

# Farm structure in Slovenia – 2005

75% of agricultural land and 76% of livestock in farms of less than 20 ha

*This Statistics in Focus is the second issue of a series of country-specific publications on the results of the Farm Structure Survey (FSS) 2005. It provides a brief but nevertheless comprehensive insight into the farm structure in Slovenia. A similar publication was issued in February 2005 presenting the results of the FSS 2003 in Slovenia.*

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In June 2005 in Slovenia, about 61 thousand\* agricultural holdings had an economic size of at least 1 European Size Unit (ESU).

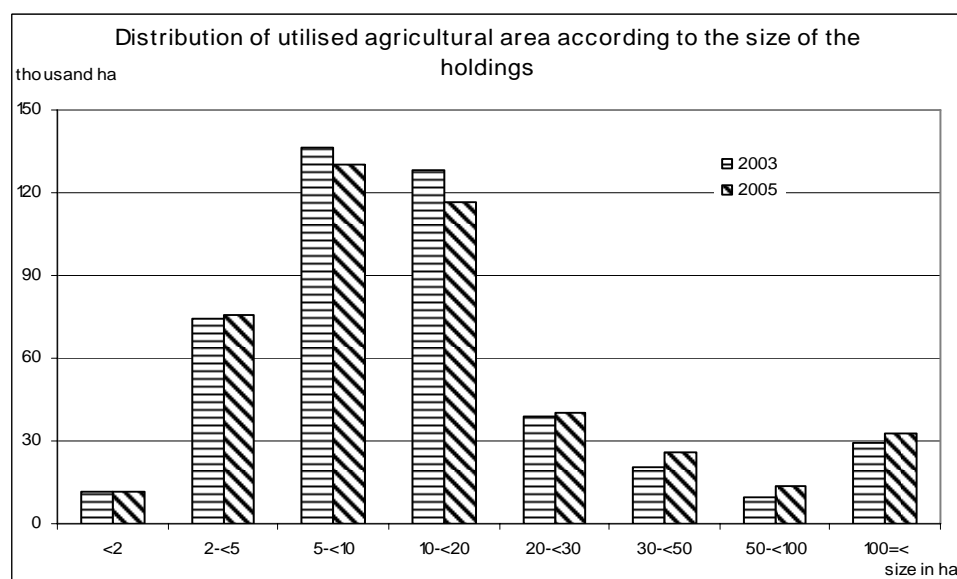
- These holdings employed 83 thousand AWUs (annual work units), the equivalent of 83 thousand persons working full time;
- they made use of about 448 thousand ha of agricultural area, which is on average 7.4 ha per holding (compared to 7.3 ha in 2003).

Among these 61 thousand agricultural holdings

- 36% made use of less than one AWU, while 20% made use of 2 or more AWUs;
- 51% used less than 5 ha agricultural area, while 4% used 20 ha or more;
- 18% were holdings of the type mixed cropping, 16% specialist dairy farming, 16% mixed livestock – mainly grazing, 8% were producing various crops and livestock combined, and 8% were specialised in cattle rearing and fattening;
- 71% of their agricultural area was situated in less favoured or mountain areas;
- 2% were organic farms;
- 61% were producing mainly for their own consumption;
- 6% benefited from direct investment aid.

Among the 61 thousand sole holders

- 25% were women;
- 55% were aged 55 or more, and only 5% younger than 35 years;
- 71% had another gainful activity as their major occupation.



\* Due to differences in the thresholds across Member States, this figure is not comparable between countries. This is why the present analysis, including Tables 1-4 and the graphs focus on the holdings of at least one ESU. See methodological notes for more information on the concept of the ESU.

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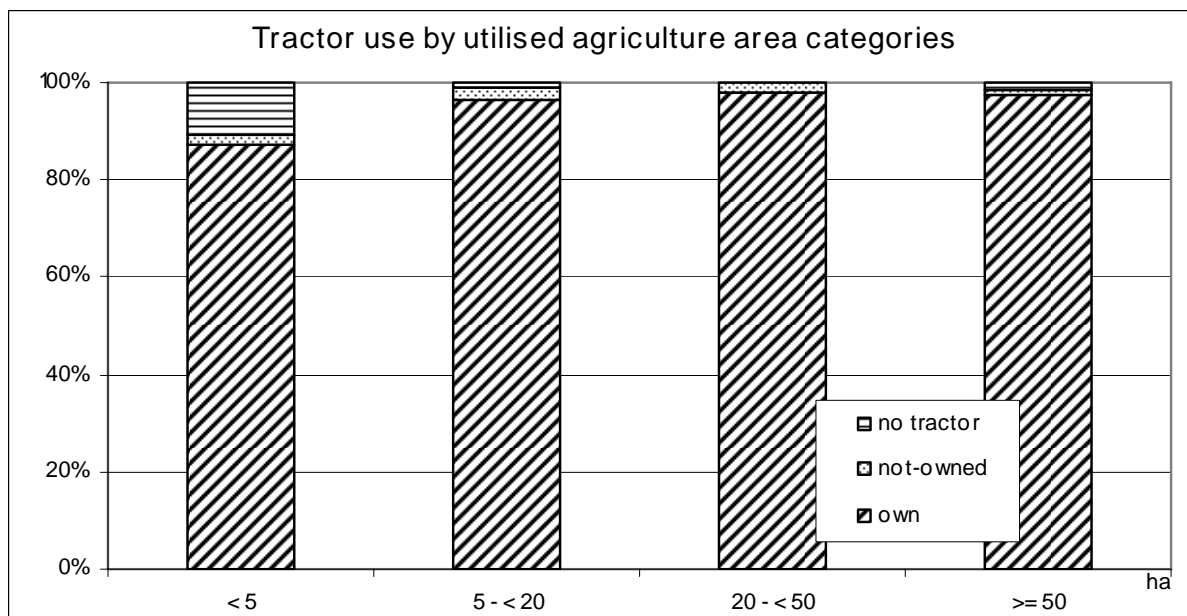
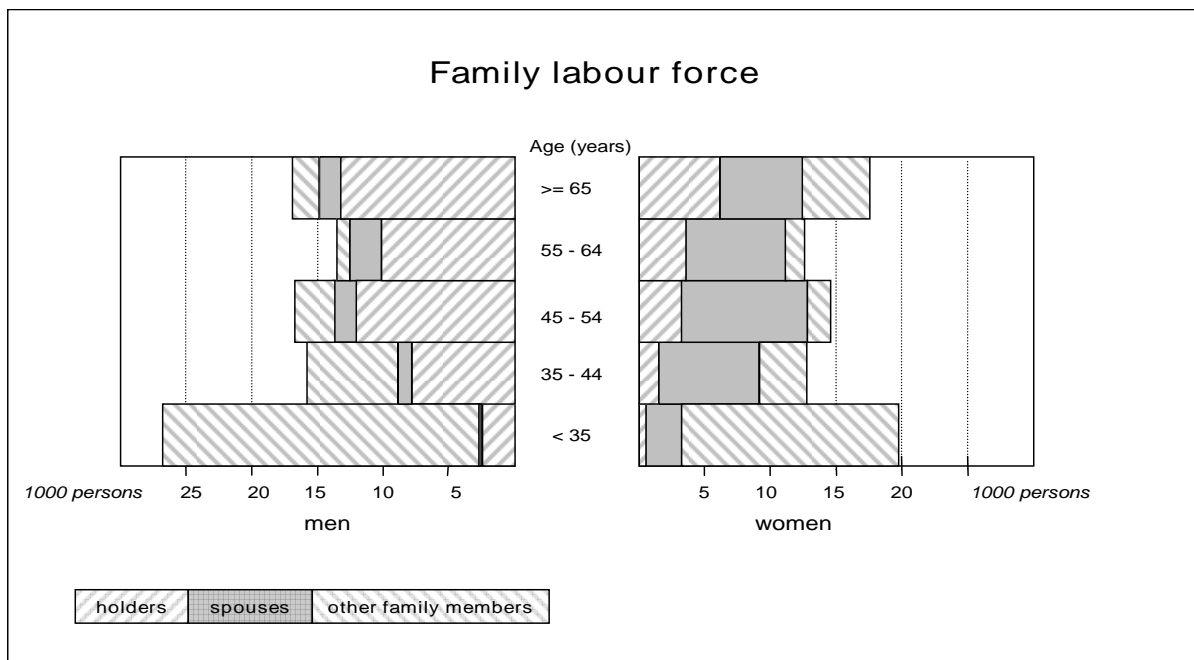
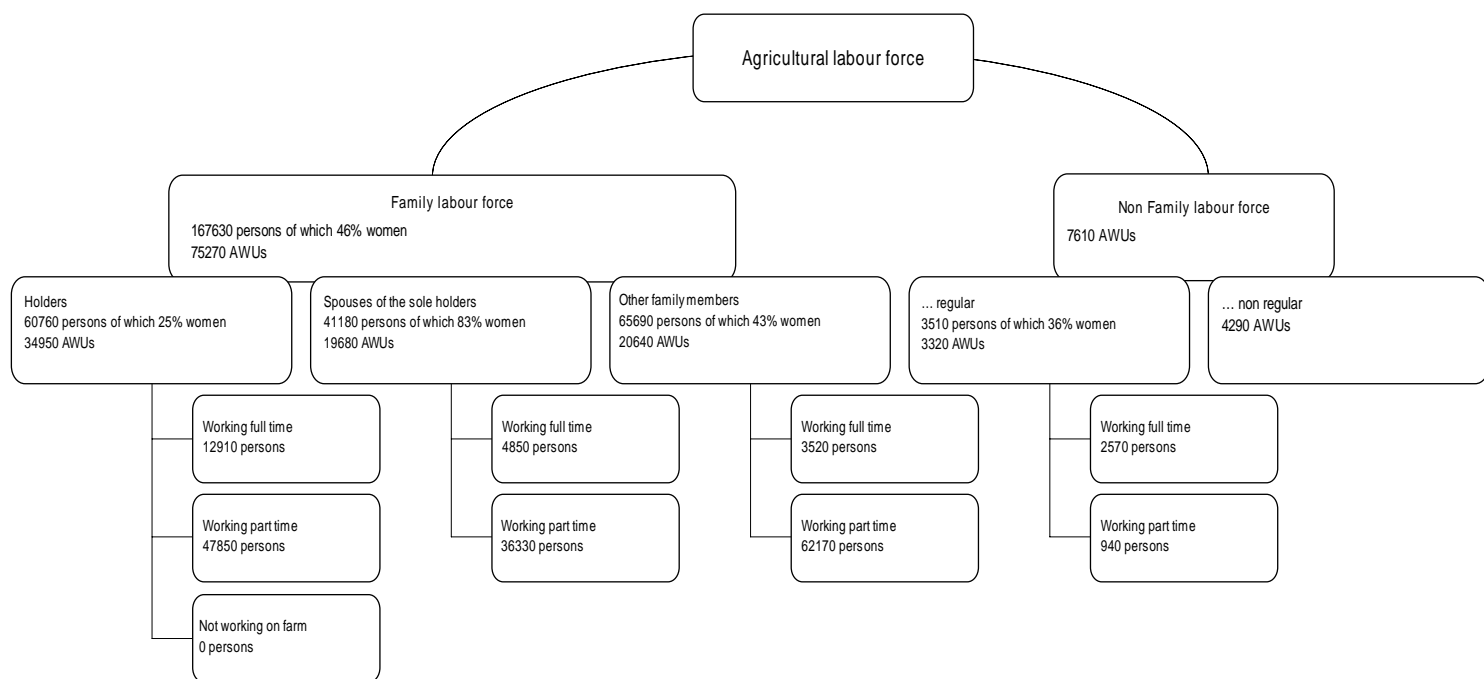
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# Slovenia 2005 – Holdings of at least 1 ESU



Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU*)			
	< 5	5 - < 20	20 - < 50	50 =<		0	0 < - < 5	5 - < 50	50 =<
Total labour force									
1000 annual work units	32.0	42.4	6.1	2.4	82.9	7.7	30.8	40.7	3.6
Family labour force									
1000 persons	79.2	79.3	8.3	0.8	167.6	16.4	75.6	72.9	2.7
1000 annual work units	30.0	39.8	5.0	0.5	75.3	5.5	29.4	38.6	1.7
Non-family labour regularly employed									
1000 persons	0.6	0.4	0.8	1.8	3.5	1.5	0.0	0.2	1.8
1000 annual work units	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.7	3.3	1.4	0.0	0.1	1.7
Non regular non family labour force									
1000 annual work units	1.5	2.2	0.3	0.3	4.3	0.7	1.4	1.9	0.2
Holding managers (1000)	31.0	27.1	2.4	0.3	60.9	7.2	28.9	23.9	0.8
- part-time	29.7	20.6	10.3	7.7	24.7	19.2	29.9	20.6	9.9
- under 50 % (%)	57.8	31.2	12.3	5.5	43.9	64.6	55.2	25.2	9.9
- 50 % and over (%)	32.2	38.3	27.2	21.6	34.7	23.8	34.2	39.0	18.6
- with a basic agricultural training only (%)	20.7	27.8	34.7	30.6	24.4	30.6	18.7	29.3	32.1
- with a full agricultural training (%)	4.6	10.1	26.1	43.9	8.1	10.7	4.6	10.6	37.4
Sole/main holders (1000)	31.0	27.1	2.4	0.3	60.8	7.1	28.9	23.9	0.8
- women (%)	29.7	20.6	10.2	9.0	24.8	19.3	29.9	20.6	10.5
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	3.2	5.8	9.3	12.1	4.7	4.5	3.4	5.9	12.2
- from 35 to 44 years	12.4	18.0	25.4	32.8	15.5	17.7	12.2	18.3	27.8
- from 45 to 54 years	23.7	26.1	34.1	29.7	25.2	29.8	22.6	26.7	32.9
- from 55 to 64 years	25.4	20.2	16.1	16.4	22.7	22.1	24.6	20.8	13.4
- 65 years and over	35.3	29.9	15.1	8.2	32.0	25.9	37.0	28.2	13.5
- part-time	57.9	31.3	12.5	6.6	44.0	65.3	55.2	25.2	10.5
- under 50 % (%)	32.3	38.3	27.5	26.2	34.8	24.1	34.2	39.0	19.6
- 50 % and over (%)	32.3	38.3	27.5	26.2	34.8	24.1	34.2	39.0	19.6
- with another gainful activity <sup>1</sup> (%)	80.7	62.5	40.3	33.2	70.8	84.3	80.5	56.2	33.2
- as main occupation	74.2	49.8	23.6	22.7	61.1	79.6	73.1	42.5	15.8
- as a subsidiary occupation	6.5	12.7	16.7	10.2	9.7	4.7	7.3	13.7	17.3
Spouse of sole holder working on the holding (1000)	20.2	18.8	1.9	0.2	41.2	4.2	18.8	17.5	0.6
- women (%)	79.2	85.0	92.0	89.9	82.5	87.0	79.5	84.4	91.4
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	4.5	9.6	13.5	17.5	7.3	6.8	5.1	9.5	14.0
- from 35 to 54 years	45.4	50.9	65.0	64.0	49.0	56.3	44.7	51.1	67.0
- 55 years and over	50.1	39.5	21.5	18.5	43.8	36.9	50.2	39.3	19.0
- part-time	66.8	48.0	34.4	33.9	56.5	80.9	64.2	43.4	26.5
- under 50 % (%)	27.3	36.1	35.1	34.4	31.7	14.5	30.0	37.7	32.9
- 50 % and over (%)	27.3	36.1	35.1	34.4	31.7	14.5	30.0	37.7	32.9
- with another gainful activity (%)	90.2	81.4	67.6	70.4	85.0	92.3	90.4	78.6	54.7
Other members of the holder's family working on the holding (1000)	28.0	33.3	4.0	0.4	65.7	5.0	27.9	31.5	1.3
- women (%)	43.0	43.9	43.0	41.6	43.5	41.3	43.4	43.8	44.5
- part-time	86.4	75.2	64.3	58.9	79.2	88.5	85.0	73.3	62.5
- under 50 % (%)	11.5	18.0	20.5	23.8	15.4	7.7	13.0	18.6	18.2
- 50 % and over (%)	11.5	18.0	20.5	23.8	15.4	7.7	13.0	18.6	18.2
- with another gainful activity (%)	96.5	92.2	85.2	82.4	93.5	96.3	96.1	91.3	80.7

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

\* LU = Livestock Unit

<sup>1</sup> Refers only holders who are also farm managers.

Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)			
	< 5	5 - < 20	20 - < 50	50 = <		0	0 < - < 5	5 - < 50	50 = <
Holdings									
- total number (1000)	31.0	27.1	2.4	0.3	60.9	7.2	28.9	23.9	0.8
- by legal personality of the holder (%)									
- sole holder	99.9	99.9	98.8	82.6	99.8	99.0	100.0	100.0	94.7
- legal person	0.1	0.1	1.2	17.4	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	5.3
- group holders	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- by employed labour force (%)									
- under 1 AWU	51.9	20.9	3.9	1.9	35.9	66.1	48.0	13.3	2.9
- from 1 to less than 2 AWU	38.9	51.1	36.7	33.5	44.2	24.8	42.6	52.6	28.1
- from 2 to less than 3 AWU	8.4	24.0	41.0	28.1	16.8	6.6	8.6	28.9	41.1
- 3 AWU and over	0.8	4.0	18.3	36.1	3.1	2.5	0.8	5.2	27.9
- by economic size (%)									
- from 1 to less than 8 ESU	98.1	76.0	19.6	11.6	84.7	87.8	97.5	71.1	0.2
- from 8 to less than 16 ESU	1.4	18.3	21.5	13.5	9.8	6.4	1.9	20.4	7.2
- from 16 to less than 40 ESU	0.4	5.4	50.3	23.5	4.7	3.9	0.6	8.2	59.1
- from 40 to less than 100 ESU	0.1	0.3	8.0	34.8	0.7	1.2	0.1	0.3	28.9
- 100 ESU and over	0.0	0.0	0.6	16.5	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	4.6
- by farm type (%)									
- mixed cropping	26.4	10.0	5.2	3.5	18.2	13.6	30.2	5.6	1.3
- specialist dairy farming	7.8	22.6	40.6	24.8	15.8	0.0	7.0	30.2	42.5
- mixed livestock, mainly grazing livestock	15.5	16.7	7.2	1.9	15.6	3.5	17.1	17.8	4.0
- various crops and livestock combined	9.3	6.8	6.6	3.5	8.0	4.1	9.1	7.8	10.5
- specialist cattle – rearing and fattening	3.1	12.8	9.8	10.3	7.7	0.0	3.4	15.4	4.8
- other types of farming	37.9	31.1	30.7	55.8	34.7	78.8	33.2	23.2	36.8
- by farming methods (%)									
- organic farming	0.4	3.0	6.7	10.0	1.9	0.7	0.9	3.3	1.3
- irrigating	2.9	1.9	3.8	4.2	2.5	7.8	2.2	1.2	2.5
- with fixed irrigation equipment	1.3	1.1	3.1	3.2	1.3	3.8	1.0	0.8	2.4
- with crops under glass	7.8	6.9	8.2	8.7	7.4	8.8	7.5	7.0	6.0
- benefiting of direct investment aids	1.2	8.5	31.5	45.5	5.9	3.2	1.7	10.7	38.3
- using a tractor (%)	89.5	98.9	99.8	98.4	94.1	83.6	92.5	99.1	98.8
- with their own tractor	87.1	96.5	98.2	97.4	91.8	81.0	90.3	96.7	97.1
- using a combine harvester (%)	1.7	8.2	16.1	22.9	5.3	1.9	2.5	9.2	17.8
- with another gainful activity than agricultural production (%)	2.4	6.5	15.6	15.8	4.8	4.5	2.8	7.1	12.0
- tourism	0.5	1.3	2.2	4.5	1.0	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.3
- handicraft	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
- processing of farm products	1.1	1.4	2.7	3.2	1.3	2.0	1.0	1.4	2.5
- wood processing	0.3	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.5
- aquaculture	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
- renewable energy production	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
- contractual work	0.1	1.9	8.8	8.4	1.3	0.2	0.4	2.5	8.0
- other gainful activities n.a.e.	0.2	1.6	3.7	2.3	1.0	0.3	0.4	1.9	1.0

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Size of the farms (1000 ha)	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)			
	< 5	5 - < 20	20 - < 50	50 =<		0	0 < - < 5	5 - < 50	50 =<
Area									
Total area of agricultural holdings	181.3	488.3	97.0	52.0	818.7	65.3	236.1	470.3	47.0
Other area	94.3	241.3	30.3	4.7	370.6	26.3	118.9	219.0	6.5
Wooded area	77.5	216.6	26.4	2.5	323.0	20.5	98.1	198.9	5.5
Agricultural area	87.0	247.0	66.7	47.3	448.1	39.1	117.3	251.3	40.4
Arable land	33.5	80.8	29.0	26.0	169.2	16.6	40.4	86.3	25.8
Cereals	21.8	41.8	12.8	15.5	91.9	10.6	26.7	41.7	12.9
<i>Common wheat and spelt</i>	6.2	12.3	3.8	7.2	29.4	4.8	8.4	11.8	4.5
<i>Durum wheat</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Rye</i>	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.2
<i>Barley</i>	3.9	7.9	2.1	1.2	15.1	0.9	4.4	8.4	1.4
<i>Oats</i>	0.5	1.6	0.4	0.2	2.6	0.1	0.8	1.6	0.2
<i>Grain maize</i>	10.1	18.4	6.0	6.6	41.0	4.6	12.0	18.1	6.4
Dried pulses	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.6	2.0	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.4
Root crops	2.8	5.4	1.9	1.6	11.7	1.6	3.6	5.4	1.1
<i>Potatoes</i>	2.1	3.1	0.5	0.1	5.8	0.4	2.4	2.8	0.2
<i>Sugar beet</i>	0.4	1.8	1.3	1.5	5.0	1.1	0.7	2.2	1.0
<i>Fodder root</i>	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0
Industrial crops	2.1	2.2	1.1	2.2	7.6	2.0	2.5	2.1	1.1
<i>Tobacco</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Hops</i>	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.1
<i>Cotton</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Rape and turnip</i>	0.1	0.3	0.2	1.6	2.3	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.9
<i>Sunflower</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Soya</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.0
<i>outside</i>	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.0
<i>under glass</i>	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Flower and ornamental plants	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>outside</i>	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>under glass</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Forage plants	5.7	29.7	11.9	5.2	52.5	1.1	6.4	35.5	9.4
Fallow land	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.8	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
Kitchen garden	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.0	1.6	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.0
Permanent pasture and meadows	42.6	154.7	35.8	17.4	250.6	11.0	66.9	158.8	13.9
Permanent crops	10.1	10.8	1.9	3.9	26.7	11.3	9.1	5.6	0.7
Fruit and berry plantation	3.5	4.1	0.9	1.2	9.8	3.4	3.5	2.7	0.2
Citrus plantation	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Olive trees	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
Vineyard	6.0	6.5	0.9	2.6	15.9	7.2	5.3	2.8	0.5
Ratios									
Agricultural area per holding (ha)	2.8	9.1	27.5	152.7	7.4	5.4	4.1	10.5	48.8
Agricultural area... (%)									
... own farmed	88.7	76.9	47.3	13.1	68.0	55.9	86.6	67.4	30.0
... in less favoured or mountain area	72.4	75.9	64.4	50.0	70.8	59.2	76.7	74.0	44.7
... organic farmed	0.4	3.4	6.5	7.0	3.7	0.9	2.0	4.9	3.7
... irrigated	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.5	3.1	0.4	0.2	0.3

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

Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)		
	< 5	5 - < 20	20 - < 50	50 =<		0 < - < 5	5 - < 50	50 =<
Total livestock (1000 LU)	116.4	268.7	88.7	31.6	505.4	64.0	309.1	132.3
of which grazing (%)	41.2	79.1	73.8	65.5	68.6	67.5	84.4	32.1
Grazing livestock (1000 heads)								
Equidae	4.3	9.6	2.3	1.3	17.5	3.1	12.8	1.6
Bovine animals	58.3	276.2	83.4	26.0	443.9	52.4	336.5	55.0
Under 1 year	18.1	81.9	23.2	8.2	131.4	17.0	98.5	15.9
From 1 to less than 2 years	15.0	69.0	20.9	7.6	112.5	14.0	83.5	15.0
Dairy cows	13.7	78.0	30.6	8.0	130.3	10.1	99.7	20.5
Other cows	8.9	34.5	4.5	1.0	49.0	8.7	39.3	0.9
Other bovine animals 2 years and older	2.5	12.8	4.2	1.2	20.7	2.5	15.5	2.7
Sheep	28.6	61.0	17.6	10.8	117.9	38.0	73.1	6.8
Goats	9.2	12.7	2.5	1.3	25.7	11.2	13.8	0.8
Granivores								
Pigs (1000 heads)	248.5	166.9	59.7	21.8	497.0	59.5	173.2	264.2
Piglets < 20 kg	91.3	44.6	14.5	6.6	157.1	9.3	51.3	96.5
Breeding sows	26.8	20.2	6.3	2.2	55.5	3.3	23.7	28.5
Other pigs	130.4	102.2	38.9	12.9	284.4	46.9	98.2	139.3
Poultry (million heads)	0.9	1.3	0.7	0.3	3.2	0.3	0.4	2.5
Broilers	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.1	1.7	0.0	0.1	1.5
Laying hens	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.5
Other poultry	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.4
Rabbits, breeding females (1000 heads)	11.2	8.7	0.6	0.1	20.6	14.2	6.3	0.2
Beehives * (1000)	24.9	12.3	0.6	0.0	37.9	20.2	9.6	0.3
Average size of herds**								
Equidae (head/holding)	3.5	3.8	5.5	19.3	4.1	2.4	4.4	17.6
Cattle (head/holding)	4.3	12.8	40.5	130.2	11.9	3.5	15.5	89.4
Dairy cows (head/holding)	2.0	7.1	21.8	76.2	6.7	1.5	8.1	44.7
Other cows (head/holding)	2.0	3.9	7.6	16.5	3.5	1.7	4.5	10.6
Sheep (head/holding)	15.8	27.7	75.5	211.0	27.5	16.1	38.7	179.9
Goats (head/holding)	6.7	9.2	13.0	49.2	8.6	7.0	10.0	24.3
Pigs (head/holding)	16.4	12.2	48.7	237.1	16.5	3.9	12.1	531.7
Breeding sows (head/holding)	12.9	5.8	12.5	51.0	9.1	2.0	5.7	108.3
Other pigs > 20 kg (head/holding)	8.9	7.7	32.7	161.7	9.7	3.2	7.1	286.6
Rabbits, breeding females (head/holding)	3.2	3.6	3.4	5.7	3.4	3.6	2.9	5.8
Laying hens (1000/holding)	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Broilers (1000/holding)	0.1	0.5	2.6	3.9	0.4	0.0	0.1	10.7
Beehives (hive/holding)	25.7	14.7	8.7	5.7	20.1	22.6	12.2	19.3

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\* Bees are not taken into account when calculating Livestock Unit, there are 7.7 thousand hives on holdings with 0 LU.

\*\* Number of animals of a given livestock category per holding with this kind of animal.

		Absolute figures			% of total	
		Total	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU
Regular labour force	(1000 persons)	207.6	36.4	171.1	17.6	82.4
Regular labour force	(1000 AWU)	90.1	11.5	78.6	12.8	87.2
Holders	(1000 persons)	77.0	16.3	60.8	21.1	78.9
... at least 65 years old		26.2	6.8	19.4	25.9	74.1
... having another gainful activity		57.3	14.3	43.0	25.0	75.0
Number of holdings	(1000)	77.2	16.3	60.9	21.1	78.9
... producing mainly for own consumption		52.8	15.8	37.0	30.0	70.0
... producing mainly for direct sales		10.6	0.4	10.2	4.0	96.0
... using a tractor		69.7	12.4	57.3	17.7	82.3
Standard Gross Margin (SGM)	(1000 ESU)	354.0	10.5	343.4	3.0	97.0
Agricultural area	(1000 ha)	485.4	37.4	448.1	7.7	92.3
... owned farmed		339.1	34.2	304.8	10.1	89.9
Livestock	(1000 LU)	523.5	18.1	505.4	3.5	96.5

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

### ► METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

In Slovenia, the survey on the structure of agricultural holdings was carried out in June 2005 using the sample survey method. The previous full-scale agricultural census was conducted in 2000. The reference date for the FSS 2005 is 1 June 2005, while for the labour force characteristics the reference period is between 1 June 2004 and 31 May 2005.

The FSS relates to agricultural holdings performing agricultural activity; the definition of the holding and the thresholds have not been changed since 2000. The target population was the family farms included in the Statistical Farm Register and all the business enterprises of the Business Register. The list of units is updated twice a year using information of the statistical surveys and of administrative data sources (Register of Territorial Units, IACS). All business enterprises have been surveyed. In case of family holdings the sampling method was the same of those one in 2003. The frame was stratified by 20 physical criteria (e.g. UAA, extensive orchard, cattle) and by statistical regions (NUTS 3 level). The stratification produced 4 groups, where the largest holdings were included in group 1, while the smallest in group 4. Altogether 48 strata have been established. In order to obtain reasonable and representative samples, from strata of the largest holdings all units have been selected (full scope), while in the others proportional allocation was applied according to the number of units in each strata. Systematic random sampling was used to choose the units to be surveyed. Finally 17000 family holdings have been selected for FSS 2005.

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.

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) is equivalent to a worker employed on a full time basis for one year. In Slovenia it is 1800 hours (225 working days of 8 working hours per day).

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

Subsistence farming refers here to all farms below 1 ESU economic size. Note that the number of farms can't be compared between countries due to the differences in coverage of FSS.

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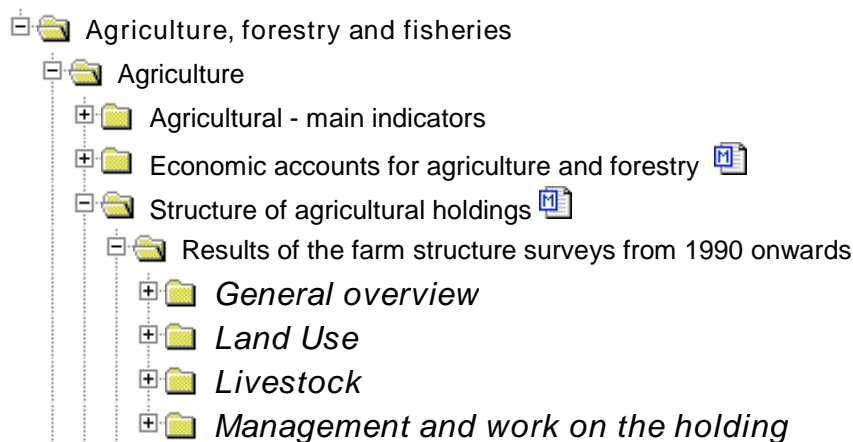
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