



CAP CONTEXT INDICATORS

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23. AGE STRUCTURE OF FARM MANAGERS

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More than half of all EU farm managers are older than 55 years

The agricultural sector in the EU-28 is characterised by an ageing farming population. For each farmer younger than 35 years, there were 9 farmers older than 55 years in Europe in 2013. This ratio is even less favourable in the EU-15, where 11 farm managers 55 years old or over exist for every young one. More than half (54.9%) of all farm managers are older than 55 years in Europe, while only 6.9% of farmers are younger than 35 years. The highest proportion of elderly farm managers is observed in Portugal (73.7%), in contrast to Austria, where only 28.2% of the agricultural society is older than 55 years.

In 2013 there were 22 young farmers per 100 elderly farmers in three Member States (Finland, France and Luxemburg). While Austria had the youngest farming population, with 39 young per 100 elderly farmers, Cyprus had the oldest farming population with only 2 young farmers for 100 elderly farmers.

The average young/elderly farm manager ratio was 0.11 in the EU-28 in 2013, while in the EU-N13 it stood at 0.12 and in the EU-15 at 0.09. These figures indicate a very old agricultural society.

Table 1 - Age structure of farm managers and ratio of young managers to elderly managers, 2013

Indicator	C23 - Age structure of farm managers			
	Ratio: Farmers <35 y.o. / Farmers >55 y.o.	Farmers <35 y.o.	Farmers from 35 to 54 y. 0.	Farmers >55 y.o.
Source	Eurostat Farm Structure Survey			
Year	2013			
Unit	ratio value	%		
Country				
Belgium	0.08	4.0	48.0	48.0
Bulgaria	0.10	6.4	31.7	61.9
Czech Republic	0.08	4.6	38.6	56.8
Denmark	0.05	2.5	45.9	51.6
Germany	0.19	6.8	56.9	36.3
Estonia	0.14	7.5	40.3	52.2
Ireland	0.12	6.3	41.8	51.9
Greece	0.09	5.2	38.6	56.2
Spain	0.06	3.7	37.8	58.5
France	0.22	8.8	51.8	39.4
Croatia	:	:	:	:
Italy	0.07	4.5	32.5	63.0
Cyprus	0.02	1.7	28.3	70.0
Latvia	0.09	5.0	40.8	54.2
Lithuania	0.10	5.6	39.5	54.9
Luxembourg	0.21	8.7	49.5	41.8
Hungary	0.10	6.1	34.3	59.5
Malta	0.07	3.8	37.7	58.5
Netherlands	0.06	3.1	49.1	47.9
Austria	0.39	10.9	60.9	28.2
Poland	0.36	12.1	53.9	33.9
Portugal	0.03	2.5	23.9	73.7
Romania	0.07	4.7	30.8	64.4
Slovenia	0.09	4.8	40.8	54.4
Slovakia	0.16	8.1	40.3	51.6
Finland	0.22	8.5	52.2	39.3
Sweden	0.08	4.4	37.6	58.0
United Kingdom	0.07	3.9	37.6	58.5
EU-28	0.11	5.9	37.7	54.9
EU-15	0.09	5.2	40.0	54.9
EU-N13	0.12	6.6	37.0	56.3

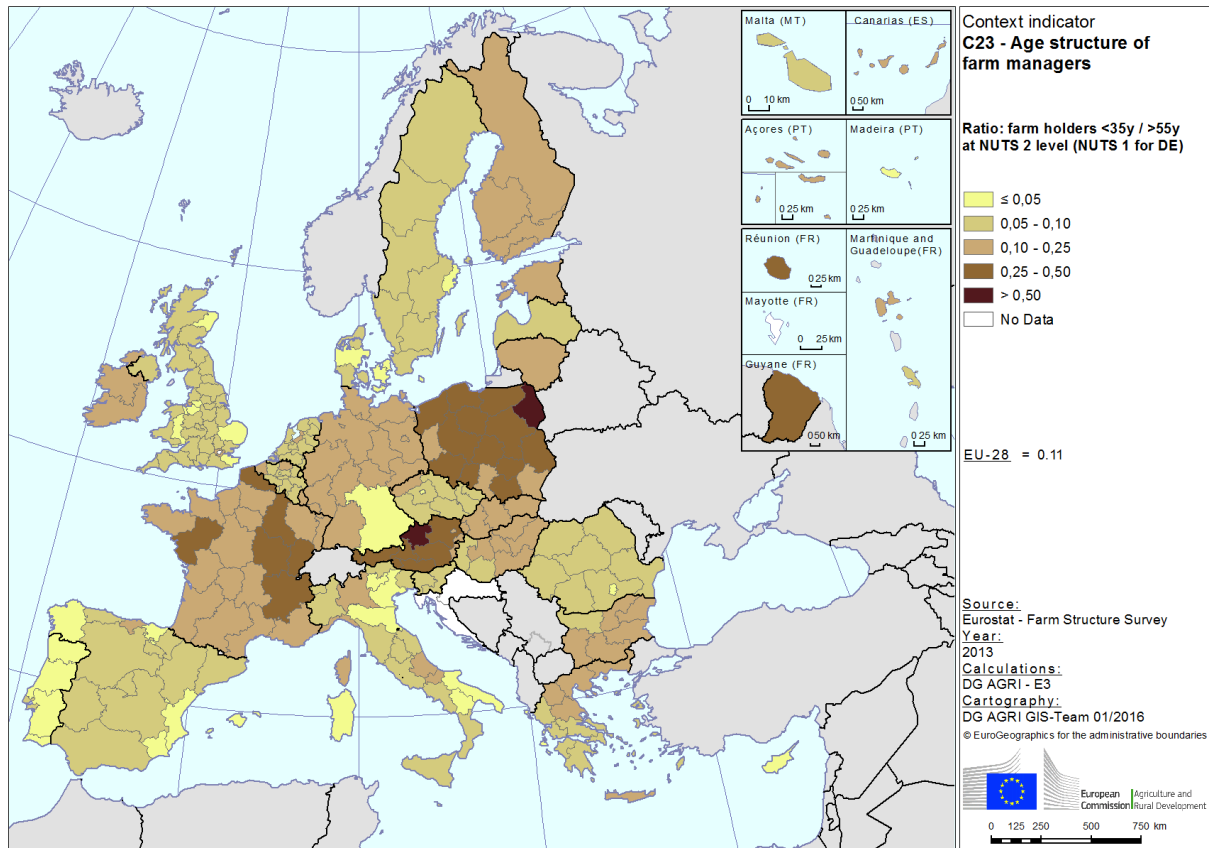
No data for Croatia in 2013

Table 2 - Number of farm managers in different age categories, 2013

Indicator	C23 - Age structure of farm managers		
Measurement	Number of farm managers less than 35 years old	No. of farm managers from 35 to 54 years old	No. of farm managers 55 years old or over
Source	Eurostat Farm Structure Survey		
Year	2013		
Unit	Number of persons		
Country			
Belgium	1 510	18 140	18 110
Bulgaria	16 300	80 680	157 430
Czech Republic	1 200	10 120	14 920
Denmark	990	17 810	20 030
Germany	19 520	162 070	103 430
Estonia	1 440	7 730	10 020
Ireland	8 730	58 390	72 480
Greece	36 890	273 990	398 610
Spain	35 700	364 530	564 780
France	41 640	244 740	185 830
Croatia	:	:	:
Italy	45 680	328 210	636 430
Cyprus	590	10 020	24 780
Latvia	4 100	33 360	44 330
Lithuania	9 660	67 840	94 300
Luxembourg	180	1 030	870
Hungary	30 170	168 700	292 470
Malta	360	3 530	5 480
Netherlands	2 080	33 100	32 300
Austria	15 370	85 520	39 540
Poland	173 560	770 940	484 500
Portugal	6 510	63 150	194 760
Romania	171 960	1 119 360	2 338 340
Slovenia	3 470	29 520	39 390
Slovakia	1 910	9 500	12 160
Finland	4 630	28 390	21 390
Sweden	2 930	25 260	38 960
United Kingdom	7 190	69 630	108 370
EU-28	644 270	4 085 260	5 954 010
EU-15	229 550	1 773 960	2 435 890
EU-N13	414 720	2 311 300	3 518 120

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Map 1 - Ratio: farm managers <35 years old/farmers >55 years old, 2013



Context indicator	23 - Age structure of farm managers
Comments on methodology and data	Last update done in 2015; no more recent data available.