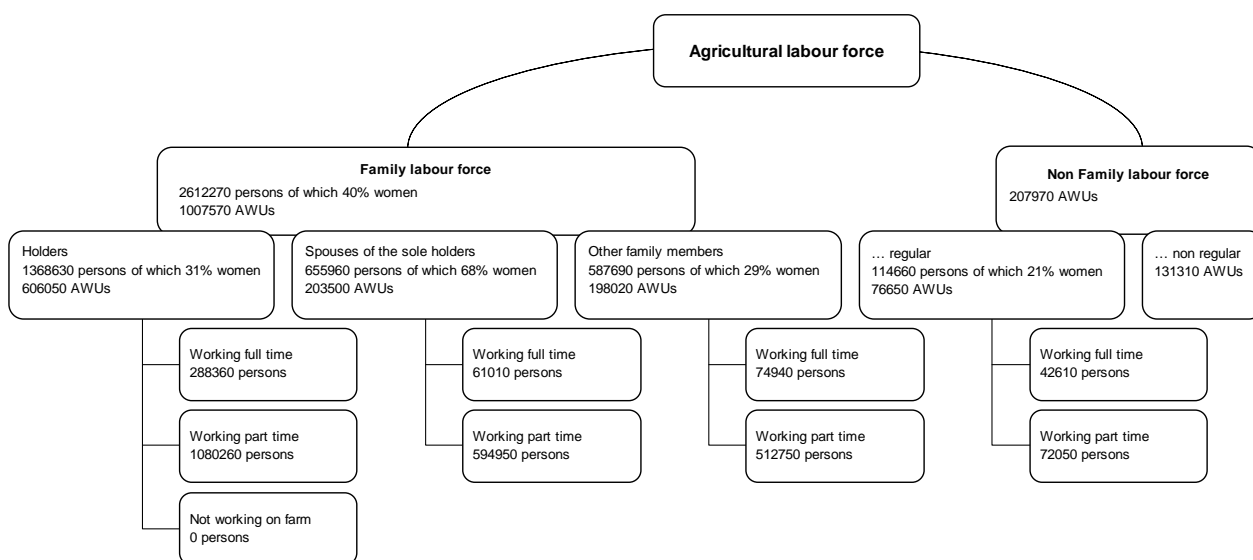


### Description of the labour force in Italy



\*LSUs = Livestock Unit

Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LSU*)				
	<20	20-<50	50-<100	>=100		0	>0-<50	50-<100	>=100	
<b>Total labour force</b>										
1000 annual work units	935.2	153.9	67.8	58.7	1215.5	795.7	317.8	43.0	59.0	
<b>Family labour force</b>										
1000 persons	2362.5	169.6	56.2	23.9	2612.3	2000.7	527.5	43.5	40.6	
1000 annual work units	833.1	112.6	42.3	19.5	1007.6	637.7	299.3	35.9	34.7	
<b>Non-family labour regularly employed</b>										
1000 persons	52.3	18.9	15.4	28.1	114.7	79.4	10.1	4.3	20.9	
1000 annual work units	30.3	13.9	11.1	21.3	76.7	47.9	7.2	3.4	18.1	
<b>Non regular non family labour force</b>										
1000 annual work units	71.7	27.3	14.4	17.9	131.3	110.1	11.3	3.7	6.2	
<b>Holding managers</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1260.1</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>130.0</b>	<b>1383.3</b>	<b>1100.9</b>	<b>248.8</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>16.1</b>
- women	(%)	29.6	18.2	14.1	10.2	28.5	29.3	27.7	9.0	6.4
- part-time: - under 50 %	(%)	68.4	20.6	15.5	19.0	64.1	72.9	33.1	4.3	4.4
- 50 % and over	(%)	14.2	18.7	14.6	12.2	14.4	13.8	18.5	5.4	5.2
<b>Sole/main holders</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1253.2</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>1368.6</b>	<b>1089.1</b>	<b>247.4</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>14.9</b>
- women	(%)	32.1	19.4	16.8	11.5	30.9	32.0	29.2	9.7	7.0
-distribution by age	(%)									
- under 35 years		2.8	7.8	9.7	8.8	3.3	2.7	5.0	13.1	7.6
- from 35 to 44 years		9.9	22.5	24.0	21.1	10.9	9.8	14.3	23.9	25.4
- from 45 to 54 years		19.1	23.6	26.4	25.4	19.5	18.7	21.9	26.5	32.4
- from 55 to 64 years		24.0	19.6	18.3	18.8	23.6	23.7	23.5	19.2	18.0
- 65 years and over		44.3	26.4	21.7	25.9	42.7	45.1	35.2	17.3	16.6
- part-time: - under 50 %	(%)	68.8	21.4	16.6	24.8	64.7	73.7	33.3	4.4	4.7
- 50 % and over	(%)	14.2	19.4	15.6	16.0	14.6	13.9	18.6	5.5	5.6
- with another gainful activity <sup>1</sup>	(%)	26.8	17.5	12.2	11.5	25.8	27.2	22.0	7.3	7.9
- as a main occupation		22.9	8.3	5.0	3.2	21.5	23.8	13.8	1.6	2.3
- as a subsidiary occupation		3.9	9.2	7.2	8.3	4.3	3.4	8.2	5.7	5.6
<b>Spouse of sole holder</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>602.7</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>656.0</b>	<b>486.9</b>	<b>152.1</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>
- women	(%)	67.4	79.3	78.7	89.7	68.4	67.6	68.7	89.2	90.8
-distribution by age	(%)									
- under 35 years		2.0	6.4	5.3	8.9	2.4	2.0	2.8	9.3	6.1
- from 35 to 54 years		33.7	49.3	57.4	58.0	35.1	33.0	39.0	58.6	63.8
- 55 years and over		64.3	44.3	37.3	33.1	62.5	64.9	58.2	32.1	30.1
- part-time: - under 50 %	(%)	82.7	57.4	51.4	36.3	80.4	87.6	62.5	34.9	37.2
- 50 % and over	(%)	9.5	17.5	20.6	23.5	10.3	7.7	17.3	17.4	22.9
- with another gainful activity	(%)	28.4	25.1	27.7	26.5	28.2	28.3	29.3	16.0	17.1
<b>Other members of the holder's family working on the holding</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>506.5</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>587.7</b>	<b>424.7</b>	<b>127.9</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>18.3</b>
- women	(%)	29.8	24.5	22.1	20.2	28.9	28.4	32.3	25.0	22.0
- part-time: - under 50 %	(%)	83.5	48.3	29.3	23.2	77.6	85.7	66.1	25.9	16.4
- 50 % and over	(%)	8.4	17.9	16.8	14.0	9.6	7.4	15.7	16.7	13.7
- with another gainful activity	(%)	50.2	31.0	19.4	13.6	46.9	50.5	44.3	15.1	9.2

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<sup>1</sup> Only holders who are also farm managers

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Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LSU)				
	<20	20-<50	50-<100	>=100		0	>0-<50	50-<100	>=100	
<b>Holdings</b>										
- total number	1000	1260.1	83.2	27.0	13.0	1383.3	1100.9	248.8	17.5	16.1
- by legal personality of the holder	(%)									
- sole holder		99.5	96.5	93.4	76.5	98.9	98.9	99.5	98.0	92.4
- legal person		0.5	3.5	6.6	23.5	1.1	1.1	0.5	2.0	7.6
- group holders		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- by employed labour force	(%)									
- under 1 AWU		71.1	22.2	13.6	12.8	66.5	75.8	33.9	2.7	0.7
- from 1 to less than 2 AWU		21.2	41.1	34.5	22.7	22.7	17.6	44.7	29.4	20.6
- from 2 to less than 3 AWU		5.8	20.4	26.2	22.4	7.3	4.3	16.9	39.8	28.4
- 3 AWU and over		1.9	16.3	25.7	42.1	3.6	2.3	4.5	28.1	50.4
- by economic size	(%)									
- from 1 to less than 8 ESU		72.2	5.4	4.2	1.1	66.2	71.4	52.3	0.1	0.1
- from 8 to less than 16 ESU		13.9	14.1	4.2	2.3	13.6	12.7	19.5	0.4	0.1
- from 16 to less than 40 ESU		9.3	41.9	23.1	9.7	11.5	9.5	20.9	11.8	2.2
- from 40 to less than 100 ESU		3.5	25.3	39.0	28.6	5.8	4.5	6.2	71.9	15.3
- 100 ESU and over		1.0	13.4	29.5	58.4	2.9	1.9	1.1	15.8	82.3
- by type of farming (top 5 + 'other')	(%)									
... specialist olives		23.1	3.9	2.0	1.4	21.3	25.4	6.0	0	0
... specialist cereals, oil seed and protein crops		11.5	19.6	21.8	14.0	12.2	14.1	5.3	0.2	0.1
... mixed cropping		10.7	8.3	7.0	8.0	10.5	9.7	15.2	0.9	0.4
... general field cropping		10.1	15.2	9.5	10.6	10.4	11.6	6.4	0.8	0.3
... specialist vineyard		10.5	5.0	3.8	2.5	9.9	12.0	2.0	0.5	0.2
Other types of farming		34.1	48.0	56.0	63.5	35.6	27.0	65.1	97.6	99.1
- by farming methods	(%)									
- organic farming		2.1	7.6	9.7	14.2	2.7	2.2	4.3	7.0	4.6
- irrigating		36.0	44.9	46.2	44.5	36.9	35.2	41.0	53.1	70.8
- with crops under glass		2.0	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.9	2.2	0.7	1.0	0.3
- with another gainful activity than agricultural production:	(%)									
Tourism		6.4	14.4	16.7	19.6	7.2	5.4	14.1	15.7	10.8
Handicraft		1.0	3.7	3.8	5.3	1.3	0.8	3.3	2.3	1.9
Processing of farm products		0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0
Wood processing		5.2	10.6	12.8	14.0	5.8	4.4	11.2	12.8	8.9
Aquaculture		0.1	0.2	0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Renewable energy production		0	0	0.1	0.2	0	0	0	0.1	0
Contractual work		0.2	0.3	1.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8
Other gainful activities n.a.e		0.1	1.2	1.1	1.8	0.2	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.8
Other gainful activities n.a.e		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LSU)				
	<20	20-<50	50-<100	>=100		0	>0-<50	50-<100	>=100	
<b>Area</b>	<b>(1000 ha)</b>									
<b>Total area of agricultural holdings</b>	<b>6443.8</b>	<b>3142.6</b>	<b>2364.7</b>	<b>5261.0</b>	<b>17212.0</b>	<b>10899.0</b>	<b>3983.1</b>	<b>1024.5</b>	<b>1305.4</b>	
· <b>H. Other area</b>	<b>1596.7</b>	<b>552.0</b>	<b>525.9</b>	<b>2086.1</b>	<b>4760.7</b>	<b>3413.7</b>	<b>938.9</b>	<b>187.5</b>	<b>220.6</b>	
Wooded area	1083.4	393.0	387.0	1694.2	3557.6	2610.5	678.1	121.6	147.4	
· <b>Agricultural area</b>	<b>4847.1</b>	<b>2590.6</b>	<b>1838.8</b>	<b>3174.9</b>	<b>12451.3</b>	<b>7485.2</b>	<b>3044.2</b>	<b>837.1</b>	<b>1084.8</b>	
- <b>D. Arable land</b>	<b>2587.7</b>	<b>1709.6</b>	<b>1149.6</b>	<b>1321.5</b>	<b>6768.4</b>	<b>4098.3</b>	<b>1536.6</b>	<b>427.4</b>	<b>706.1</b>	
Cereals	1508.2	985.7	636.7	719.9	3850.5	2614.5	765.1	148.0	323.0	
<i>Common wheat and spelt</i>	258.7	152.0	99.0	115.4	625.2	433.9	121.0	17.7	52.6	
<i>Durum wheat</i>	586.0	433.0	205.4	212.7	1437.1	1146.3	215.5	40.6	34.7	
<i>Rye</i>	1.9	0.9	0.3	0.7	3.8	2.1	1.1	0.2	0.4	
<i>Barley</i>	158.3	96.9	52.4	54.0	361.6	169.6	131.9	28.3	31.8	
<i>Oats</i>	63.2	37.6	22.9	30.5	154.2	64.3	69.1	13.5	7.4	
<i>Grain maize</i>	411.1	221.3	160.5	189.6	982.5	569.2	190.8	41.5	181.0	
Dried pulses	41.7	30.1	17.8	23.4	113.0	82.6	20.0	4.5	5.9	
Root crops	42.2	26.2	18.7	33.4	120.4	101.7	12.1	1.1	5.6	
<i>Potatoes</i>	22.0	3.6	3.1	5.5	34.3	27.9	5.8	0.2	0.4	
<i>Sugar beet</i>	19.2	22.2	15.2	27.6	84.2	72.8	5.5	0.9	4.9	
<i>Fodder root</i>	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.9	1.0	0.7	0	0.2	
Industrial crops	75.1	44.8	40.0	69.3	229.3	191.1	23.0	3.1	12.1	
<i>Tobacco</i>	8.8	2.5	2.1	7.5	21.0	16.7	3.3	0.5	0.6	
<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>	0.6	1.4	2.4	3.6	8.0	6.0	0.9	0.1	1.0	
<i>Sunflower</i>	29.4	18.1	18.3	22.0	87.8	72.5	11.2	0.5	3.7	
<i>Soya</i>	34.2	20.6	15.5	33.5	103.8	88.5	7.2	1.5	6.7	
Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry	127.3	51.1	22.6	30.4	231.4	199.3	21.7	3.9	6.4	
<i>outside</i>	112.6	48.6	21.2	26.9	209.3	181.1	18.1	3.7	6.3	
<i>under glass</i>	14.7	2.5	1.4	3.5	22.1	18.2	3.6	0.2	0.1	
Flower and ornamental plants	9.4	0.7	2.6	0.4	13.1	12.5	0.5	0	0	
<i>outside</i>	5.6	0.5	2.5	0.4	9.0	8.5	0.4	0	0	
<i>under glass</i>	3.8	0.2	0	0.1	4.1	4.0	0.1	0	0	
Forage plants	612.6	478.4	331.7	352.1	1774.8	574.1	625.3	255.1	320.2	
Fallow land	163.5	88.7	77.5	87.7	417.4	307.1	66.8	11.2	32.3	
- <b>E. Kitchen garden</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	
- <b>F. Permanent pasture and meadows</b>	<b>592.6</b>	<b>554.1</b>	<b>534.3</b>	<b>1684.4</b>	<b>3365.5</b>	<b>1403.0</b>	<b>1246.0</b>	<b>379.0</b>	<b>337.4</b>	
- <b>G. Permanent crops</b>	<b>1643.6</b>	<b>325.5</b>	<b>154.5</b>	<b>168.9</b>	<b>2292.4</b>	<b>1968.2</b>	<b>252.8</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>41.1</b>	
Fruit and berry plantation	295.4	56.9	21.8	27.5	401.4	342.8	46.5	4.8	7.3	
Citrus plantation	81.2	17.9	7.4	5.6	112.1	106.1	5.1	0.3	0.6	
Olive trees	765.3	117.3	50.8	65.6	999.0	854.4	117.7	8.0	18.9	
Vineyard	484.9	130.7	71.5	66.4	753.5	641.9	81.0	17.1	13.5	
<b>Ratios</b>										
<b>Agricultural area per holding</b>	<b>(ha)</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>244.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>67.3</b>
<b>Agricultural area...</b>	<b>(%)</b>									
... own farmed		83.0	64.7	59.0	63.1	70.6	79.7	60.9	49.0	51.5
... in less favoured or mountain area		44.4	45.5	46.5	66.2	50.5	43.6	67.3	67.3	38.2
... organic farmed		2.7	6.1	7.7	8.3	5.6	4.0	7.0	10.6	8.8
... irrigated		22.4	23.4	24.3	15.7	21.2	22.4	12.5	17.5	39.9

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Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LSU)			
	<20	20-<50	50-<100	>=100		0	>0-<50	50-<100	>=100
<b>Total livestock</b> (1000 LSU)	<b>4141.0</b>	<b>2348.0</b>	<b>1525.0</b>	<b>1871.9</b>	<b>9885.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2138.0</b>	<b>1254.2</b>	<b>6493.7</b>
of which grazing (%)	47.6	67.3	65.0	52.9	56.0	:	92.5	92.9	36.8
<b>Grazing livestock</b> (1000 heads)									
<b>Equidae</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>147.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>
<b>Bovine animals</b>	<b>2351.0</b>	<b>1757.9</b>	<b>1070.3</b>	<b>1181.8</b>	<b>6361.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1885.7</b>	<b>1284.1</b>	<b>3191.2</b>
Under 1 year	758.7	429.8	227.1	322.5	1738.1	0	479.1	294.6	964.4
From 1 to less than 2 years	563.3	395.7	260.4	312.5	1532.1	0	434.5	269.0	828.7
Dairy cows	623.4	606.2	355.4	305.9	1890.9	0	442.0	450.8	998.1
Other cows	204.5	151.8	110.1	133.1	599.5	0	322.5	148.1	128.9
Other bovine animals 2 years and older	201.1	174.3	117.4	107.7	600.5	0	207.7	121.6	271.2
<b>Sheep</b>	<b>2009.1</b>	<b>2081.1</b>	<b>1540.8</b>	<b>1147.4</b>	<b>6778.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4399.3</b>	<b>1555.4</b>	<b>823.7</b>
<b>Goats</b>	<b>447.5</b>	<b>191.6</b>	<b>144.2</b>	<b>152.4</b>	<b>935.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>698.1</b>	<b>169.5</b>	<b>68.1</b>
<b>Granivores</b>									
<b>Pigs</b> (1000 heads)	<b>2686.6</b>	<b>1983.2</b>	<b>1517.2</b>	<b>2845.8</b>	<b>9032.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>401.9</b>	<b>258.5</b>	<b>8372.3</b>
Piglets < 20 kg	497.2	429.3	295.6	580.4	1802.5	0	58.5	84.6	1659.4
Breeding sows	173.2	137.4	113.2	284.0	707.8	0	42.1	20.3	645.3
Other pigs	2016.2	1416.6	1108.3	1981.3	6522.4	0	301.3	153.5	6067.6
<b>Poultry</b> (million heads)	<b>113.9</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>157.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>151.2</b>
Broilers	68.3	12.5	6.8	5.6	93.2	0	1.8	2.0	89.4
Laying hens	24.5	5.9	3.4	3.2	37.0	0	1.0	0.6	35.4
Other poultry	21.1	2.9	1.4	1.5	26.9	0	0.3	0.2	26.4
<b>Rabbits, breeding females</b> (1000 heads)	<b>618.5</b>	<b>189.6</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>822.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>652.9</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>93.0</b>
<b>Beehives</b> (1000)	<b>472.6</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>489.0</b>	<b>456.1</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Average size of herds*</b> (head/holding)									
Equidae (head/holding)	4.1	6.4	5.0	7.8	4.9	:	4.5	8.0	7.7
Cattle (head/holding)	23.1	65.9	95.8	213.3	43.8	:	15.8	85.4	291.9
Dairy cows (head/holding)	15.1	43.7	68.5	133.8	30.1	:	9.8	44.6	132.2
Other cows (head/holding)	7.5	16.2	25.2	53.3	13.8	:	8.7	33.4	73.0
Sheep (head/holding)	40.1	149.8	255.9	429.7	93.2	:	66.0	334.1	583.4
Goats (head/holding)	17.8	40.1	75.0	138.8	28.4	:	22.7	96.2	145.7
Pigs (head/holding)	34.0	184.8	380.3	1602.3	94.7	:	4.6	58.0	1926.4
Breeding sows (head/holding)	26.1	29.7	52.7	257.3	48.7	:	3.9	10.9	355.9
Other pigs > 20 kg (head/holding)	25.9	140.0	290.7	1196.4	69.9	:	3.6	35.7	1447.4
Rabbits, breeding females (head/holding)	29.0	125.7	18.9	28.4	35.0	:	28.5	158.8	628.1
Laying hens (1000/holding)	0.4	1.6	3.2	5.8	0.6	:	0	0.4	37.3
Broilers (1000/holding)	1.6	4.7	9.9	16.6	2.0	:	0	1.5	63.0
Beehives (hive/holding)	89.2	16.7	10.2	35.0	79.1	110.3	16.9	6.7	20.9

\*LSU = Livestock unit

		Absolute figures			% of total	
		Total	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU
Regular Labour force	(1000 pers)	3174.2	447.2	2726.9	14.1	85.9
Regular labour force	(1000 AWU)	1169.4	85.2	1084.2	7.3	92.7
Holder with...	(1000)	1663.5	294.9	1368.6	17.7	82.3
... at least 65 years		740.5	156.7	583.9	21.2	78.8
... another gainful activity		440.9	84.3	356.6	19.1	80.9
<b>Number of sole holdings</b>	<b>(1000)</b>	<b>1679.4</b>	<b>296.2</b>	<b>1383.3</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>82.4</b>
... producing mainly for own consumption		498.6	134.7	363.8	27.0	73.0
... producing mainly for direct sales		292.3	30.1	262.2	10.3	89.7
SGM	(1000 ESU)	25000.0	165.6	24834.5	0.7	99.3
<b>Agricultural area</b>	<b>(1000 ha)</b>	<b>12744.2</b>	<b>292.9</b>	<b>12451.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>97.7</b>
... own farmed		9063.6	277.3	8786.3	3.1	96.9
<b>Livestock</b>	<b>(1000 LSU*)</b>	<b>9900.7</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>9885.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>99.9</b>

\*LSU = Livestock unit

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The Italian National Statistical Institute (ISTAT), in collaboration with its regional offices was responsible for the implementation of the 2007 FSS in Italy. The FSS 2007 was the third sample survey after the last Agricultural Census in 2000 (AC 2000).

The farms covered by the survey were all holdings of at least 1 hectare, or below 1 ha and with production reaching a certain physical threshold or with sales of agricultural products of at least 2 500 €

The sample was selected from the reference population of near 2.6 million units (from the 2000 Agricultural Census as updated by the 2003 and 2005 FSS) with a random stratified sampling method, where the large farms were exhaustively sampled. The stratification was based on the regions, the UAA and LSU and the economic size of the holdings. The sample included about 64 000 holdings.

The data collection was carried out by personal interviews. Among the sampled holdings about 7% did not respond and close to 13% were inactive. The final result was close to 50 500 holdings representing about 1.7 million holdings (3%).

Non-response in the 2007 FSS in Italy was treated in three different ways: the unit non-response was corrected by reweighing; the item non-response for influent holdings was handled with imputation from administrative sources or by telephone checks; and for the item non-response for non-influent holdings automatic imputation was used.

Between FSS 2005 and 2007 "maintaining land in good agricultural and environmental conditions" (GAEC) became an agricultural activity and the concerned land has been included in the agricultural area. In Italy it

covers close to 41 640 ha, 94% in holdings with at least 1 ESU.

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 a 1200-euro SGM). An Annual work unit (AWU) is equivalent to a worker employed on a full time basis for one year. In Italy it is 1800 hours (225 working days of 8 working hours per day).

A Livestock Unit (LSU) is equivalent to a dairy cow. The number of animals (number of heads) is converted into LSU using a set of coefficients reflecting the feed requirements of the different animal categories.

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