



Annex F

MICROECONOMIC (FADN) ANALYSES

The Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) is a European system of sample surveys that take place each year and collect structural and accountancy data on the farms, with the aim to monitor the income and business activities of agricultural holdings and to evaluate the impacts of the Common Agricultural Policy measures.

The FADN field of survey covers only the farms exceeding a minimum economic size (threshold) in order to cover the most relevant part of the agricultural activity of the EU Member States, i.e. at least the 90% of the total Standard Gross Margin (SGM) covered in the Farm Structure Survey (FSS). For 2005 data, the sample gathers approximately 75 000 holdings in the EU-25, which represent 4 millions farms out of a total of about 10 millions farms (40%) included in the FSS.

The rules applied aim to provide representative data along three dimensions: region, economic size and type of farming. FADN is the only source of micro-economic data that is harmonised, i.e. the bookkeeping principles are the same in all EU countries.

For more information: <http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rica/index.cfm>

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