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64% of Romanian farms produced mainly for own consumption

This Statistics in Focus is part of a series of country-specific publications on the results of the Farm Structure Survey (FSS) 2007. It provides a brief but nevertheless comprehensive insight into the farm structure in Romania.

3 931 350 agricultural holdings were recorded in Romania in the Farm Structure Survey 2007 (7.6% fewer than in 2005). The average area per holding increased by 31 % reaching 11.0 ha.

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Due to the different coverage of the FSS 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 European Size Unit (ESU). See the methodological notes for more information on the concept of ESU.

In 2007, around 22% of the **agricultural holdings** (866 700) had an economic size of at least 1 ESU, compared with 1 236 000 (which represent 29% of the holdings in the 2005 survey). This is a 30% reduction in holdings of at least 1 ESU.

They used about **9.498 million ha of utilised agricultural area** (UAA), a decrease of 8.1% in absolute values compared with 2005. But looking at the average UAA per holding, there is a significant increase (31%) from 8.4 ha in 2005 to 11.0 ha in 2007.

These holdings employed **965 500 AWUs** (annual work units), the equivalent of 965 500 people working full time; (28.8% less than 2005).

They had **4.2 million livestock units** (LSU) in 2007, 15% less than in 2005. There was a 21% increase in the average LSU per holding from 4 to 4.8.

Amongst these 866 700 agricultural holdings:

54% made use of less than one AWU, while another 9% made use of 2 or more AWUs;

19% used less than 2 ha, while 1.6% used 50 ha or more;

64% produced mainly for own consumption, whereas 35% produced mainly for direct sales;

22% of Romanian farms specialised in mixed livestock, mainly grazing livestock;

21% specialised in mixed cropping;

12% of the holdings specialised in field crops – grazing livestock combined;

11% of the holdings specialised in general field cropping;

7% of the holdings farmed various crops and livestock combined.

The family labour force decreased by 24% between 2005 and 2007. Family labour force represented 86% of the total labour force in Romania.

Amongst the sole holders:

19% were women;

71% were aged 55 or more and 2.9% were younger than 35 years;

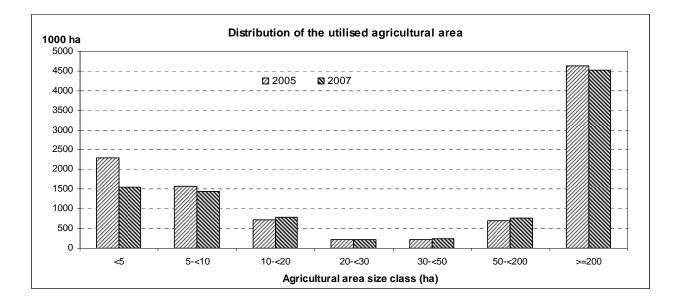
29% of the sole holders had another gainful activity in 2007.

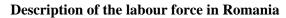
In 2007 in Romania, 64% of the agricultural area was farmed by its owners.

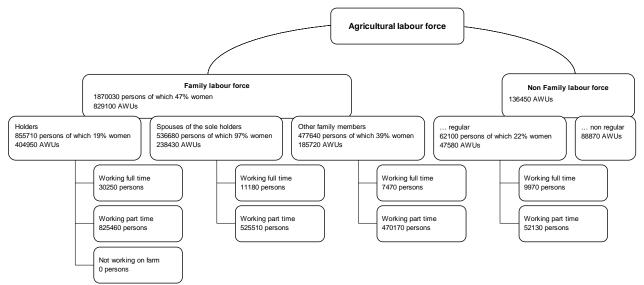
The 2007 results show that the area used for rape and turnip multiplied by 4 (from 83 300 ha to 342 700) in two years. On the other hand, the area sown with sunflower fell by 11%.

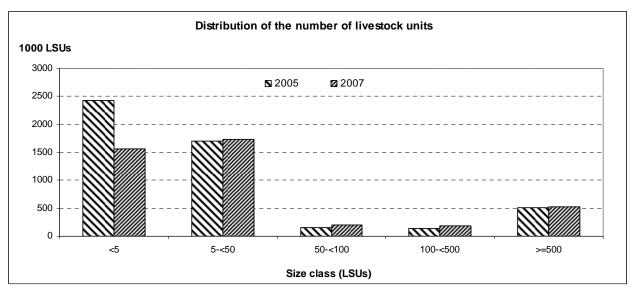
The area used for cereals decreased by 18% between 2005 and 2007: common wheat and spelt decreased by 22%, barley by 23% and maize by 12%. In the same time fallow land increased by 20%.











*LSUs = Livestock Units

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Table 1 – Labour force by size of the farms

Size of the farms			A	gricultur	al area (ha)	All	Livestock (LSU*)			
	Size of the farms		<20	20-<50	50-<100	>=100	farms	0		50-<100	>=100
Total labour force											
1000 annual v	work units		874.0	27.0	11.6	52.9	965.5	57.9	879.2	9.4	19.0
Family labour fo	orce										
1000 persons			1822.5	33.8	8.0	5.8	1870.0	46.3	1814.3	7.6	1.7
1000 annual v	work units		802.0	18.8	4.7	3.7	829.1	14.6	808.1	5.1	1.3
Non-family labo	our regularly employed										
1000 persons			11.0	3.1	4.3	43.7	62.1	36.6	6.4	1.7	17.4
1000 annual v	work units		7.8	2.2	3.3	34.3	47.6	26.7	4.7	1.5	14.7
Non regular nor	n family labour force										
1000 annual v	-		64.2	6.0	3.6	15.0	88.9	16.6	66.3	2.9	3.1
Holding manage		1000	837.9		4.5	9.4	866.7	40.2	822.3	3.0	1.2
- women	515	(%)	19.0		4.3 7.4	10.2	18.7	23.5	18.5	5.1	7.3
- part-time:	- under 50 %	(%)	59.8		38.7	41.3	59.1	76.2		22.3	17.4
part anto.	- 50 % and over	(%)	36.9	49.2	48.7	44.6	37.2	20.9	37.9	55.7	56.5
Sole/main holde	are	1000	835.9	14.0		2.4	855.7	31.2	821.1	2.8	0.7
- women		(%)	19.4		6.4	9.6	19.2	27.6	19.0	4.3	6.2
-distribution by age		(%)	10.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	10.2	21.0	10.0	4.0	0.2
- under 35 years		(,,,,	2.9	4.5	7.9	6.3	2.9	6.4	2.8	6.7	8.3
- from 35 to 44 years			10.3		23.0	28.4	10.5	13.5	10.3	26.1	29.3
- from 45 to 54 years			15.1	23.9	28.0	28.0	15.4	23.4	15.0	30.8	31.9
- from 55 to 64 years			25.3	28.3	21.8	27.4	25.4	22.5	25.5	24.8	21.0
- 65 years	- 65 years and over		46.4	27.3	19.3	10.0	45.9	34.2	46.5	11.7	9.4
- part-time:	- under 50 %	(%)	59.9	42.1	50.8	162.3	59.9	98.4	58.5	24.2	31.3
	- 50 % and over	(%)	36.9	52.3	63.9	175.5	37.7	26.9	38.0	60.2	102.0
- with another	gainful activity ¹	(%)	28.8	32.7	26.9	8.0	28.6	35.7	28.3	20.5	17.5
- as a mair	n occupation		17.3	19.5	18.3	5.1	17.3	26.3	16.8	14.7	12.0
- as a subs	sidiary occupation		11.4	13.2	8.6	2.9	11.4	9.4	11.5	5.8	5.5
Spouse of sole	holder	1000	523.4	9.6	2.3	1.5	536.7	8.1	526.1	2.0	0.4
- women		(%)	97.0	98.0	98.2	97.8	97.0	92.5	97.1	98.8	96.8
-distribution b	by age	(%)									
- under 35	years		7.7	13.2	14.4	15.2	7.9	13.6	7.8	16.1	19.2
- from 35 to	o 54 years		35.6	45.6	53.6	60.7	35.9	45.8	35.7	59.0	65.8
- 55 years	and over		56.7	41.2	32.0	24.1	56.2	40.6	56.6	24.9	15.0
- part-time:	- under 50 %	(%)	67.3	56.4	53.0	49.6	67.0	81.0	67.0	31.9	31.6
	- 50 % and over	(%)	30.7	37.7	40.2	41.9	30.9	18.5	31.0	55.4	53.1
- with another gainful activity (%)		(%)	23.1	32.1	31.8	34.2	23.3	38.4	23.1	21.8	27.0
Other members of the holder's family working on the holding 1000		1000	463.3	10.2	2.3	1.9	477.6	7.1	467.1	2.8	0.6
- women	-	(%)	39.6		30.6	32.7	39.4	35.8	39.5	27.7	27.1
- part-time:	- under 50 %	(%)	76.0			44.6	75.4	76.4	75.6	49.0	34.8
-	- 50 % and over	(%)	22.5			44.0	23.0	23.1	22.9	41.3	49.1
- with another	gainful activity	(%)	47.6			26.2	47.2	53.0			22.6

*LSU = Livestock unit

¹ Only holders who are also farm managers

Source: Eurostat (<u>ef_ov_lfft</u>)

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Table 2 – Agricultural holdings by size

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Differences between totals and sub items can appear due to rounding.

Size of the farms		A	gricultur	al area (ha	ı)	All	Livestock (LSU)			
		<20 20-<50 5		50-<100 >=100		farms	0	>0-<50 50-<100		>=100
Holdings										
- total number	1000	837.9	14.9	4.5	9.4	866.7	40.2	822.3	3.0	1.2
- by legal personality of the holder	(%)									
- sole holder		99.8	94.2	76.2	25.4	98.7	77.5	99.9	92.5	55.5
- legal person		0.2	5.8	23.8	74.6	1.3	22.5	0.1	7.5	44.5
- group holders		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- by employed labour force	(%)									
- under 1 AWU		54.7	30.2	26.6	30.4	53.9	72.7	53.2	9.9	5.9
- from 1 to less than 2 AWU		37.8	35.9	28.4	15.6	37.5	15.1	38.7	20.8	9.8
- from 2 to less than 3 AWU		6.2	22.0	20.2	12.6	6.7	4.0	6.7	26.6	11.2
- 3 AWU and over		1.3	11.9	24.8	41.4	2.0	8.1	1.5	42.7	73.1
- by economic size	(%)									
- from 1 to less than 8 ESU		99.0	73.9	29.5	8.0	97.2	79.8	98.5	12.9	1.3
- from 8 to less than 16 ESU		0.8	19.9	47.7	10.7	1.5	5.1	1.1	53.0	8.9
- from 16 to less than 40 ESU		0.1	5.7	18.5	36.9	0.7	6.8	0.3	29.5	38.8
- from 40 to less than 100 ESU		0	0.5	4.0	27.4	0.3	5.2	0.1	2.8	25.2
- 100 ESU and over		0	0.1	0.4	16.9	0.2	3.1	0	1.8	25.8
- by type of farming (top 5 + 'other')	(%)									
mixed livestock, mainly grazing livestock		22.0	7.2	4.6	0.7	21.5	0.2	22.6	5.2	3.1
mixed cropping		21.4	11.1	4.9	1.1	21.0	7.0	21.7	1.1	0.9
field crops – grazing livestock combined		12.4	10.4	7.6	3.8	12.3	2.0	12.8	6.4	12.4
general field cropping		10.5	11.9	10.8	7.7	10.5	27.8	9.7	1.0	1.5
various crops and livestock combined		7.4	1.6	0.7	0.3	7.1	5.3	7.3	0.6	1.1
Other types of farming		26.3	57.8	71.4	86.4	27.7	57.6	26.0	85.7	81.0
- by farming methods	(%)									
- organic farming		0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.4
- irrigating		2.1	2.3	2.8	4.7	2.2	3.5	2.1	1.4	5.6
- with crops under glass		1.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	1.8	3.4	1.7	0.3	0.3
 with another gainful activity than agricultural production: 	(%)	42.8	69.9	60.2	27.9	43.2	27.4	43.7	90.8	70.1
Tourism		0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Handicraft		0.1	0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Processing of farm products		41.0	68.1	56.6	21.1	41.4	24.6	42.0	89.6	62.8
Wood processing		0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5
Aquaculture		0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.1
Renewable energy production		0	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.1
Contractual work		1.7	4.4	6.1	6.1	1.8	1.4	1.8	3.6	6.0
Other gainful activities n.a.e		2.1	3.9	4.6	4.0	2.2	2.3	2.2	5.6	9.6

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Source: Eurostat (ef_ov_kvaaesu)

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Table 3 – Land use by size of the farms

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Differences between totals and sub items can appear due to rounding.

Size of the farms		Ag	ricultural	area (ha)	All	Livestock (LSU)			
		<20	20-<50	50-<100	>=100	farms	0	>0-<50	50-<100	>=100
Area (1000	ha)									
Total area of agricultural holdings		4005.6	475.3	328.4	5660.5	10469.8	4931.0	4871.3	210.7	456.8
• H. Other area		235.0	29.3	16.1	691.2	971.7	730.8	227.6	1.5	11.7
Wooded area		128.6	24.2	14.3	656.7	823.8	695.8	122.4	0.2	5.3
Agricultural area		3770.5	446.0	312.3	4969.3	9498.1	4200.2	4643.7	209.1	445.1
- D. Arable land		2654.0	311.0	216.5	2882.6	6064.1	2209.8	3330.7	146.5	377.1
Cereals		1681.2	158.2	113.5	1627.1	3579.9	1284.6	2027.1	70.8	197.4
Common wheat and spelt		507.4	58.1	50.7	956.0	1572.2	756.9	674.9	30.2	110.2
Durum wheat		0.2	0.1	0	1.6	2.0	1.4	0.4	0	0.1
Rye		7.8	0.5	0.3	1.6	10.1	1.2	8.1	0.2	0.5
Barley		101.1	23.1	12.9	188.0	325.2	139.2	153.3	10.7	22.1
Oats		109.7	11.4	3.8	20.2	145.2	12.1	125.0	4.4	3.7
Grain maize		941.7	62.6	44.1	440.8	1489.1	361.1	1046.9	24.6	56.5
Dried pulses		14.9	1.8	0.9	16.7	34.4	10.8	19.4	0.6	3.7
Root crops		150.7	9.2	5.5	32.3	197.6	36.0	154.5	3.4	3.7
Potatoes		135.4	7.0	3.8	16.4	162.6	23.7	135.9	2.0	1.1
Sugar beet		8.2	1.7	1.6	14.7	26.2	11.3	11.1	1.4	2.4
Fodder root		7.0	0.5	0.1	1.1	8.8	1.0	7.6	0.1	0.2
Industrial crops		227.3	58.9	50.7	898.4	1235.4	673.6	442.4	28.7	90.6
Tobacco		0.3	0.5	0.1	0.6	1.6	0.7	0.9	0	0
Hops		0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	0	0
Cotton		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape and turnip		7.5	13.9	7.9	313.3	342.7	230.2	62.3	9.0	41.3
Sunflower		211.6	40.0	38.0	450.2	739.8	353.1	344.0	14.1	28.6
Soya		7.1	3.9	4.1	115.7	130.8	76.5	30.6	4.1	19.5
Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry		115.3	6.9	3.6	14.0	139.8	21.1	117.8	0.5	0.3
outside		112.7	6.7	3.5	13.9	136.8	20.4	115.6	0.5	0.3
under glass		2.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	2.9	0.7	2.2	0	0
Flower and ornamental plants		0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.2	0	0
outside		0.2	0.1	0	0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0	0
under glass		0.2	0	0	0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0	0
Forage plants		338.3	51.0	28.4	150.9	568.6	80.3	407.8	26.5	54.0
Fallow land		117.4	20.6	12.5	134.5	285.0	99.0	145.1	15.8	25.2
- E. Kitchen garden		46.0	0.9	0.2	0.1	47.3	1.3	45.8	0.2	0
- F. Permanent pasture and meadows		919.4	121.8	86.7	2027.3	3155.1	1909.9	1120.4	60.6	64.2
- G. Permanent crops		151.1	12.3	8.9	59.2	231.6	79.2	146.7	1.8	3.8
Fruit and berry plantation		85.6	7.0	5.3	23.6	121.5	37.8	79.2	1.3	3.3
Citrus plantation		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olive trees		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vineyard		63.0	4.3	2.9	29.7	99.8	36.1	62.9	0.3	0.5
Ratios										
	ha)	4.5	30.0	69.3	530.8	11.0	104.4	5.6	70.0	373.4
	(%)									
own farmed	,	89.6	60.9	41.5	45.6	63.7	55.0	77.4	25.9	19.5
in less favoured or mountain area		29.3	24.8	21.2	31.1	29.7	32.1	27.7	29.1	29.0
organic farmed		0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.4
irrigated		0.6	0.7	1.0	2.8	1.8		0.9	1.0	9.3

*LSU = Livestock unit

Source: Eurostat (ef ov lusum)

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Table 4 – Livestock by size of the farm

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Differences between totals and sub items can appear due to rounding.

			gricultura	al area (ha	a)	All	Livestock (LSU)			
Size of the farms	5	<20	20-<50	50-<100	>=100	farms	0	>0-<50	50-<100	>=100
Total livestock	(1000 LSU)	3501.4	196.4	128.2	370.9	4197.0	0	3286.5	197.5	713.0
of which grazing	(1000 200)	71.9	79.8	58.3	45.9	69.5	:	77.3	92.8	27.4
Grazing livestock	(1000 heads)									
Equidae	(1000 fieads)	502.2	12.9	3.7	12.8	531.7	0	500.9	15.1	15.7
					12.0					
Bovine animals		1814.5	94.5	44.5		2079.5	0	1859.0	81.8	138.8
Under 1 year		465.0	25.2	11.7	33.6	535.5	0	476.1	19.5	40.0
From 1 to less than 2 years		190.8	13.6	7.2	21.5	233.1	0	197.2	12.6	23.3
Dairy cows		1002.5	46.4	20.4	53.1	1122.4	0	1029.1	38.7	54.6
Other cows		27.6	1.1	0.6	3.7	33.0	0	26.0	2.9	4.1
Other bovine animals 2 years a	and older	128.6	8.2	4.7	14.0	155.6	0	130.6	8.1	16.9
Sheep		6024.1	682.6	351.8	602.1	7660.6	0	5891.0	1018.6	751.0
Goats		558.4	42.2	20.5	32.5	653.6	0	577.2	47.4	29.1
Granivores										
Pigs	(1000 heads)	2086.1	120.0	145.9	705.5	3057.5	0	1767.1	39.3	1251.1
Piglets < 20 kg		560.4	29.4	31.3	197.6	818.7	0	515.7	9.4	293.6
Breeding sows		259.6	15.9	30.2	95.7	401.4	0	225.6	7.2	168.7
Other pigs		1266.1	74.7	84.4	412.1	1837.3	0	1025.8	22.7	788.8
Poultry	(million heads)	37.3	0.6	1.2	1.9	40.9	0	20.1	0.2	20.6
Broilers		18.3	0.2	0.6	0.5	19.6	0	5.3	0.1	14.2
Laying hens		14.9	0.3	0.5	1.4	17.1	0	10.7	0.1	6.3
Other poultry		4.0	0.1	0	0	4.2	0	4.1	0	0
Rabbits, breeding females	(1000 heads)	115.0	2.6	0.6	0.3	118.6	0	117.2	1.3	0.1
Beehives	(1000)	824.6	12.7	3.1	1.8	842.2	169.6	670.3	1.5	0.8
Average size of herds*	(head/holding)									
Equidae	(head/holding)	1.7	2.6	3.0	11.1	1.8	:	1.7	8.4	27.1
Cattle	(head/holding)	3.1	10.8	22.0	71.3	3.5	:	3.1	37.4	173.8
Dairy cows	(head/holding)	1.8	5.5	10.8	32.5	1.9	:	1.8	18.5	72.5
Other cows	(head/holding)	2.4	5.4	6.7	35.5	2.7	:	2.2	24.1	46.9
Sheep	(head/holding)	27.0	114.7	218.2	429.2	33.0	:	25.7	454.5	1120.9
Goats	(head/holding)	7.0	22.0	39.5	78.3	7.9	:	7.0	62.5	132.3
Pigs	(head/holding)	3.4	12.0	62.1	382.6	4.9	:	2.8	16.7	1848.0
Breeding sows	(head/holding)	2.0	4.0	27.9	98.4	3.0	:	1.7	5.2	338.1
Other pigs > 20 kg	(head/holding)	3.1	11.1	49.2	313.4	4.4	:	2.4	13.6	1452.6
Rabbits, breeding females	(head/holding)	7.7	7.7	9.5	8.6	7.7	:	7.6	18.3	11.8
Laying hens	(1000/holding)	0	0	0.2	0.8	0	:	0	0	11.5
Broilers	(1000/holding)	0	0	0.4	0.4	0	:	0	0.1	34.2
Beehives	(hive/holding)	34.1	20.0	28.7	21.5	33.7	76.0	29.6	20.0	52.3

*LSU = Livestock unit

Source: Eurostat (ef ov Issum)

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Table 5 – Subsistence farming

			Absolute figure	% of	total	
		Total	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU
Regular Labour force	(1000 pers)	6467.6	4535.4	1932.1	70.1	29.9
Regular labour force	(1000 AWU)	2044.0	1167.3	876.7	57.1	42.9
Holders with	(1000)	3913.7	3057.9	855.7	78.1	21.9
at least 65 years		1761.8	1369.1	392.7	77.7	22.3
another gainful activity		1404.4	1156.4	248.0	82.3	17.7
Number of sole holdings	(1000)	3931.4	3064.7	866.7	78.0	22.0
producing mainly for own consumption		3172.3	2621.9	550.4	82.6	17.4
producing mainly for direct sales		723.6	423.3	300.3	58.5	41.5
SGM	(1000 ESU)	3789.7	1190.9	2598.8	31.4	68.6
Agricultural area	(1000 ha)	13753.0	4254.9	9498.1	30.9	69.1
own farmed		10071.4	4024.5	6046.9	40.0	60.0
Livestock	(1000 LSU*)	6041.7	1844.8	4197.0	30.5	69.5

*LSU = Livestock unit

>METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The National Institute of Statistics, in collaboration with Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform and the 42 county statistical offices implemented the survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in Romania. The FSS 2007 was the second sample survey after the General Agricultural Census in 2002 (GAC 2002). The reference period was the 2006/2007 crop year, in the case of the livestock data the reference date was 31 December and for the labour force queries the 2007 calendar year.

The target population was all the agricultural holdings (regardless of their size and production), which totalled 4.48 million holdings of which 4.46 were individual holdings and the remaining were legal units. No sampling thresholds were applied. These holdings were gathered in the Statistical Farm Register that was updated with statistical and administrative sources.

The legal units were surveyed exhaustively, and the individual holdings were sampled using the Neyman stratified random sampling method. The stratification included 42 counties, 11 ESU economic classes, 9 typology classes, and 7 classes of UAA. Altogether 354 742 holdings were chosen for the sample (a sampling rate of 8%).

The questionnaires were completed between 10 January and 10 February 2008 in a large statistical operation that involved 6 944 field operators in face to face interviews. The response rate was 96%.

For some cases of non-response, imputation was employed using data from another holding of the same stratum with a complete questionnaire.

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 Romania it covers close to 644 900 ha, 75% 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 Romania it is 1960 hours (245 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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