

# Farm structure in Romania – 2005

## 71% of the holders are 55 years old and over

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In December 2005 in Romania, about 1.24 million\* agricultural holdings had an economic size of at least 1 European Size Unit (ESU).

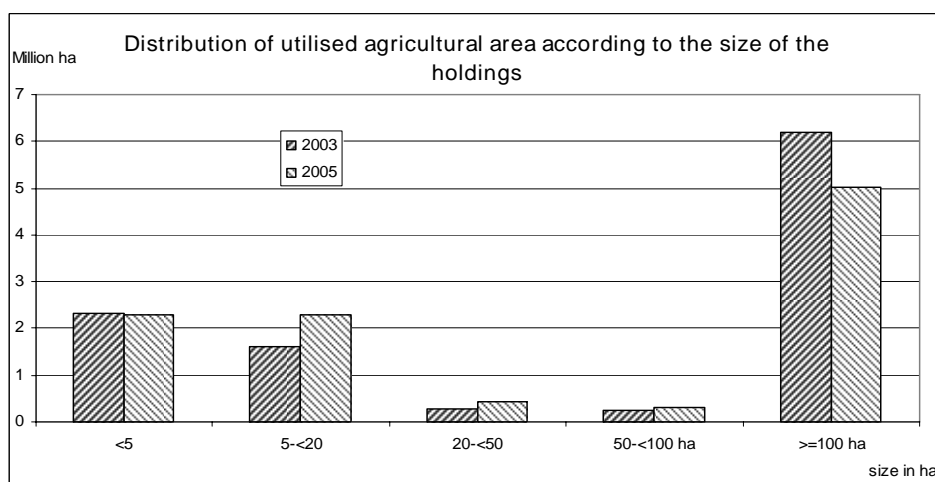
- These holdings employed 1.36 million AWUs (annual work units), the equivalent of 1.36 million persons working full time;
- they made use of about 10.3 million ha of agricultural area, which is on average 8.4 ha per holding (compared to 8.8 ha in 2003).

Among these 1.24 million agricultural holdings

- 55% made use of less than one AWU, while 9% made use of 2 or more AWUs;
- 74% used less than 5 ha agricultural area, while 1% used 100 ha or more;
- 24% were holdings with mixed livestock - mainly grazing ones, 20% had mixed cropping, 13% were engaged in combined field cropping and grazing livestock, 7% in various crops and livestock combined and 6% were holdings with mixed livestock - mainly granivores;
- 69% were producing mainly for their own consumption.

Among the 1.22 million sole holders

- 20% were women;
- 71% were aged 55 or more, and only 4% were younger than 35 years;
- 16% 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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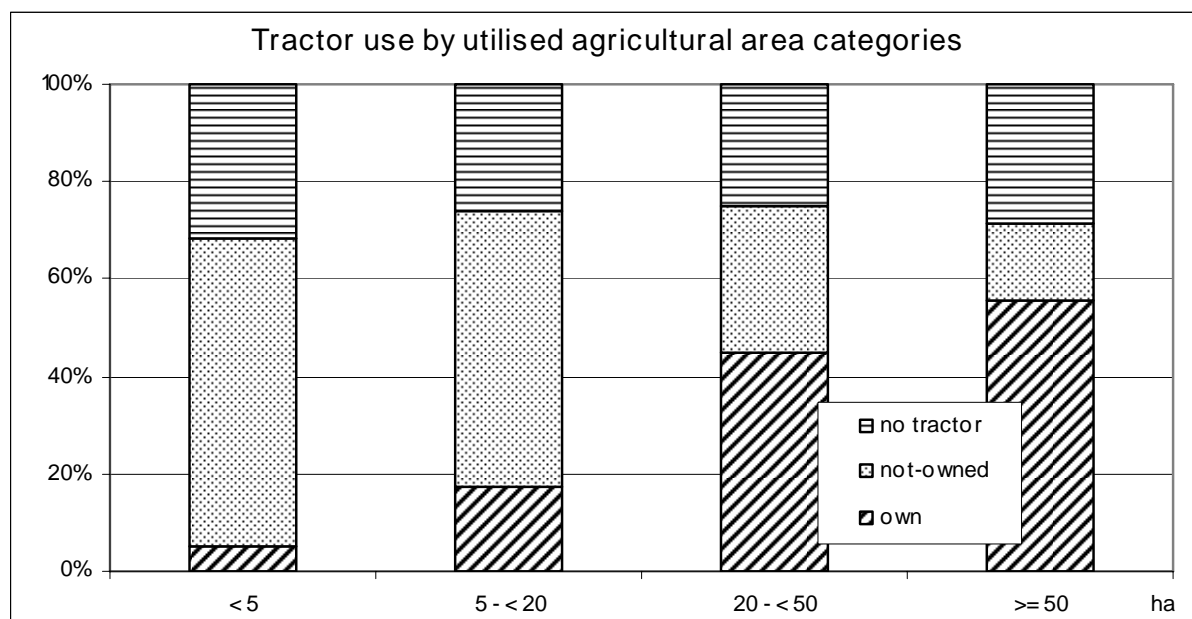
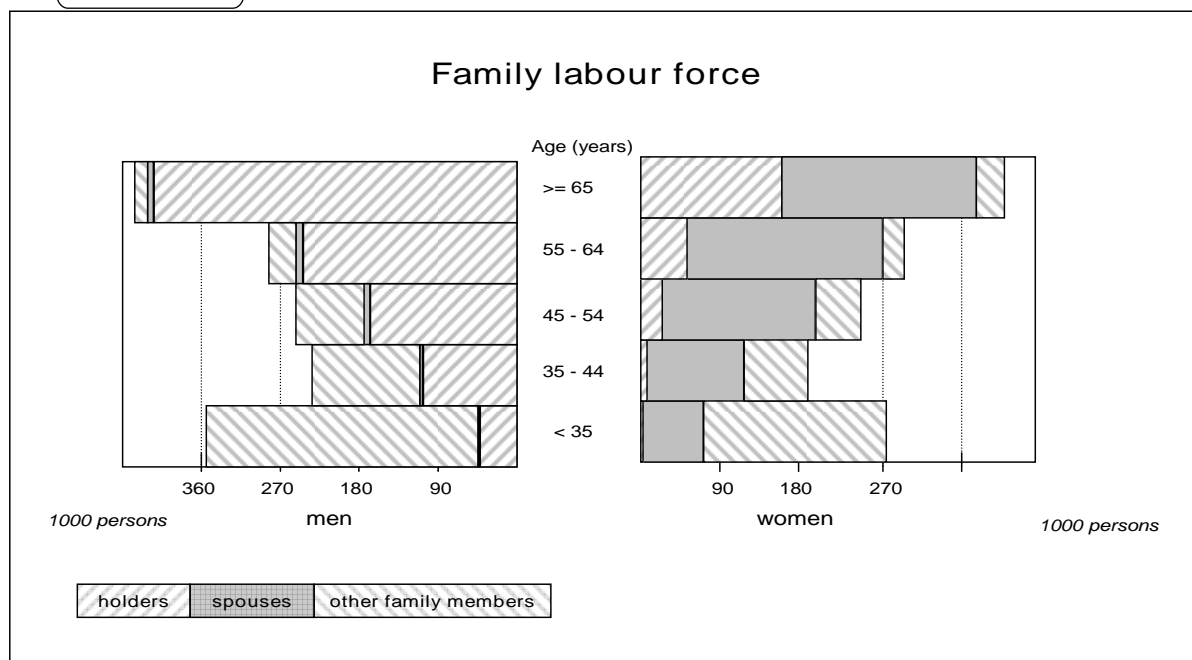
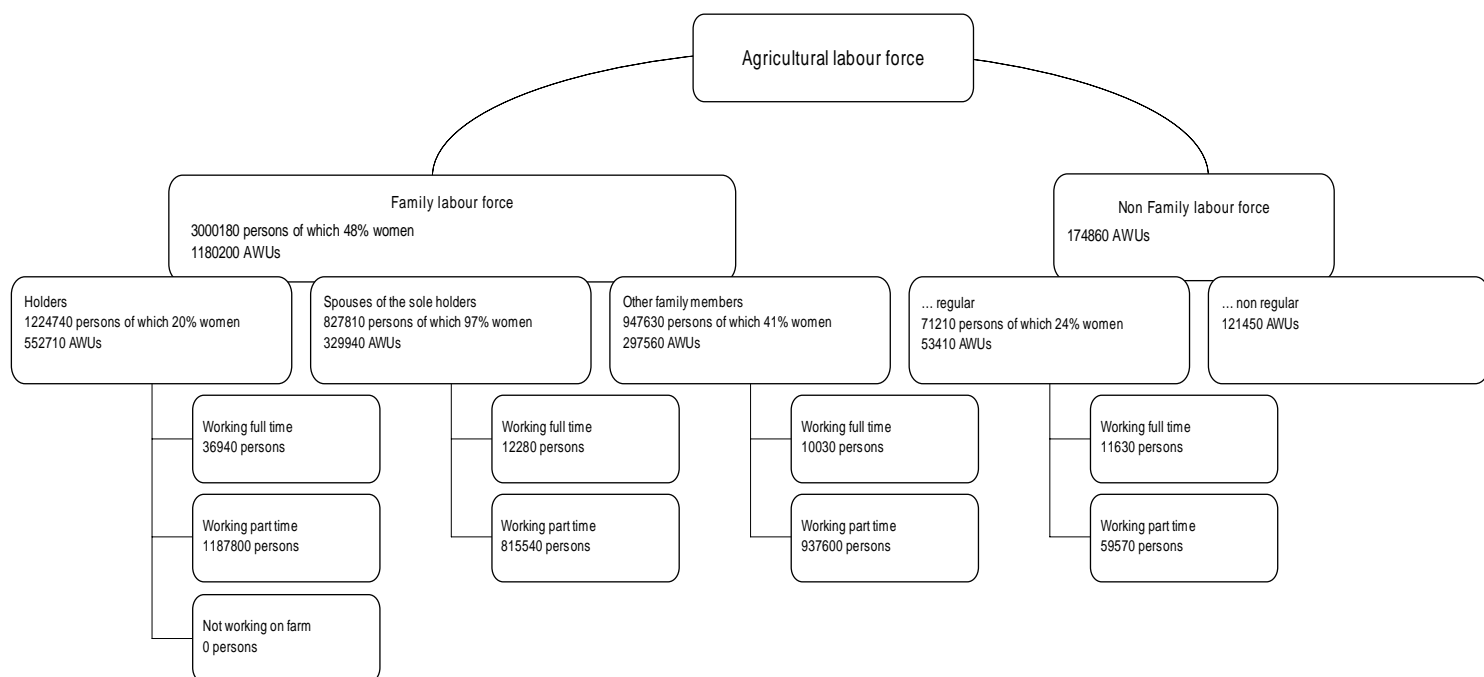
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# Romania 2005 – Holdings of at least 1 ESU



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	908.1	347.0	26.8	73.1	1355.1	74.1	972.4	276.2	32.4
Family labour force									
1000 persons	2248.6	702.0	35.0	14.5	3000.2	98.8	2389.3	504.9	7.2
1000 annual work units	846.1	308.3	17.7	8.1	1180.2	24.9	905.8	244.9	4.6
Non-family labour regularly employed									
1000 persons	10.4	5.2	3.2	52.4	71.2	36.8	3.0	6.7	24.8
1000 annual work units	7.9	2.5	2.2	40.8	53.4	25.9	1.9	5.1	20.5
Non regular non family labour force									
1000 annual work units	54.1	36.2	6.9	24.2	121.4	23.3	64.6	26.3	7.3
Holding managers (1000)	918.2	289.6	14.9	13.3	1236.0	72.0	977.6	183.2	3.2
- women (%)	19.8	20.6	14.5	10.6	19.9	30.3	20.9	10.4	7.6
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	63.7	54.9	44.0	42.4	61.1	82.5	63.3	42.1	20.4
- 50 % and over(%)	34.0	40.4	44.2	41.8	35.7	15.2	34.5	49.9	56.5
- with a basic agricult. training only (%)	7.9	8.6	16.2	16.9	8.2	6.5	7.7	11.7	15.7
- with a full agricultural training (%)	0.9	2.1	9.1	26.9	1.6	6.8	1.0	2.3	17.3
Sole/main holders (1000)	917.3	287.5	14.1	5.9	1224.7	63.0	977.0	182.2	2.5
- women (%)	20.2	21.5	14.8	11.0	20.4	33.3	21.4	10.9	7.7
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	3.8	2.8	6.4	6.7	3.6	4.2	3.3	5.0	10.3
- from 35 to 44 years	9.8	7.5	14.3	20.6	9.4	10.3	8.4	13.8	27.5
- from 45 to 54 years	15.9	14.5	22.2	29.1	15.7	20.1	14.6	20.2	28.8
- from 55 to 64 years	24.6	23.3	24.8	21.6	24.3	23.5	23.9	26.5	18.9
- 65 years and over	45.8	51.9	32.3	22.0	47.0	41.8	49.7	34.4	14.5
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	63.7	55.3	46.5	95.8	61.7	94.2	63.3	42.3	26.1
- 50 % and over(%)	34.1	40.7	46.7	94.4	36.1	17.4	34.5	50.1	72.4
- with another gainful activity <sup>1</sup> (%)	21.5	21.2	17.9	21.5	21.4	45.3	21.1	15.0	12.1
- as main occupation	16.4	15.8	12.2	14.3	16.2	41.4	16.0	8.7	4.2
- as a subsidiary occupation	5.1	5.4	5.6	7.2	5.2	3.9	5.1	6.3	7.9
Spouse of sole holder working on the holding (1000)	630.6	183.9	9.6	3.7	827.8	18.2	664.9	142.9	1.9
- women (%)	96.9	96.6	97.4	97.9	96.9	91.1	96.8	97.9	97.3
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	9.1	6.5	11.7	15.7	8.6	9.8	8.1	10.6	21.3
- from 35 to 54 years	36.4	32.9	45.9	56.1	35.8	51.9	33.6	43.6	59.7
- 55 years and over	54.5	60.5	42.4	28.2	55.6	38.3	58.3	45.7	19.0
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	73.4	64.2	57.0	56.1	71.1	88.2	73.3	59.1	38.3
- 50 % and over(%)	25.5	33.4	37.9	36.0	27.4	11.2	25.6	37.5	50.7
- with another gainful activity (%)	21.8	20.2	19.5	23.2	21.4	48.9	21.8	16.6	15.3
Other members of the holder's family working on the holding (1000)	700.8	230.7	11.3	5.0	947.6	17.6	747.4	179.8	2.8
- women (%)	41.7	40.5	34.9	28.5	41.2	33.8	42.1	38.7	30.6
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	83.3	73.3	65.1	53.5	80.5	86.8	82.6	71.6	46.5
- 50 % and over(%)	16.0	24.7	30.8	40.9	18.4	12.5	16.7	26.0	45.5
- with another gainful activity (%)	38.8	28.5	27.8	25.9	36.1	39.4	37.9	28.5	21.2

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

\* LU = Livestock Unit

<sup>1</sup> Refers only to 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)	918.2	289.6	14.9	13.3	1236.0	72.0	977.6	183.2	3.2
- by legal personality of the holder (%)									
- sole holder	99.9	99.3	94.7	44.3	99.1	87.5	99.9	99.5	78.0
- legal person	0.1	0.7	5.3	55.7	0.9	12.5	0.1	0.5	22.0
- 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	58.2	46.2	34.4	31.7	54.8	82.2	57.7	29.5	8.4
- from 1 to less than 2 AWU	35.9	40.3	34.6	18.5	36.7	10.9	36.4	49.0	16.5
- from 2 to less than 3 AWU	5.1	10.7	18.6	14.3	6.7	2.1	5.2	16.6	21.4
- 3 AWU and over	0.8	2.7	12.4	35.6	1.8	4.8	0.8	4.9	53.7
- by economic size (%)									
- from 1 to less than 8 ESU	99.5	96.4	71.3	13.4	97.5	86.9	99.3	93.7	0.4
- from 8 to less than 16 ESU	0.4	2.8	19.4	23.1	1.5	4.5	0.5	5.1	26.0
- from 16 to less than 40 ESU	0.1	0.7	6.9	30.5	0.6	4.0	0.2	0.9	46.4
- from 40 to less than 100 ESU	0.0	0.0	2.1	19.6	0.2	2.8	0.0	0.2	14.6
- 100 ESU and over	0.0	0.0	0.2	13.5	0.2	1.8	0.0	0.1	12.5
- by farm type (%)									
- mixed livestock, mainly grazing livestock	27.1	14.0	11.7	2.1	23.6	0.1	23.9	31.5	6.9
- mixed cropping	18.1	28.8	13.8	3.2	20.4	10.3	23.5	8.1	2.3
- field crops – grazing livestock combined	13.5	12.5	9.0	4.5	13.1	0.9	15.0	7.9	7.2
- various crops and livestock combined	7.5	5.8	4.2	1.1	7.0	1.5	7.9	4.8	1.3
- mixed livestock, mainly granivores	7.4	3.3	2.1	0.6	6.3	0.0	5.6	12.4	4.8
- other types of farming	26.4	35.7	59.1	88.4	29.6	87.1	24.2	35.3	77.5
- by farming methods (%)									
- organic farming	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
- irrigating	2.3	1.4	2.0	3.1	2.1	3.3	2.2	1.0	3.5
- with fixed irrigation equipment	0.2	0.2	0.7	3.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	2.3
- with crops under glass	1.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.4	2.3	1.4	0.5	0.6
- benefiting of direct investment aids	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- using a tractor (%)	68.6	73.9	75.1	71.5	69.9	57.9	71.4	67.0	70.5
- with their own tractor	4.9	17.6	44.7	55.5	8.9	9.3	7.0	18.4	52.4
- using a combine harvester (%)	36.0	51.4	45.4	49.0	39.9	30.2	40.7	39.4	33.3
- with another gainful activity than agricultural production (%)	32.9	29.8	34.8	36.9	32.3	24.2	32.3	35.0	55.9
- tourism	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
- handicraft	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
- processing of farm products	24.7	19.0	19.9	14.1	23.2	11.4	23.7	24.9	41.3
- wood processing	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.4
- aquaculture	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
- renewable energy production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
- contractual work	1.4	3.0	5.9	9.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	3.1	6.2
- other gainful activities n.a.e.	15.2	16.7	20.6	25.1	15.8	14.9	15.4	18.0	30.3

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Size of the farm (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	2511.3	2442.2	484.9	5826.2	11264.6	4769.6	4048.0	1740.3	706.6
Other area	226.8	151.8	47.7	501.2	927.5	481.4	274.7	149.9	21.5
Wooded area	113.0	95.0	42.2	442.6	692.8	430.4	143.8	115.1	3.5
Agricultural area	2284.5	2290.4	437.2	5325.0	10337.1	4288.2	3773.4	1590.4	685.1
Arable land	1709.6	1625.4	270.9	3020.7	6626.5	2221.5	2795.5	1075.2	534.3
Cereals	1254.9	1123.3	160.1	1813.1	4351.2	1383.7	1984.9	689.6	293.1
<i>Common wheat and spelt</i>	401.1	468.6	70.6	1086.8	2027.0	838.1	749.8	277.7	161.5
<i>Durum wheat</i>	0.7	1.1	0.2	0.9	2.9	0.4	1.6	0.6	0.3
<i>Rye</i>	8.4	7.9	1.0	5.6	23.0	2.3	12.6	5.3	2.7
<i>Barley</i>	54.7	98.8	20.9	249.5	423.9	166.2	129.9	81.0	46.8
<i>Oats</i>	49.0	58.2	7.7	26.8	141.6	16.3	78.7	38.8	7.8
<i>Grain maize</i>	735.1	477.1	57.6	428.7	1698.5	352.3	998.3	279.1	68.9
Dried pulses	10.7	8.8	1.3	20.9	41.7	12.4	17.0	7.1	5.4
Root crops	103.4	56.1	6.1	27.8	193.5	25.0	125.3	36.5	6.7
<i>Potatoes</i>	94.7	50.6	4.9	15.4	165.5	18.2	114.4	30.4	2.6
<i>Sugar beet</i>	4.7	3.8	1.0	11.6	21.1	6.4	6.6	4.4	3.7
<i>Fodder root</i>	3.9	1.8	0.2	0.9	6.8	0.4	4.3	1.8	0.4
Industrial crops	97.4	142.5	34.4	792.7	1067.0	550.2	240.6	151.8	124.4
<i>Tobacco</i>	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.7	3.0	0.6	2.0	0.4	0.0
<i>Hops</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	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>	0.2	2.0	0.7	80.3	83.3	52.1	6.7	7.4	17.2
<i>Sunflower</i>	94.0	136.1	31.1	568.4	829.6	420.9	222.6	125.8	60.4
<i>Soya</i>	1.4	2.5	2.3	134.0	140.1	69.2	8.0	16.8	46.1
Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry	66.4	36.6	5.3	26.4	134.7	32.3	85.6	14.5	2.3
<i>outside</i>	64.9	36.1	5.1	26.0	132.1	31.5	84.1	14.2	2.3
<i>under glass</i>	1.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	2.6	0.9	1.5	0.2	0.0
Flower and ornamental plants	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0
<i>outside</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
<i>under glass</i>	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Forage plants	148.9	180.9	49.3	191.8	570.9	101.8	249.2	146.8	73.1
Fallow land	26.3	74.2	13.1	124.8	238.4	101.5	88.0	27.0	21.9
Kitchen garden	45.3	16.4	0.8	0.3	62.8	1.7	50.6	10.4	0.1
Permanent pasture and meadows	406.5	590.5	154.0	2218.2	3369.3	1973.9	782.7	469.4	143.3
Permanent crops	123.1	58.1	11.5	85.8	278.5	91.0	144.6	35.5	7.4
Fruit and berry plantation	57.7	31.1	7.4	36.2	132.4	45.5	62.6	20.0	4.4
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	64.1	25.2	2.9	38.9	131.1	39.4	76.4	13.7	1.7
Ratios									
Agricultural area per holding (ha)	2.5	7.9	29.3	401.5	8.4	59.6	3.9	8.7	214.4
Agricultural area... (%)									
... own farmed	91.3	90.2	68.1	47.4	67.4	58.8	88.2	62.0	19.7
... in less favoured or mountain area	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
... organic farmed	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4
... irrigated	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.3	2.9

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

Size of the farm	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)		
	< 5	5 - < 20	20 - < 50	50 = <		0 < - < 5	5 - < 50	50 = <
Total livestock (1000 LU)	3189.6	1229.1	171.4	342.1	4932.1	2424.6	1699.9	807.6
of which grazing (%)	61.7	67.7	70.8	59.5	63.4	64.3	76.2	33.6
Grazing livestock (1000 heads)								
Equidae	464.7	156.0	8.6	14.8	644.1	415.9	209.5	18.7
Bovine animals	1450.1	593.7	83.6	138.7	2266.1	1260.1	829.4	176.6
Under 1 year	308.0	135.9	25.8	38.7	508.4	252.8	203.8	51.9
From 1 to less than 2 years	130.5	66.9	11.3	23.5	232.2	91.4	108.7	32.1
Dairy cows	895.5	331.1	37.8	58.6	1323.0	834.5	419.5	69.0
Other cows	31.4	17.4	1.4	3.6	53.8	24.6	23.6	5.5
Other bovine animals 2 years and older	84.6	42.4	7.3	14.4	148.6	56.7	73.8	18.1
Sheep	3500.3	2094.1	480.6	832.3	6907.3	1390.2	4319.3	1197.8
Goats	390.1	157.2	30.6	30.6	608.5	204.5	361.9	42.1
Granivores								
Pigs (1000 heads)	2375.9	791.0	136.6	372.4	3676.0	1622.6	988.5	1064.9
Piglets < 20 kg	422.5	148.6	26.9	71.1	669.0	266.7	165.6	236.7
Breeding sows	332.5	113.0	19.4	56.7	521.6	195.0	162.6	164.0
Other pigs	1620.9	529.4	90.3	244.7	2485.3	1161.0	660.2	664.2
Poultry (million heads)	36.5	10.1	0.6	2.6	49.8	21.7	6.2	21.9
Broilers	12.2	1.5	0.0	1.0	14.7	1.5	0.5	12.6
Laying hens	16.2	5.6	0.3	1.3	23.5	12.9	3.3	7.4
Other poultry	8.1	2.9	0.2	0.3	11.6	7.3	2.3	1.9
Rabbits, breeding females (1000 heads)	79.1	36.6	1.8	1.2	118.7	80.5	36.1	2.1
Beehives* (1000)	529.2	164.6	10.2	6.1	710.2	498.8	90.2	2.2
Average size of herds**								
Equidae (head/holding)	1.3	1.5	1.8	6.4	1.4	1.2	1.8	9.3
Cattle (head/holding)	2.2	3.3	9.9	40.3	2.7	1.9	5.1	78.0
Dairy cows (head/holding)	1.4	2.0	4.8	18.3	1.6	1.3	2.7	32.6
Other cows (head/holding)	1.8	1.9	3.9	14.0	2.0	1.4	2.6	21.4
Sheep (head/holding)	14.9	22.2	82.6	294.4	20.5	6.1	39.8	552.5
Goats (head/holding)	5.5	6.6	19.3	41.6	6.3	2.9	13.3	68.7
Pigs (head/holding)	3.6	4.0	14.1	90.2	4.2	2.3	6.2	435.3
Breeding sows (head/holding)	2.2	1.9	4.1	23.1	2.4	1.4	2.2	94.3
Other pigs > 20 kg (head/holding)	3.0	3.3	11.5	68.6	3.5	2.0	4.9	303.7
Rabbits, breeding females (head/holding)	3.6	4.8	3.7	7.2	3.9	3.6	4.7	25.2
Laying hens (1000/holding)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8
Broilers (1000/holding)	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	29.5
Beehives (hive/holding)	26.1	17.8	17.2	21.7	23.4	22.2	14.6	20.6

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\* Bees are not taken into account when calculating Livestock Unit, there are 119 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)	8514.7	5443.3	3071.4	63.9	36.1
Regular labour force	(1000 AWU)	2407.7	1174.1	1233.6	48.8	51.2
Holders	(1000 persons)	4237.9	3013.2	1224.7	71.1	28.9
... at least 65 years old		1849.0	1273.7	575.3	68.9	31.1
... having another gainful activity		1711.4	1453.7	257.7	84.9	15.1
Number of holdings	(1000)	4256.2	3020.2	1236.0	71.0	29.0
... producing mainly for own consumption		3444.8	2590.6	854.1	75.2	24.8
... producing mainly for direct sales		703.4	348.9	354.5	49.6	50.4
... using a tractor		2221.4	1356.9	864.5	61.1	38.9
Standard Gross Margin (SGM)	(1000 ESU)	4700.1	1128.7	3571.3	24.0	76.0
Agricultural area	(1000 ha)	13906.7	3569.6	10337.1	25.7	74.3
... owned farmed		10367.0	3395.3	6971.6	32.8	67.2
Livestock	(1000 LU)	6602.8	1670.6	4932.1	25.3	74.7

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

## ► METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in Romania was carried out in February and March 2006 on a sample basis. The previous agricultural census was last conducted in 2002. The reference date of the farm structure survey for livestock, structural data and organic farming was 31 December 2005. For labour force characteristics, the reference period was the calendar year 2005; for land use, crops and irrigation the crop year 2004/2005.

The target population was all agricultural holdings regardless of their size or contribution to the agricultural output. An agricultural holding is defined as a technical-economic unit of agricultural production under single management. From the Farm Register, based on the results of the Census 2002, a representative sample was drawn. To achieve the approximately 8% sample [about 361 thousand holdings] the frame was stratified by geographical units (42 units), economic size (12 classes), type of farming (9 classes) and UAA. For the selection, the Neyman method was used. All holdings with legal entity were 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 Romania it is 1960 hours (245 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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