

Farm structure in the Czech Republic – 2005

72% of livestock in farms of at least 100 ha

This Statistics in Focus is part 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 the Czech Republic. A similar publication was issued in April 2005 presenting the results of the FSS 2003 in the Czech Republic.

In autumn 2005 in Czech Republic, about 26.4 thousand* agricultural holdings had an economic size of at least 1 European Size Unit (ESU).

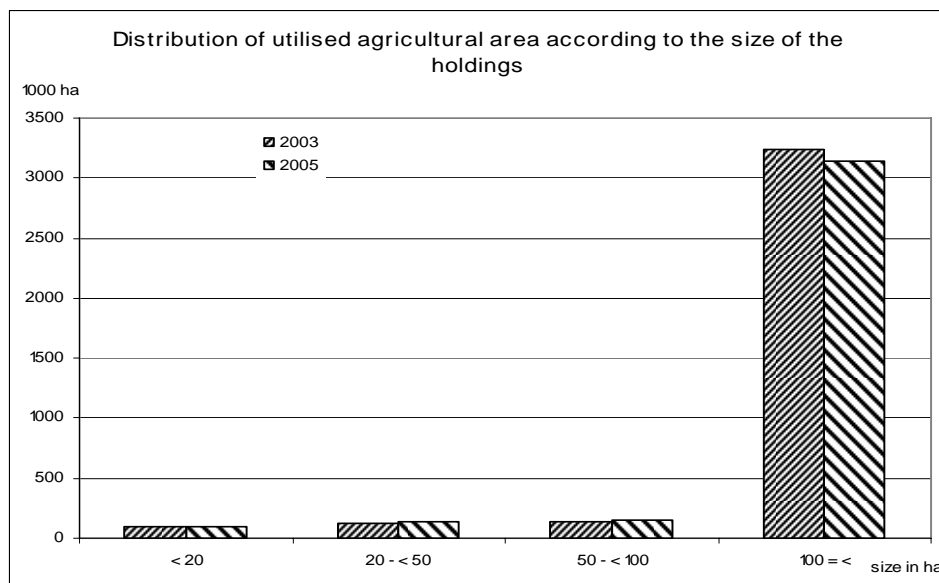
- These holdings employed 141.3 thousand AWUs (annual work units), the equivalent of 141.3 thousand persons working full time;
- they made use of about 3.5 million ha of agricultural area, which is on average 133.6 ha per holding (compared to 143.8 ha in 2003).

Among these 26.4 thousand agricultural holdings

- 31 % made use of less than one AWU, while 31 % made use of 2 or more AWUs;
- 33 % used less than 5 ha agricultural area, while 16 % used 100 ha or more;
- 19 % were holdings of the type specialist cereals, oil seed and protein crops, 16 % general field cropping, 13 % combined field cropping – grazing livestock, 9 % mixed cropping and 7 % specialised in vineyards;
- 2 % were organic farms;
- 19 % were producing mainly for their own consumption;
- 13 % benefited from direct investment aid.

Among the 23.6 thousand sole holders

- 15 % were women;
- 41 % were aged 55 or more, and 12 % were younger than 35 years;
- 33 % had another gainful activity as their major occupation.



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

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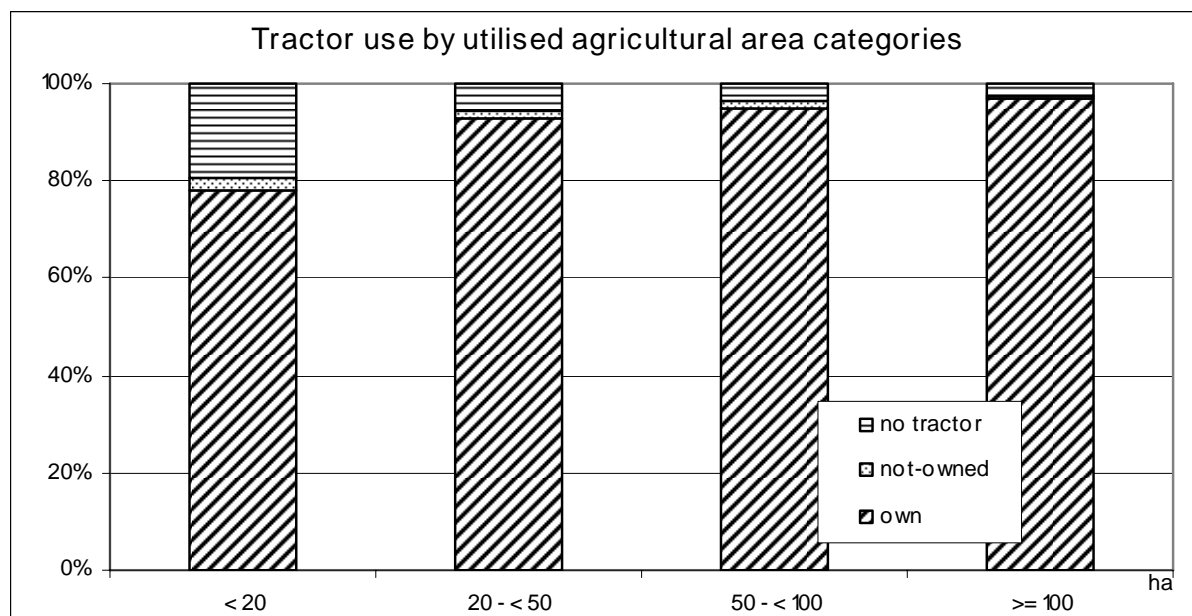
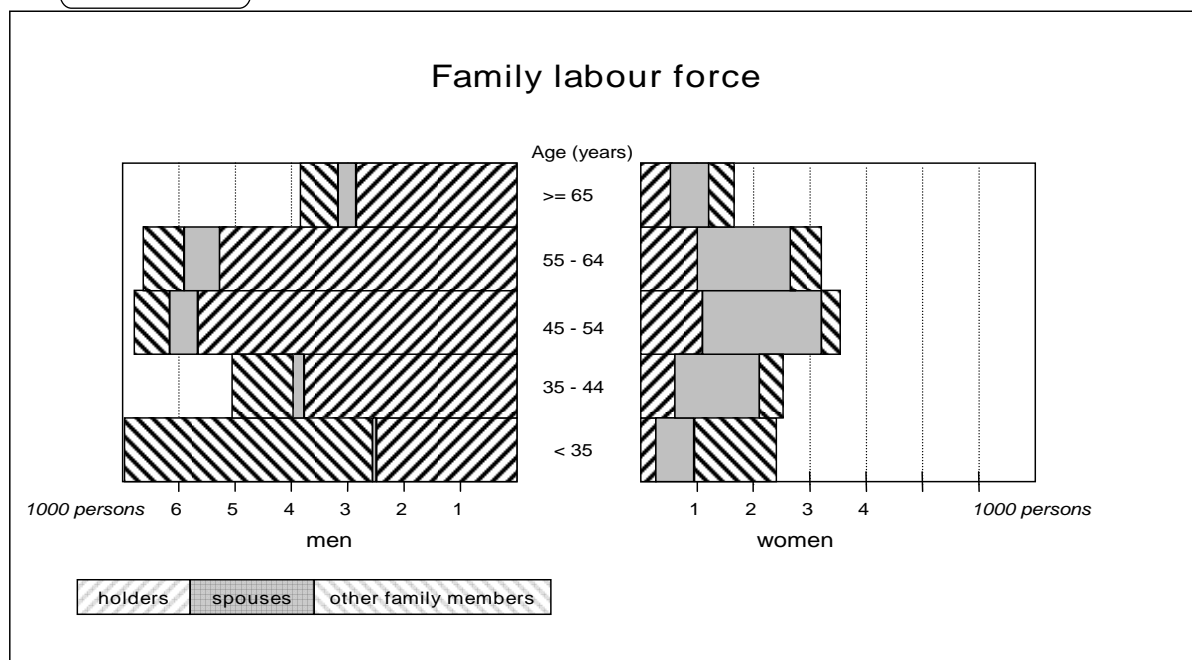
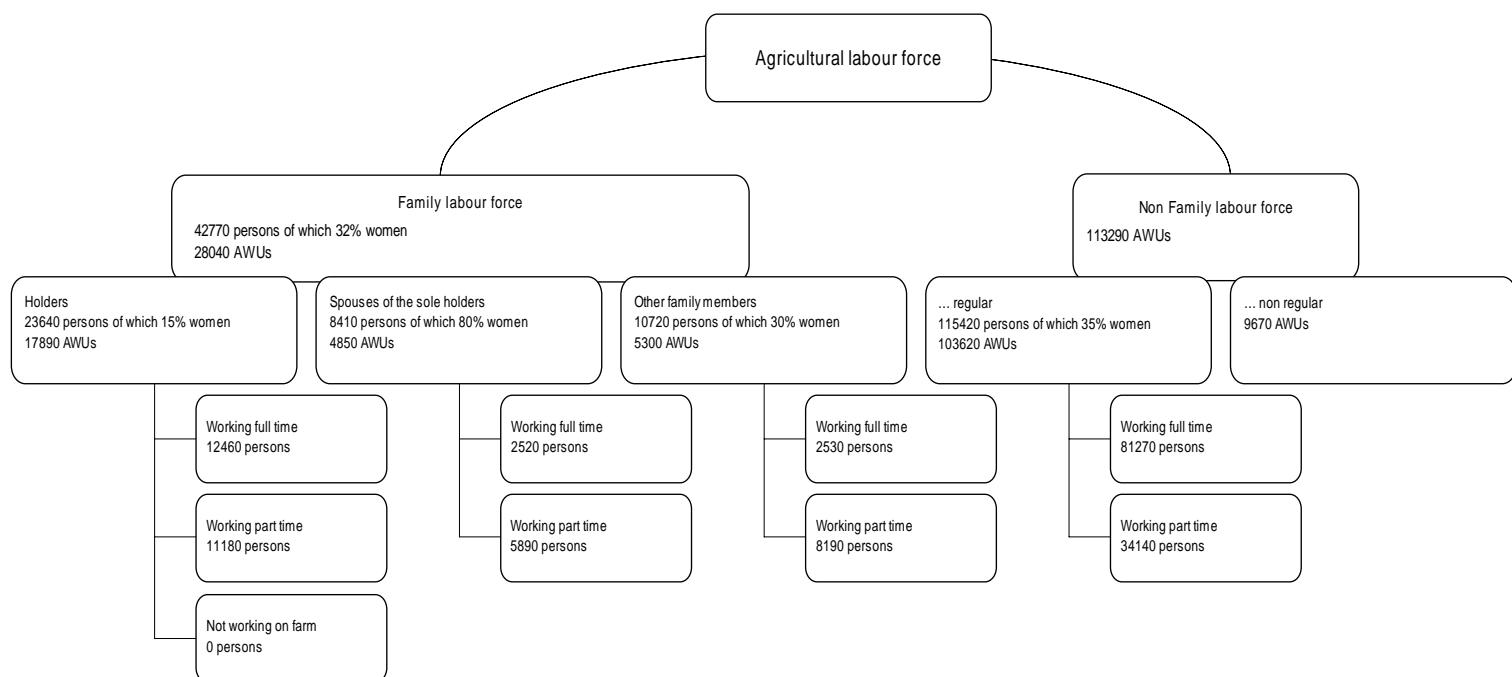
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Czech Republic 2005 – Holdings of at least 1 ESU



Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU*)			
	< 20	20 - < 50	50- <100	100 =<		0	0 < - <50	50- <100	100 =<
Total labour force									
1000 annual work units	27.1	7.6	5.4	101.2	141.3	20.1	21.7	3.7	95.8
Family labour force									
1000 persons	27.1	7.3	3.8	4.6	42.8	10.5	29.2	1.7	1.4
1000 annual work units	15.3	5.6	3.1	4.0	28.0	6.2	19.1	1.5	1.3
Non-family labour regularly employed									
1000 persons	12.2	1.9	1.9	99.4	115.4	12.2	2.3	2.2	98.7
1000 annual work units	10.5	1.5	1.7	89.9	103.6	10.5	1.9	1.9	89.4
Non regular non family labour force									
1000 annual work units	1.3	0.5	0.6	7.2	9.7	3.5	0.8	0.2	5.2
Holding managers (1000)	15.6	4.3	2.1	4.3	26.4	6.9	16.2	0.9	2.3
- women (%)	17.1	11.6	9.6	6.8	13.9	13.3	15.5	10.2	6.2
- part-time									
- under 50 % (%)	33.0	10.2	6.4	3.5	22.3	33.0	21.6	3.4	3.5
- 50 % and over (%)	29.0	16.9	9.7	7.3	21.9	19.4	26.0	5.2	7.5
- with a basic agricultural training only (%)	21.8	28.3	27.2	12.1	21.7	15.7	26.5	19.2	7.5
- with a full agricultural training (%)	21.7	30.9	39.2	71.6	32.7	39.7	21.3	54.1	82.9
Sole/main holders (1000)	15.2	4.2	2.0	2.2	23.6	6.3	16.0	0.8	0.6
- women (%)	17.7	12.0	9.5	8.1	15.1	14.0	15.9	10.9	9.4
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	9.6	14.0	16.8	17.1	11.7	15.2	10.1	16.4	12.3
- from 35 to 44 years	16.6	21.5	24.1	22.0	18.6	20.7	17.5	22.4	20.5
- from 45 to 54 years	27.4	30.8	31.2	30.4	28.6	29.7	27.8	32.1	31.7
- from 55 to 64 years	27.7	25.2	23.2	25.6	26.7	25.2	27.2	24.8	31.5
- 65 years and over	18.7	8.5	4.7	4.9	14.4	9.3	17.4	4.2	3.9
- part-time									
- under 50 % (%)	33.9	10.6	6.8	6.8	24.9	36.4	21.9	4.0	13.0
- 50 % and over (%)	29.7	17.5	10.3	14.0	24.4	21.4	26.4	6.1	28.2
- with another gainful activity ¹ (%)	45.6	29.3	16.8	11.2	37.0	43.2	37.1	9.4	9.8
- as main occupation	42.3	23.1	11.5	6.6	32.9	39.0	32.9	6.8	5.3
- as a subsidiary occupation	3.3	6.2	5.3	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.2	2.6	4.3
Spouse of sole holder working on the holding (1000)	5.6	1.4	0.7	0.8	8.4	1.8	6.0	0.3	0.2
- women (%)	77.3	81.1	86.4	89.6	79.8	80.4	78.8	87.3	91.2
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	7.4	9.1	12.6	14.8	8.8	10.8	7.8	12.7	13.0
- from 35 to 54 years	45.8	59.6	65.7	62.5	51.2	57.9	47.9	65.7	65.1
- 55 years and over	46.8	31.3	21.8	22.7	40.0	31.3	44.3	21.6	21.8
- part-time									
- under 50 % (%)	57.2	33.3	23.2	17.1	46.9	59.8	46.2	11.1	11.8
- 50 % and over (%)	23.6	24.9	20.0	19.7	23.2	16.4	25.9	16.5	15.5
- with another gainful activity (%)	41.7	33.3	25.2	19.5	36.9	45.7	36.2	18.7	12.2
Other members of the holder's family working on the holding (1000)	6.2	1.8	1.1	1.6	10.7	2.4	7.2	0.6	0.5
- women (%)	33.6	25.9	24.4	24.7	30.0	34.1	29.1	26.5	29.5
- part-time									
- under 50 % (%)	72.1	51.2	38.8	20.9	57.6	65.5	61.4	21.7	12.2
- 50 % and over (%)	18.0	22.8	20.1	16.3	18.8	12.8	21.1	16.8	15.6
- with another gainful activity (%)	55.4	43.4	29.6	14.2	44.7	39.9	51.3	16.0	7.9

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

* LU = Livestock Unit

¹ Refers only to holders who are also farm managers.

Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)			
	< 20	20 - < 50	50- <100	100 =<		0	0 < - <50	50- <100	100 =<
Holdings									
- total number (1000)	15.6	4.3	2.1	4.3	26.4	6.9	16.2	0.9	2.3
- by legal personality of the holder (%)									
- sole holder	97.4	96.5	94.1	52.3	89.7	90.7	98.6	85.8	26.6
- legal person	2.6	3.5	5.9	47.7	10.3	9.3	1.4	14.2	73.4
- 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	45.1	17.9	9.8	2.1	30.8	41.3	32.3	2.8	0.5
- from 1 to less than 2 AWU	39.4	52.2	48.3	15.9	38.4	32.5	46.7	23.3	4.4
- from 2 to less than 3 AWU	9.9	20.8	23.8	12.6	13.2	9.6	15.4	26.9	3.1
- 3 AWU and over	5.6	9.1	18.1	69.4	17.5	16.5	5.5	47.2	92.0
- by economic size (%)									
- from 1 to less than 8 ESU	87.0	45.0	14.9	2.1	60.5	54.9	74.9	3.4	0.3
- from 8 to less than 16 ESU	6.4	37.8	21.7	4.2	12.4	13.2	13.7	13.4	1.1
- from 16 to less than 40 ESU	3.8	13.8	52.9	16.4	11.4	14.7	9.0	42.7	6.2
- from 40 to less than 100 ESU	1.8	2.4	7.7	27.1	6.5	9.7	2.0	31.9	17.8
- 100 ESU and over	1.0	1.0	2.8	50.3	9.1	7.5	0.5	8.5	74.6
- by farm type (%)									
- specialist cereals, oil seed and protein crops	11.9	26.9	32.0	29.9	18.9	31.9	15.7	11.3	5.4
- general field cropping	18.6	13.6	15.3	11.0	16.3	17.0	18.2	4.8	5.2
- field crops – grazing livestock combined	10.2	15.2	13.5	21.8	13.1	0.4	15.6	18.4	31.9
- mixed cropping	11.2	5.6	4.6	7.7	9.2	4.2	11.3	4.2	11.2
- specialist vineyard	11.9	1.1	1.1	0.5	7.4	21.5	2.8	0.1	0.2
- other types of farming	36.2	37.6	33.6	29.1	35.1	24.9	36.4	61.3	46.1
- by farming methods (%)									
- organic farming	0.4	2.1	3.5	8.1	2.2	0.5	1.6	9.4	8.5
- irrigating	7.6	3.5	3.1	4.7	6.1	16.6	2.4	1.1	3.2
- with fixed irrigation equipment	1.9	1.0	1.1	2.2	1.7	4.1	0.8	0.5	1.8
- with crops under glass	4.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	3.1	9.5	0.9	0.1	0.8
- benefiting of direct investment aids	8.2	19.1	20.8	20.7	13.0	9.9	12.8	22.0	20.7
- using a tractor (%)	80.4	94.3	96.4	97.4	86.7	76.1	89.5	95.2	95.8
- with their own tractor	78.1	92.9	95.1	96.7	84.9	73.1	87.9	94.5	95.1
- using a combine harvester (%)	17.1	45.6	56.1	70.7	33.6	24.4	31.3	52.0	70.2
- with another gainful activity than agricultural production (%)	12.6	13.6	13.7	19.1	13.9	18.5	10.6	10.4	24.9
- tourism	0.8	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.4	1.4	2.1	1.3
- handicraft	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.3
- processing of farm products	4.4	1.5	1.8	4.8	3.8	7.9	1.5	1.2	8.1
- wood processing	1.9	4.4	3.0	2.5	2.5	1.5	3.0	1.7	2.1
- aquaculture	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- renewable energy production	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
- contractual work	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- other gainful activities n.a.e.	6.2	6.9	8.3	13.6	7.7	9.9	5.2	6.4	18.5

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Size of the farm (1000 ha)	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)			
	< 20	20 - < 50	50- <100	100 =<		0	0 < - <50	50- <100	100 =<
Area (1000 ha)									
Total area of agricultural holdings	135.8	158.8	163.4	4598.8	5056.7	524.0	1818.9	184.3	2529.5
Other area	44.5	22.6	13.4	1455.5	1536.0	62.4	1398.9	8.7	66.0
Wooded area	19.2	19.8	11.8	1408.5	1459.4	51.1	1391.4	5.9	11.0
Agricultural area	91.3	136.2	150.0	3143.3	3520.7	461.7	420.0	175.6	2463.5
Arable land	53.8	82.4	98.6	2399.4	2634.2	425.3	268.0	104.1	1836.9
Cereals	39.2	59.3	67.4	1400.8	1566.7	279.4	188.7	68.0	1030.5
<i>Common wheat and spelt</i>	18.4	28.1	33.5	729.0	809.0	156.6	92.3	32.3	527.8
<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	0.9	1.1	44.0	46.4	6.6	3.9	1.8	34.1
<i>Barley</i>	13.9	20.9	23.6	449.6	508.0	85.2	65.0	22.8	334.9
<i>Oats</i>	3.4	4.2	3.4	37.6	48.5	5.4	11.9	3.1	28.1
<i>Grain maize</i>	0.7	1.4	1.9	79.4	83.4	18.1	5.1	3.5	56.7
Dried pulses	0.4	1.2	1.5	33.6	36.8	7.0	4.0	1.7	24.1
Root crops	4.2	3.5	4.1	88.7	100.5	18.6	10.5	2.7	68.8
<i>Potatoes</i>	3.7	2.6	2.3	25.2	33.9	7.2	6.5	1.2	18.9
<i>Sugar beet</i>	0.1	0.7	1.6	62.6	65.0	11.2	3.3	1.4	49.1
<i>Fodder root</i>	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.9	1.6	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.8
Industrial crops	2.2	7.0	12.1	396.5	417.8	90.2	33.9	16.4	277.3
<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	0.1	0.2	5.7	6.1	2.4	0.5	0.6	2.5
<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>	1.2	4.0	6.6	253.2	265.0	45.6	19.7	10.4	189.2
<i>Sunflower</i>	0.3	0.5	1.1	37.7	39.6	12.8	3.5	1.4	22.0
<i>Soya</i>	0.0	0.1	0.3	9.1	9.6	2.1	1.0	0.3	6.2
Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry	1.3	0.9	0.9	6.2	9.4	4.8	0.7	0.2	3.6
<i>outside</i>	1.3	0.9	0.9	6.2	9.3	4.8	0.7	0.2	3.6
<i>under glass</i>	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Flower and ornamental plants	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1
<i>outside</i>	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1
<i>under glass</i>	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Forage plants	4.5	8.3	9.9	429.3	452.1	11.1	22.8	13.0	405.2
Fallow land	1.1	1.6	1.8	25.8	30.3	9.7	6.0	1.6	13.0
Kitchen garden	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.9	2.0	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.8
Permanent pasture and meadows	29.1	50.0	47.7	718.6	845.4	16.0	147.2	71.0	611.2
Permanent crops	7.6	3.5	3.6	24.4	39.1	20.2	3.8	0.5	14.6
Fruit and berry plantation	3.2	1.8	1.7	13.9	20.6	10.1	2.2	0.3	8.0
Citrus plantation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Olive trees	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vineyard	3.4	1.2	1.3	8.1	14.1	8.1	1.2	0.2	4.7
Ratios									
Agricultural area per holding (ha)	5.8	31.6	69.8	737.9	133.6	66.8	25.9	187.4	1063.2
Agricultural area... (%)									
... own farmed	73.2	50.8	35.8	9.2	13.6	19.8	41.9	21.1	7.1
... in less favoured or mountain area	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
... organic farmed	0.7	2.1	3.3	5.9	5.5	0.6	4.0	11.1	6.3
... irrigated	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.5	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.2

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Size of the farm	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)		
	< 20	20 - < 50	50- <100	100 =<		0 < - <50	50- <100	100 =<
Total livestock (1000 LU)	452.8	65.7	62.2	1466.6	2047.2	139.3	66.5	1841.4
of which grazing (%)	8.5	65.3	62.2	64.8	52.3	77.4	76.4	49.5
Grazing livestock (1000 heads)								
Equidae	6.8	4.7	2.8	6.7	21.1	15.0	2.2	3.9
Bovine animals	46.4	52.2	49.3	1271.4	1419.4	128.5	65.3	1225.6
Under 1 year	17.9	15.4	14.2	334.4	381.9	38.8	17.1	326.0
From 1 to less than 2 years	11.7	13.3	11.3	310.3	346.5	32.5	13.3	300.7
Dairy cows	8.8	9.9	9.2	411.9	439.8	21.1	12.8	405.9
Other cows	4.9	9.2	10.0	115.5	139.6	25.5	15.2	98.8
Other bovine animals 2 years and older	3.2	4.4	4.7	99.3	111.6	10.6	6.9	94.1
Sheep	17.7	22.8	14.6	55.7	110.7	60.9	19.0	30.9
Goats	3.3	2.2	1.1	3.2	9.8	7.7	1.1	1.0
Granivores								
Pigs (1000 heads)	1021.3	71.6	75.9	1841.3	3010.1	103.8	53.2	2853.1
Piglets < 20 kg	298.2	25.7	21.9	609.5	955.3	27.4	14.7	913.2
Breeding sows	110.8	8.8	7.2	214.0	340.8	10.0	6.2	324.7
Other pigs	612.4	37.1	46.8	1017.7	1714.0	66.4	32.4	1615.3
Poultry (million heads)	16.5	0.5	0.5	8.6	26.1	0.3	0.3	25.5
Broilers	9.8	0.2	0.3	5.8	16.2	0.1	0.2	15.9
Laying hens	6.4	0.2	0.2	2.2	9.0	0.2	0.1	8.7
Other poultry	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.8
Rabbits, breeding females (1000 heads)	23.5	1.8	0.4	1.0	26.8	20.3	3.4	3.1
Beehives * (1000)	15.3	2.2	0.7	1.5	19.7	12.7	0.2	0.8
Average size of herds**								
Equidae (head/holding)	4.2	6.8	8.0	11.9	6.5	5.4	11.1	15.1
Cattle (head/holding)	8.1	20.6	39.0	459.8	115.2	13.3	85.1	644.7
Dairy cows (head/holding)	3.0	9.6	18.7	250.1	71.9	4.8	36.4	291.8
Other cows (head/holding)	4.0	8.7	16.3	82.3	32.6	8.5	37.2	114.5
Sheep (head/holding)	14.8	41.1	61.2	131.7	46.0	29.6	136.6	144.2
Goats (head/holding)	3.1	11.4	12.1	26.6	6.8	5.7	26.9	20.7
Pigs (head/holding)	157.9	46.8	100.2	1187.9	292.2	11.9	145.0	2317.7
Breeding sows (head/holding)	88.6	13.2	18.6	184.7	98.4	4.5	26.3	328.3
Other pigs > 20 kg (head/holding)	101.6	26.0	66.0	666.9	176.9	8.2	91.7	1319.7
Rabbits, breeding females (head/holding)	10.4	7.1	3.9	21.0	10.0	7.7	100.6	219.8
Laying hens (1000/holding)	0.8	0.2	0.3	6.3	0.9	0.0	0.3	62.0
Broilers (1000/holding)	32.6	3.1	13.5	48.2	32.3	0.2	6.9	77.3
Beehives (hive/holding)	22.8	13.0	15.0	20.1	20.5	15.4	8.4	40.6

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* Bees are not taken into account when calculating Livestock Unit, there are 62.7 thousand hives on holdings with 0 LU.

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

		Absolute figures			% of total	
		Total	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU
Regular labour force	(1000 persons)	183.6	25.5	158.2	13.9	86.1
Regular labour force	(1000 AWU)	142.1	10.4	131.7	7.4	92.6
Holders	(1000 persons)	39.4	15.8	23.6	40.0	60.0
... at least 65 years old		7.0	3.6	3.4	51.5	48.5
... having another gainful activity		17.3	8.6	8.7	49.6	50.4
Number of holdings	(1000)	42.3	15.9	26.4	37.6	62.4
... producing mainly for own consumption		14.0	9.0	5.0	64.2	35.8
... producing mainly for direct sales		6.3	1.3	5.0	20.9	79.1
... using a tractor		30.8	8.0	22.9	25.8	74.2
Standard Gross Margin (SGM)	(1000 ESU)	1528.8	7.6	1521.2	0.5	99.5
Agricultural area	(1000 ha)	3557.8	37.1	3520.7	1.0	99.0
... owned farmed		508.9	29.2	479.7	5.7	94.3
Livestock	(1000 LU)	2074.4	27.2	2047.2	1.3	98.7

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

► METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in the Czech Republic was carried out in autumn 2005 on a sample base. A full-scale agricultural census was previously conducted in 2000. The reference time of the agricultural survey 2005 was 30th September 2005. However for labour force characteristics the reference period was from 1st October 2004 until 30th September 2005.

The target population was all holdings included in the farm register and the newly established ones. The sampling combined geographical location with aspects of legal form and economic size. All units with legal personality and all holdings of natural persons exceeded SGM 1.25 million Czech crowns (about 35 000 euros) were observed. Each municipality was arranged into the strata taking into account their location in administrative regions and natural conditions of farming. Each municipality was assigned its weight based on the number of farms on it, and these weights were summed up in each stratum. Municipalities were randomly sampled in each stratum until the sample-weight reached 70% of the strata. The municipalities surveyed in the FSS 2003 were excluded. All holdings of natural persons were surveyed in these municipalities. New holdings declaring agricultural activity were added from the Business Register. Altogether about 55.5 units have been surveyed.

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 the Czech Republic 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 cannot be compared between countries due to the differences in coverage of FSS.

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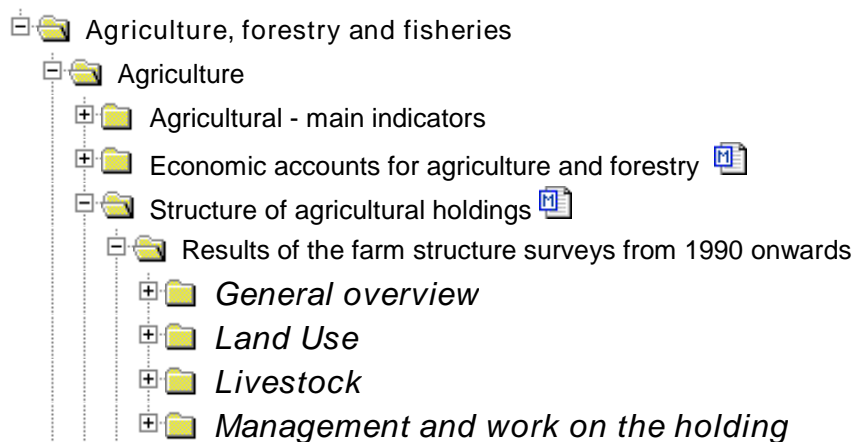
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