

Agriculture and fishery statistics pocketbook

Agricultural diversity in the EU seen through figures

Which Member States are the main producers of cereals? Which Member State produces the most drinking milk and the most cheese and where is the most beef, pork and poultry meat produced?

Answers to these questions can be found in the 2011 edition of the Pocketbook on Agriculture and fishery statistics¹ issued by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

The pocketbook presents selected tables and graphs providing a statistical overview of the agricultural sector in the European Union. The most recent data are presented for the 27 Member States as well as the EFTA countries when available. This pocketbook, intended for both generalists and specialists, is divided into seven chapters: milk and milk products, agricultural accounts and prices, main agricultural products, agriculture and the environment, land cover and land use, rural regions and fishery statistics.

This News Release presents a small selection of the information found in the pocketbook.

Almost half of total harvested EU cereal production came from France, Germany and Poland

Cereals are the main crops grown on arable land in the **EU27**. After a large cereal production in 2008, favoured by good weather conditions during the year and high cereal prices the previous year, production fell in 2009 and 2010, due to a decrease in the total area under cereals and less favourable weather conditions. On average, the **EU27** produced around 300 million tonnes of cereals per year over the period 2008-2010.

Based on the average production for 2008-2010, **France** (23% of the **EU27** total) was the largest producer of cereals, followed by **Germany** (16%), **Poland** (10%), the **United Kingdom** (8%), **Spain** (7%) and **Italy** (6%). For all three of the main cereals harvested in the EU (wheat, barley and grain maize), **France** was the main producer.

Germany, France and Italy the largest cheese producers in the EU27

Cow's milk collection² in the **EU27** reached 136.4 million (mn) tonnes in 2010. From this milk, 31.5 mn tonnes of drinking milk and 9.0 mn tonnes of cheese, among other products, were produced.

The **United Kingdom** (6.9 mn tonnes or 22% of the **EU27** total) was the largest producer of drinking milk, followed by **Germany** (5.3 mn tonnes or 17%), **France** (3.7 mn tonnes or 12%) and **Spain** (3.5 mn tonnes or 11%).

Germany (2.1 mn tonnes or 23% of the **EU27** total), **France** (1.9 mn tonnes or 21%), **Italy** (1.2 mn tonnes or 13%), the **Netherlands** (0.8 mn tonnes or 8%) and **Poland** (0.7 mn tonnes or 7%) were the main producers of cheese.

Germany, Spain and France the largest producers of pig meat in the EU27

In 2010, 22.0 mn tonnes of pig meat, 12.2 mn tonnes of poultry meat and 7.9 mn tonnes of cattle meat were produced in the **EU27**.

For pig meat, **Germany** (5.4 mn tonnes or 25% of the **EU27** total), **Spain** (3.4 mn tonnes or 15%), **France** (2.0 mn tonnes or 9%), **Poland** and **Denmark** (both 1.7 mn tonnes or 8%) and **Italy** (1.6 mn tonnes or 7%) were the largest producers.

France (1.7 mn tonnes or 14% of the **EU27** total), the **United Kingdom** (1.6 mn tonnes or 13%), **Germany** (1.4 mn tonnes or 11%), **Spain** and **Poland** (both 1.3 mn tonnes or 11%) were the largest producers of poultry meat.

For cattle meat, **France** (1.5 mn tonnes or 19% of the **EU27** total), **Germany** (1.2 mn or 15%), **Italy** (1.1 mn or 14%) and the **United Kingdom** (0.9 mn tonnes or 12%) were the largest producers.

Harvested production of cereals, average 2008 to 2010 (share of EU total)

	Cereals	of which:		
		Wheat*	Barley	Grain maize**
EU27	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Belgium	1.1	1.4	0.7	1.3
Bulgaria	2.3	3.0	1.4	2.6
Czech Republic	2.6	3.1	3.3	1.3
Denmark	3.1	3.8	5.4	-
Germany	16.1	17.7	19.2	7.6
Estonia	0.3	0.2	0.5	-
Ireland	0.7	0.6	2.1	-
Greece	1.6	1.3	0.5	4.0
Spain	6.9	4.0	14.8	5.8
France	23.0	26.8	19.5	25.1
Italy	6.4	5.3	1.8	14.7
Cyprus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Latvia	0.5	0.7	0.4	-
Lithuania	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.1
Luxembourg	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hungary	4.8	3.5	1.9	13.3
Malta	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Netherlands	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.4
Austria	1.8	1.1	1.4	3.3
Poland	9.5	6.6	6.2	2.9
Portugal	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.1
Romania	5.4	4.3	2.1	13.9
Slovenia	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5
Slovakia	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.8
Finland	1.3	0.6	3.1	0.0
Sweden	1.7	1.6	2.5	0.0
United Kingdom	7.5	10.8	10.0	0.0

- Not applicable

0.0 equals a share of less than 0.05% of total production

* Average 2008 to 2009

** Greece and Italy: average 2008 to 2009, Sweden: 2009 to 2010

A selection of agricultural products, 2010
(in 1000 tonnes)

	Production of:		Animal slaughtering:		
	Drinking milk	Cheese	Pigs	Poultry	Cattle
EU27	31 476	8 960	22 011	12 150	7 918
Belgium	699	75	1 124	506	263
Bulgaria	62	69	37	96	5
Czech Republic	627	115	276	188	74
Denmark	472	292	1 666	184	131
Germany	5 276	2 083	5 443	1 380	1 187
Estonia	94	38	32	16	9
Ireland	507	163	214	124	559
Greece	461	209	114	178	58
Spain	3 518	302	3 369	1 349	607
France	3 653	1 925	2 010	1 712	1 521
Italy	2 661	1 177	1 633	1 180	1 075
Cyprus	76	14	57	28	4
Latvia	74	31	23	23	18
Lithuania	88	95	55	72	43
Luxembourg	:	:	10	0	10
Hungary	361	73	416	360	27
Malta	:	:	7	4	1
Netherlands	582	753	1 288	799	389
Austria	728	149	542	113	225
Poland	1 472	667	1 741	1 342	386
Portugal	831	69	384	296	94
Romania	223	64	234	287	28
Slovenia	163	18	25	61	36
Slovakia	275	29	69	64	14
Finland	731	109	203	96	82
Sweden	914	103	263	119	148
United Kingdom	6 928	337	774	1 571	925

: Data not available

1. Eurostat, Pocketbook "**Agriculture and fishery statistics – main results 2009–2010**" can be downloaded in PDF format from the Eurostat website. The paper format of the publication will become available shortly. Data presented in this News Release could differ from the data published in the pocketbook, due to updates made after the data extractions used for the publication.
2. Milk collection is only a part of the total milk production of the farm, which also includes domestic consumption, direct sale and cattle feed.

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