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A few facts on the structure of EU agriculture

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175 million ha land
=> roughly 40% of EU land cover

11 million farms
=> 16 ha per farm

22 million people
(around 9 million full-time equivalent jobs)
=> 4.4% of total employment
Distribution of farms by size of farmland

EU farms by land size (ha)
2013
Trends in farm numbers, jobs and land

(Average annual rate of change 2003-2013)

- Farms: -2.7% per year
- Jobs (full-time equivalents): -3.3% per year

EU-15 EU-N12
Economic farm size growth

- EU-15
- EU-N12
- EU-27

Euro/holding

- 2005
- 2007
- 2010
- 2013
Key farm parameters by economic size class

EU-28, 2013

- Number of farms
- Jobs (full-time units)
- Land
- Livestock
- Production value

Legend:
- Less than 4 000 euros
- 4 000 - 24 999 000 euros
- 25 000 - 499 999 euros
- 500 000 euros or over
Dominance of family farms

Legal form of EU farms and labour force, 2013

- Sole holder holding
- Holding is legal entity
- Group holdings
- Family labour force
- Non-family labour force

EU-28, EU-15, EU-N13
Main activities of EU farms
EU-28, 2013

- Mixed farming: 14%
- Arable crops: 34%
- Grazing livestock: 21%
- Permanent crops: 17%
- Horticulture: 2%
- Pigs and poultry: 10%
The farmer

Farmers' gender

Farmers' age by farm size
EU-28, 2013

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Take away messages

• EU farms are very diverse across countries, size classes and farm types, reflecting differences in natural, economic, legal, historical and social parameters.

• Structural change is a continuous adaptation process to changing constraints.

• Small and medium-sized family farms are still the main organisational form in EU agriculture, although the bulk of production comes from bigger (family and other) farms.

=> The farmer on his little red tractor (has bought a bigger one and) rides on!