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Main figures - Year 2017		
Population (1 st January)	7 101 859	persons
Area*	110 370	km ²
Currency	BGN	lev
Nominal GDP at current prices	50 285	million EUR
GDP per capita at current prices	7 097	EUR
GDP per capita at purchasing power	14 895	PPS
Harmonised index of consumer prices	1.0%	change over previous year
Unemployment rate	6.4	% of labour force
Exports (goods & services)**	58 580	million EUR
Imports (goods & services)**	58 663	million EUR
Balance (goods & services)***	1 713	million EUR
Exports of agricultural products	4 169	million EUR
Imports of agricultural products	3 112	million EUR
Current account balance	2.5	% of GDP
General government balance	0.0	% of GDP
General government gross debt	25.7	% of GDP

Sources: European Commission, Eurostat, and Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs.

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* Data refer to the year 2015

** 2010 prices

*** current prices

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1. KEY DATA

Macroeconomics				
Population (new European Commission methodology)				
Total population (number of persons), of which:	2016	7 153 784	1.4%	of EU-28
in predominantly rural regions (PR)	2016	13.1%	19.2%	in EU-28
in intermediate regions	2016	68.5%	36.0%	in EU-28
in predominantly urban regions	2016	18.4%	44.8%	in EU-28
Population in PR regions (number of persons)	2016	936 935	1.0%	of EU-28
GDP				
In EUR (current prices):				
Million EUR	2017	50 285	0.3%	of EU-28
GDP per capita	2017	7 097	29 833	in EU-28
GDP per capita (PPS)	2017	14 895	29 833	in EU-28
Real GDP growth rate (% change over previous year)	2017	3.9%	2.3%	in EU-28
Gross value added				
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (% of total GVA)	2017	4.3%	1.6%	in EU-28
Financial aspects				
Agricultural expenditure				
Total expenditure (million EUR), of which:	2017	1 152.0	0.0%	of EU-28
Direct payments (%)	2017	67.2%	70.6%	in EU-28
Market measures (%)	2017	3.3%	5.1%	in EU-28
Rural development (%)	2017	29.5%	24.3%	in EU-28
Economic accounts of agriculture				
Agricultural output				
Agricultural goods output (million EUR), of which:	2017	3 377.3	0.9%	of EU-28
Crop output, of which:	2017	74.1%	1.2%	of EU-28
Cereals (including seeds)	2017	36.0%	2.7%	of EU-28
Industrial crops	2017	24.4%	3.9%	of EU-28
Forage plants	2017	2.7%	0.4%	of EU-28
Vegetables and horticultural products	2017	4.3%	0.3%	of EU-28
Potatoes	2017	1.0%	0.3%	of EU-28
Fruits	2017	5.1%	0.7%	of EU-28
Wine	2017	0.0%	0.0%	of EU-28
Olive oil	2017	0.0%	0.0%	of EU-28
Animal output, of which:	2017	25.9%	0.5%	of EU-28
Cattle	2017	2.2%	0.2%	of EU-28
Pigs	2017	4.0%	0.4%	of EU-28
Sheep and goats	2017	2.0%	1.3%	of EU-28
Poultry	2017	3.5%	0.6%	of EU-28
Milk	2017	10.9%	0.6%	of EU-28
Eggs	2017	2.6%	0.8%	of EU-28
Gross value added at basic prices (million EUR)	2017	1505.4	0.8%	of EU-28
Agricultural input				
Total intermediate consumption (million EUR)	2016	2 213.3	0.9%	of EU-28
Agricultural income				
Indicator A (% change over previous year)	2017	9.2%	8.4%	in EU-28
Farm structure				
Holdings				
Total (No), of which:	2013	254 410	2.3%	of EU-28
UAA < 5 ha (%)	2013	86.9%	66.3%	in EU-28
Economic size < 4 000 €	2013	75.3%	55.7%	in EU-28
Holder < 35 years (%)	2013	6.4%	6.0%	in EU-28
Holder > 64 years (%)	2013	36.7%	31.1%	in EU-28
UAA per holding (has)	2013	18.3	16.1	in EU-28
Labour force				
Persons (No), of which:	2013	557 670	2.5%	of EU-28
Women (%)	2013	42.4%	41.8%	in EU-28
Holders (%)	2013	44.4%	46.8%	in EU-28
Agriculture in % of total employment	2016	6.6%	4.0%	in EU-28

Sources: European Commission, Eurostat and Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development.

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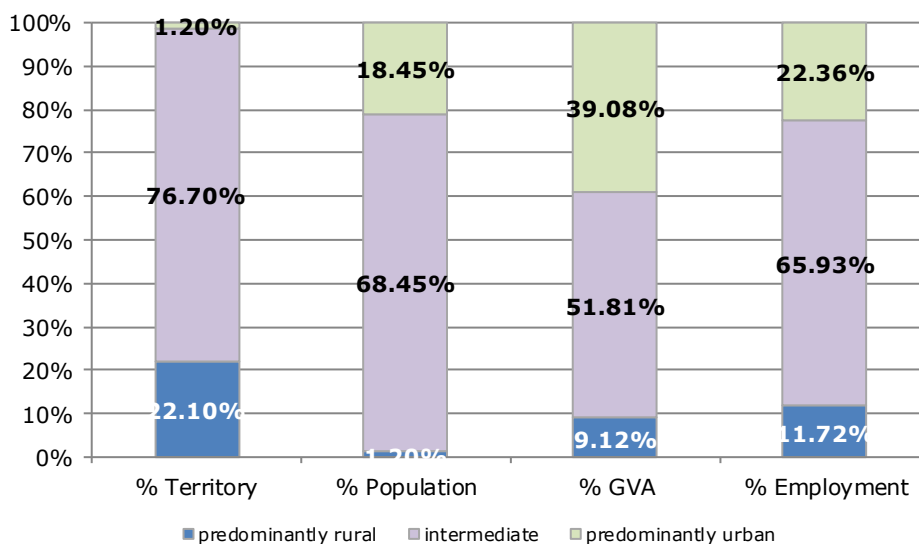
2. POPULATION AND ECONOMY

Importance of rural areas

	Territory (km ²)	Population (persons)	GVA (Million EUR)	Employment (persons)
Year	2015	2016	2014	2016
Predominantly Rural Regions	24 387	936 935	3 384	346 100
Intermediate Regions	84 654	4 897 045	19 233	1 947 700
Predominantly Urban Regions	1 329	1 319 804	14 508	660 500
Total	110 370	7 153 784	37 125	2 954 300

Source: Eurostat.

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Economic forecast

Indicators	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
GDP										
In million EUR (current prices)	38 231	41 292	41 947	42 012	42 762	45 287	48 129	50 285	53 257	56 284
Per capita (in PPS; current prices)	11 427	11 824	12 247	12 216	12 771	13 616	14 220	14 895	15 734	16 604
% change over previous period										
GDP growth (at constant prices)	1.3%	1.9%	0.0%	0.9%	1.3%	3.6%	3.9%	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%
GDP deflator	1.1%	6.0%	1.6%	-0.7%	0.5%	2.2%	2.2%	0.6%	2.1%	2.1%
Harmonised index of consumer prices	3.0%	3.4%	2.4%	0.4%	-1.6%	-1.1%	-1.3%	1.0%	1.5%	1.6%
Exports (goods and services)	11.0%	12.6%	2.0%	9.6%	3.1%	5.7%	8.1%	5.2%	4.9%	5.0%
Imports (goods and services)	-0.9%	9.9%	5.5%	4.3%	5.2%	5.4%	4.5%	5.5%	5.0%	4.9%
Net exports of goods and services (million EUR)	-1 089	155	-1 331	-172	-403	67	2 076	1 713	1 991	2 328
% of total employment										
Unemployment rate	10.3	11.3	12.3	13.0	11.4	9.2	7.6	6.4	6.0	5.7
% of GDP										
Current account balance	-1.7	0.3	-0.9	1.3	0.1	0.0	5.3	2.5	2.2	2.0
General government balance	-3.1	-2.0	-0.3	-0.4	-5.5	-1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
General government gross debt	15.3	15.2	16.7	17.0	27.0	26.0	29.0	25.7	24.3	22.8

Source: European Commission, Eurostat and Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs

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Data for 2018 and 2019 is a forecast

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3.1. AGRICULTURE: FINANCIAL ASPECTS

CAP expenditure

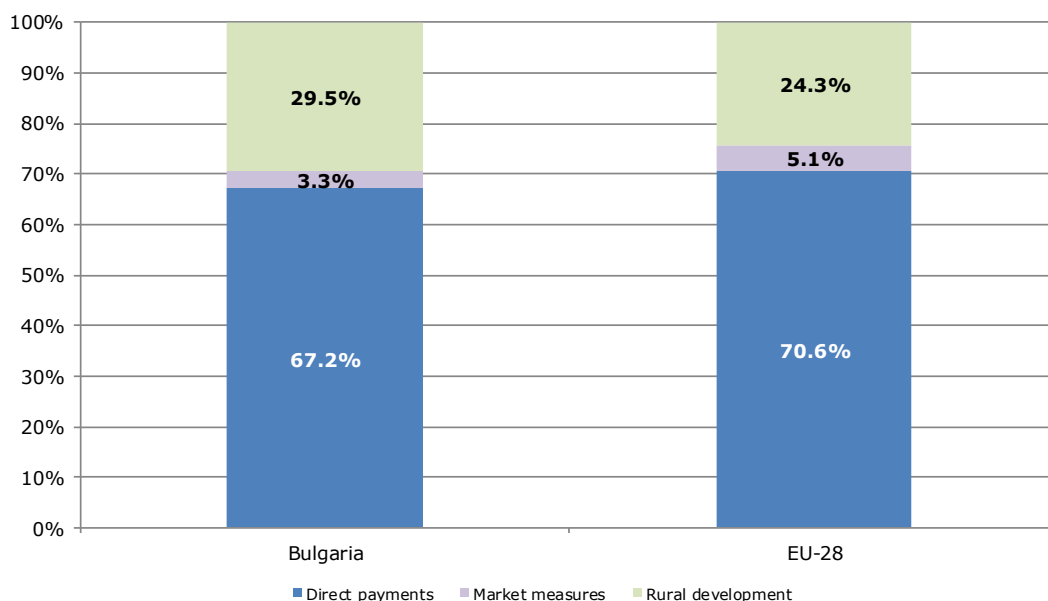
Measures	2017		
	1 000 EUR		
Decoupled direct aids	653 238	56.7%	84.4%
Other direct aids	120 842	10.5%	15.6%
Additional amounts of aid	0	0.0%	0.0%
Reimbursement of direct aids in relation to financial discipline	0	0.0%	0.0%
Direct payments	774 080	67.2%	100.0%
Olive oil	0	0.0%	0.0%
Textile plants	0	0.0%	0.0%
Fruit and vegetables	5 437	0.5%	14.5%
Wine sector	22 706	2.0%	60.5%
Promotion	1 345	0.1%	3.6%
Other plant products/measures	0	0.0%	0.0%
Milk and milk products	7 182	0.6%	19.2%
Beef and veal	0	0.0%	0.0%
Sheepmeat and goatmeat	0	0.0%	0.0%
Pigmeat, eggs, poultry and other	830	0.1%	2.2%
School schemes*	0	0.0%	0.0%
Market measures	37 500	3.3%	100%
Rural development	340 410	29.5%	
TOTAL	1 151 991	100.0%	

Note: Expenditure in commitments for direct payments and market measures; ceilings of support for rural development.

* Programme implementation based on school years; reimbursement possible in the next financial year

Source: European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development

Distribution of CAP expenditure



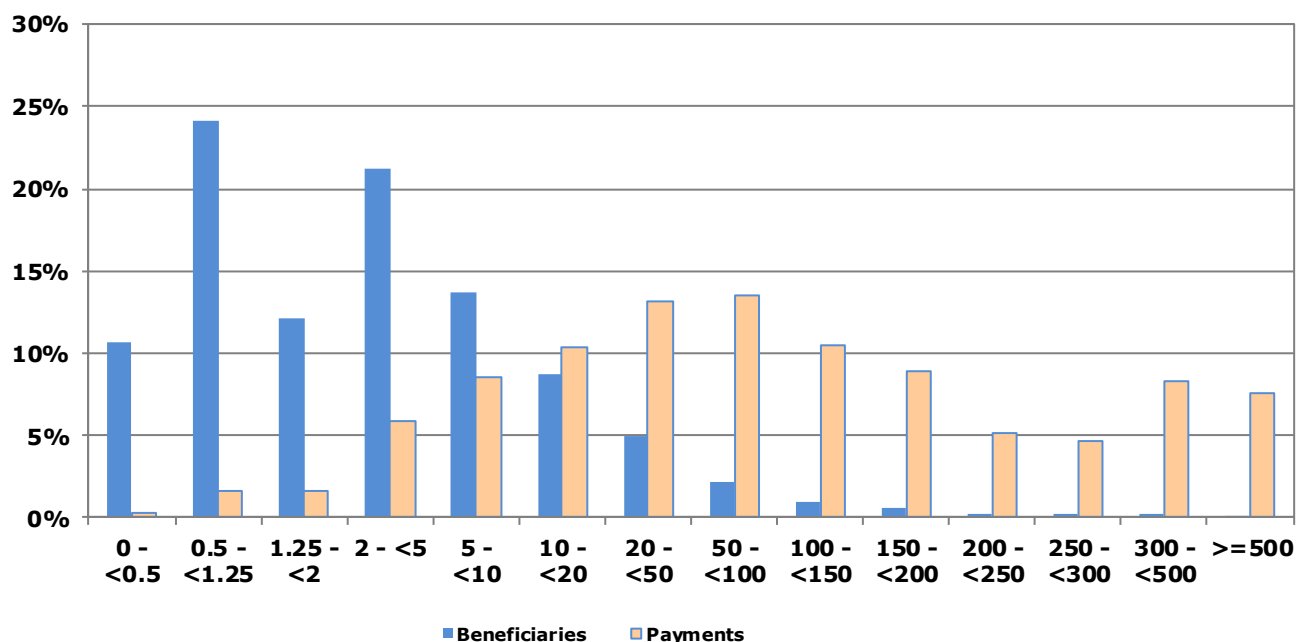
Distribution of direct aids to the producers

Size-class of aid (all direct payments)	Financial year 2017			
	Beneficiaries		Payments in EUR	
	x 1 000	% of total	x 1 000	% of total
< 0 €	0.00	0.00%	0	0.0%
≥ 0 and < 500 €	7.14	10.61%	2 157	0.3%
≥ 500 and < 1 250 €	16.26	24.17%	12 787	1.7%
≥ 1 250 and < 2 000 €	8.16	12.13%	13 005	1.7%
≥ 2 000 and < 5 000 €	14.32	21.27%	45 803	5.9%
≥ 5 000 and < 10 000 €	9.19	13.65%	65 992	8.5%
≥ 10 000 and < 20 000 €	5.85	8.69%	80 387	10.4%
≥ 20 000 and < 50 000 €	3.31	4.92%	101 799	13.2%
≥ 50 000 and < 100 000 €	1.46	2.17%	104 459	13.5%
≥ 100 000 and < 150 000 €	0.66	0.99%	80 901	10.5%
≥ 150 000 and < 200 000 €	0.40	0.59%	69 059	8.9%
≥ 200 000 and < 250 000 €	0.18	0.26%	39 430	5.1%
≥ 250 000 and < 300 000 €	0.13	0.20%	35 814	4.6%
≥ 300 000 and < 500 000 €	0.18	0.26%	64 098	8.3%
≥ 500 000 €	0.06	0.09%	58 389	7.5%
Total	67.29	100%	774 080	100%

Source: European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development.

Note: In order to protect the anonymity of the beneficiaries, numbers less than 10 have been made invisible in this table.

Indicative figures on the distribution of direct aid by size-class of aid (1 000 EUR)



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4.1. AGRICULTURE: ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Agricultural output

Output components (constant prices)	2015	2016	2017		
	Million EUR		Million EUR	% of total	% of EU-28
Cereals:	1120	1069	1077	36.0%	2.6%
Wheat and spelt	651	661	690	23.1%	3.3%
Rye and meslin	2	2	2	0.1%	0.2%
Barley	97	95	77	2.6%	1.0%
Oats and summer cereal mixtures	2	4	3	0.1%	0.2%
Grain maize	344	288	288	9.6%	3.2%
Rice	15	11	12	0.4%	1.9%
Other cereals	9	8	7	0.2%	0.4%
Industrial crops:	822	823	729	24.4%	3.7%
Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	719	708	622	20.8%	5.5%
Protein crops	9	18	29	1.0%	2.3%
Raw tobacco	42	30	21	0.7%	4.3%
Sugar beet	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Other industrial crops	52	66	58	1.9%	1.8%
Forage plants	58	73	80	2.7%	0.4%
Vegetables and horticultural products	112	139	130	4.3%	0.3%
Potatoes	29	22	29	1.0%	0.3%
Fruits	139	146	154	5.1%	0.6%
Wine	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Olive oil	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Other crop products	16	20	18	0.6%	0.6%
Crop output	2 297	2 293	2 217	74.1%	1.1%
Animals:	431	367	349	11.7%	0.4%
Cattle	74	60	66	2.2%	0.2%
Pigs	129	120	118	4.0%	0.3%
Equines	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Sheep and goats	77	68	60	2.0%	1.2%
Poultry	151	118	105	3.5%	0.5%
Other animals	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Animal products:	420	397	426	14.2%	0.6%
Milk	307	298	326	10.9%	0.6%
Eggs	79	70	78	2.6%	0.8%
Other animal products	34	28	23	0.8%	0.9%
Animal output	851	764	776	25.9%	0.5%
Agricultural goods output	3 148	3 057	2 993	100.0%	0.8%

Source: Eurostat, Economic Accounts for Agriculture (values at real producer prices).

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4.2. AGRICULTURE: ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Agricultural input

Input components	2015	2016	2017	2016/2015	2017/2016
	Million EUR			% Change	
Seeds and planting stock	81	88	95	9.1%	7.1%
Energy	527	480	492	-9.0%	2.5%
Fertilisers and soil improvers	171	176	179	3.0%	1.4%
Plant protection products	169	144	120	-14.6%	-16.5%
Veterinary expenses	122	109	100	-10.6%	-8.2%
Feedingstuffs	474	416	406	-12.2%	-2.4%
Maintenance of materials	154	138	126	-10.6%	-8.2%
Maintenance of buildings	76	68	62	-10.6%	-8.2%
Agricultural services	226	200	203	-11.4%	1.2%
Other goods and services	156	132	144	-15.2%	8.8%
Total intermediate consumption	2 199	1 985	1 961	-9.7%	-1.2%
Fixed capital consumption	365	392	409	7.4%	4.4%

Note: 2017 data are estimates and may still change

Source: Eurostat, Economic Accounts for Agriculture: values at real basic prices (2010 = 100)

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Agricultural income

Values at basic prices	2015	2016	2017	2016/2015	2017/2016
	Million EUR			% Change	
Output of the agricultural "industry":	3 482	3 357	3 295	-3.6%	-1.9%
Crop output	2 297	2 293	2 217	-0.1%	-3.3%
Animal output:	851	764	776	-10.3%	1.6%
<i>Animals</i>	431	367	349	-14.8%	-4.8%
<i>Animal products</i>	420	397	426	-5.6%	7.5%
Agricultural services	226	200	203	-11.4%	1.2%
Secondary activities	108	100	100	-7.3%	-0.2%
- Intermediate consumption	2 199	1 985	1 961	-9.7%	-1.2%
= Gross value added at basic prices	1 477	1 584	1 527	7.2%	-3.5%
- Consumption of fixed capital	365	392	409	7.4%	4.4%
- Taxes	1	1	1	9.0%	11.0%
+ Subsidies	617	722	825	16.9%	14.4%
= Factor income	1 728	1 912	1 942	10.6%	1.6%
Agricultural income* (2010=100)	158.1	188.2	205.5	19.0%	9.2%

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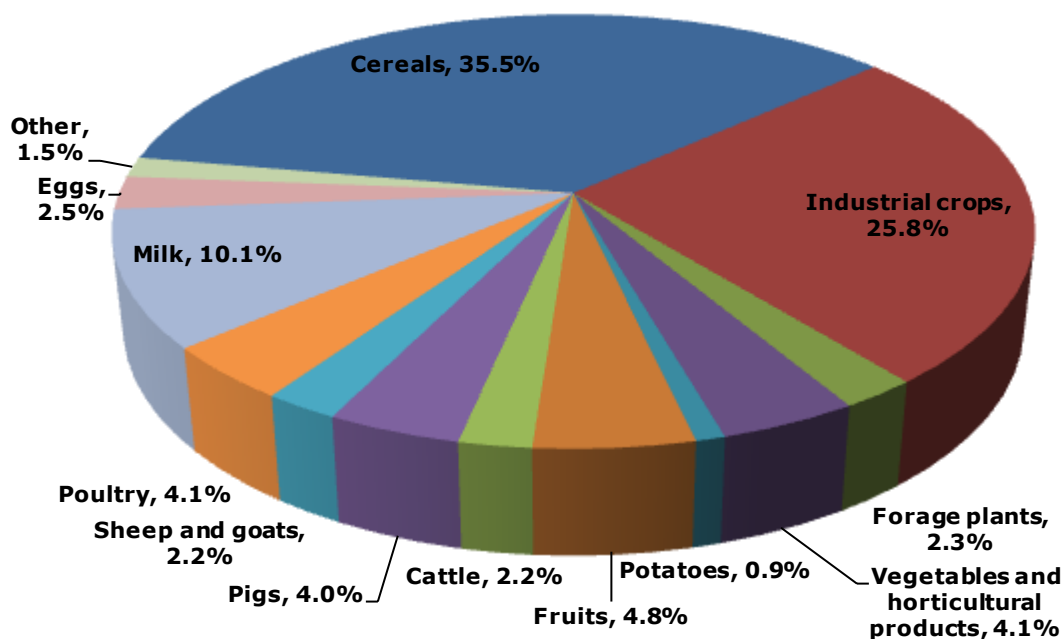
Source: Eurostat, Economic Accounts for Agriculture (values at real prices; constant prices for *Indicator A - see definition at the end of this document).

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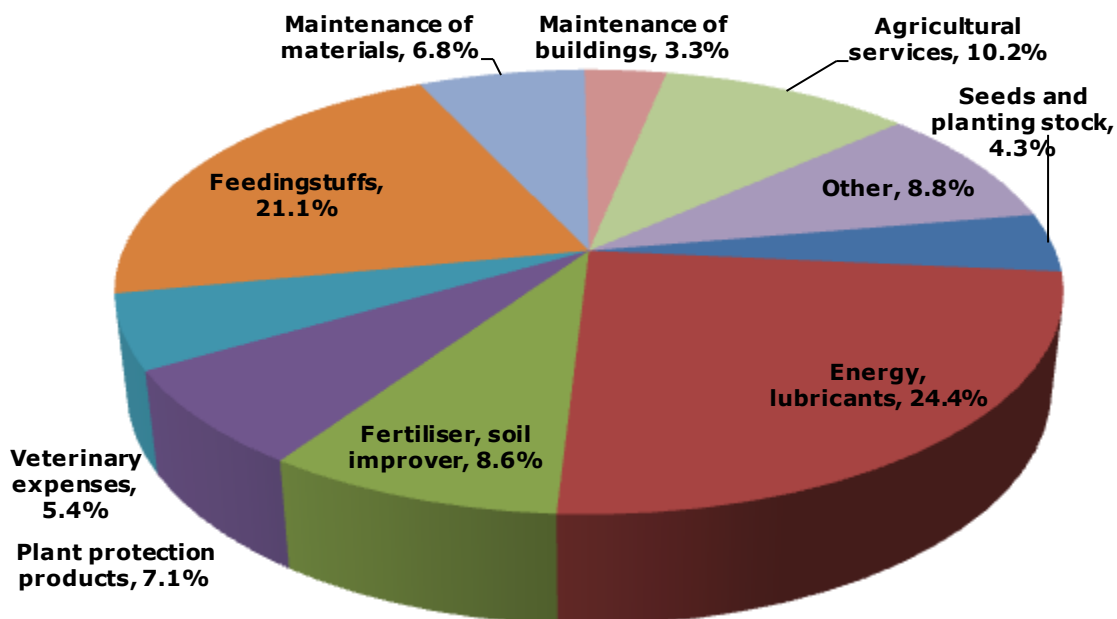
4.3. AGRICULTURE: ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Output components (2015-2017 average)



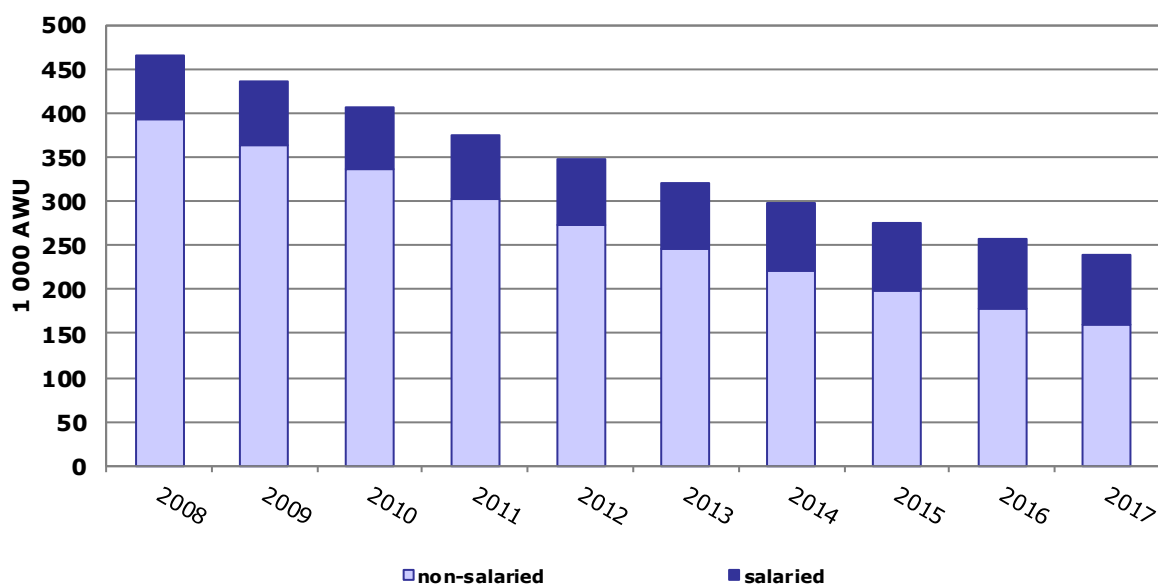
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Intermediate consumption (2015-2017 average)



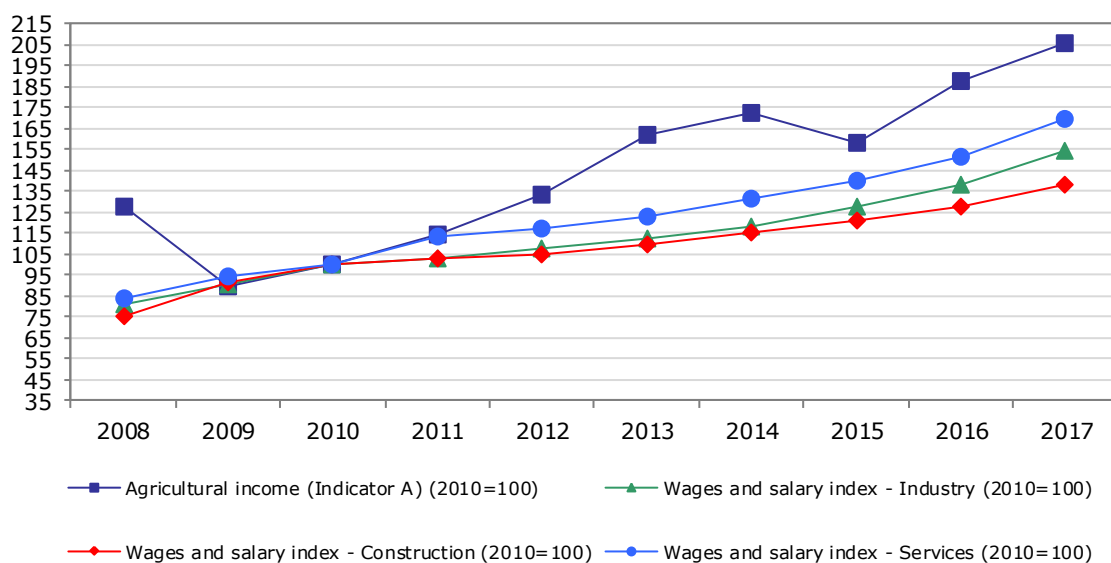
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Evolution of agricultural labour input



Source: Eurostat Updated: May 2018

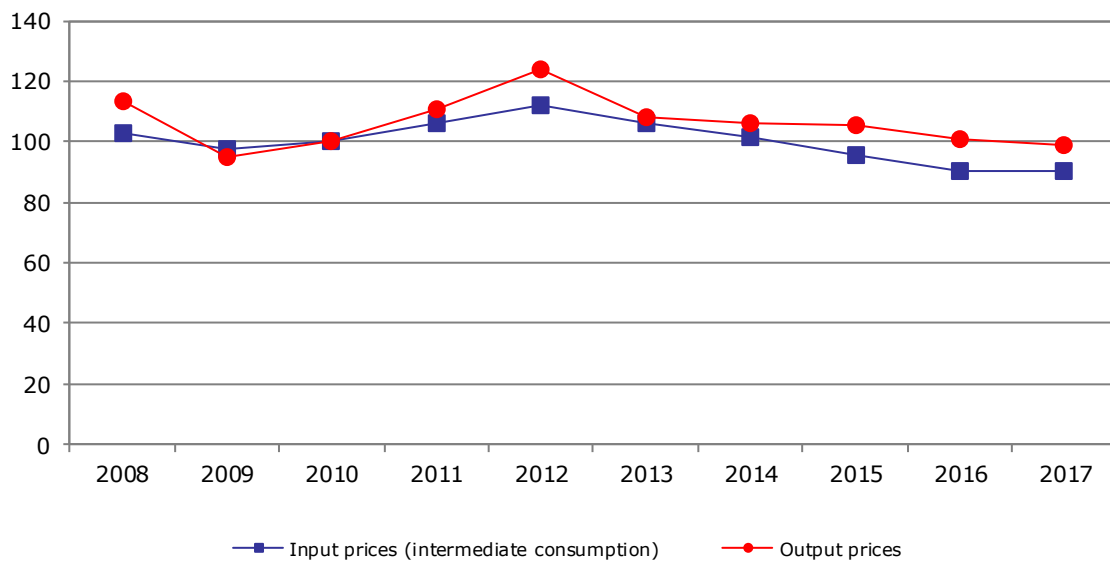
Evolution of agricultural income (*) compared to wages and salaries in other sectors of the economy



Source: Eurostat Updated: May 2018

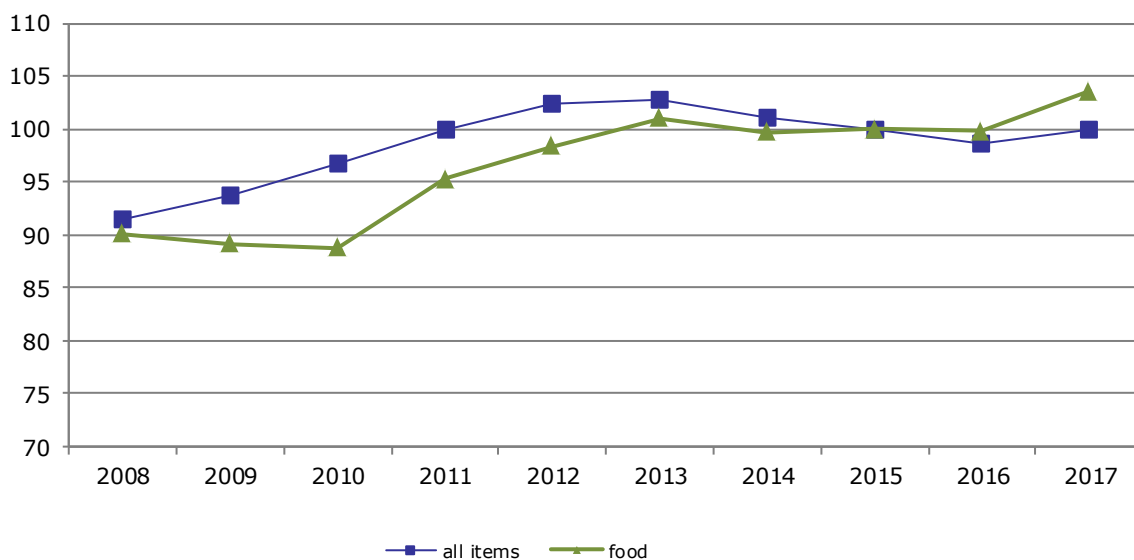
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Evolution of agricultural input and output prices



Source: Eurostat Updated: May 2018

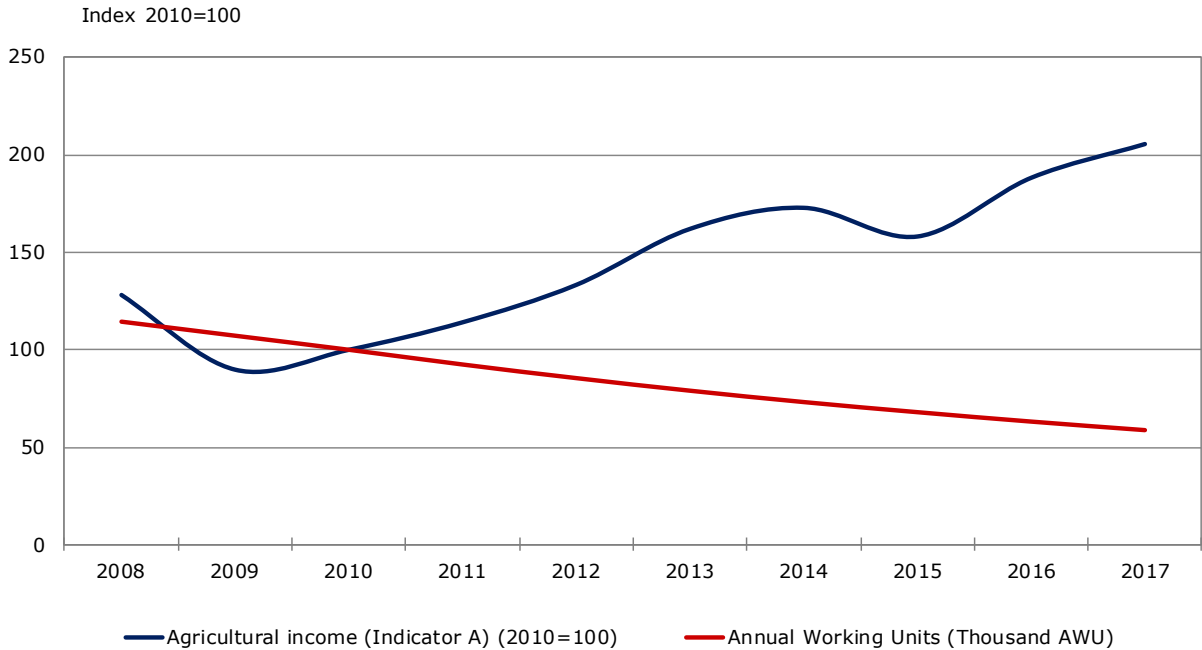
Evolution of harmonised indices of consumer prices



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4.6. AGRICULTURE: ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

Farmers' income and labour development index (real terms)



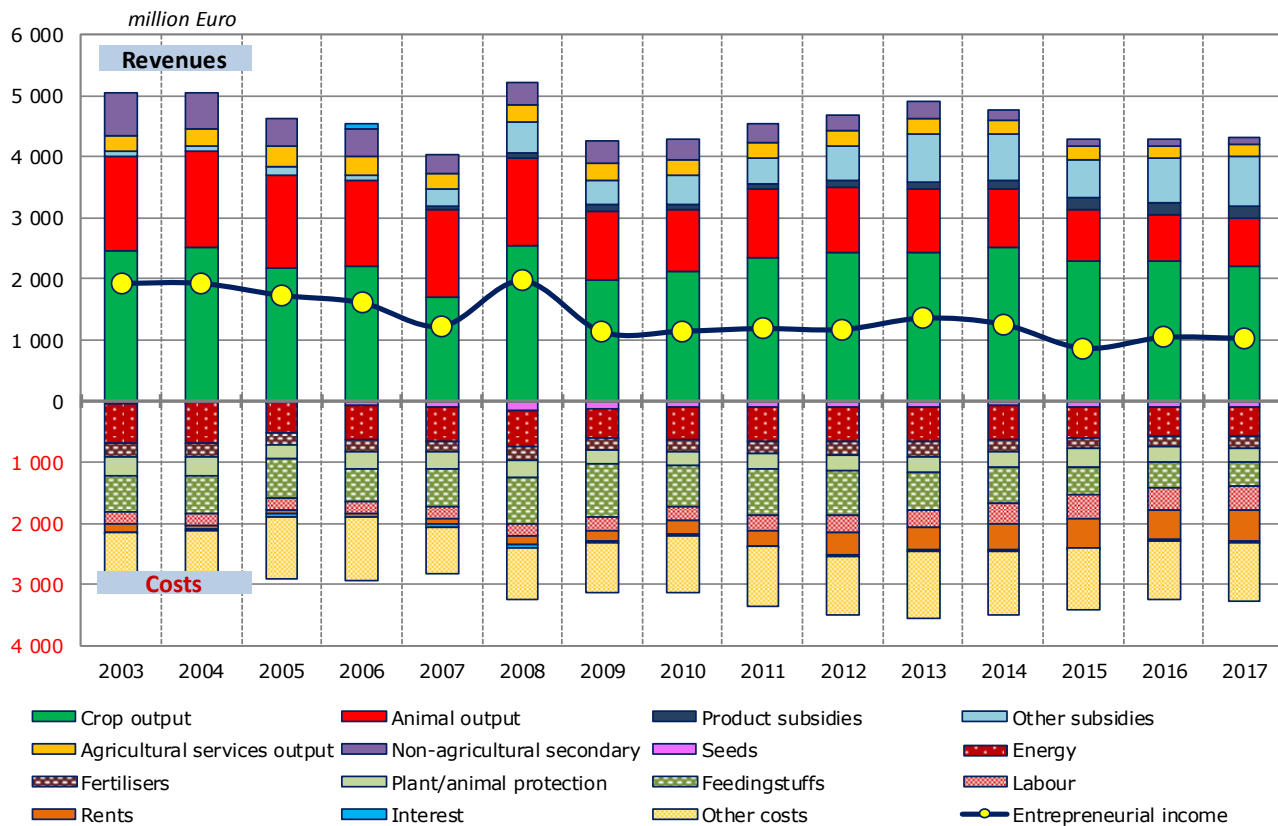
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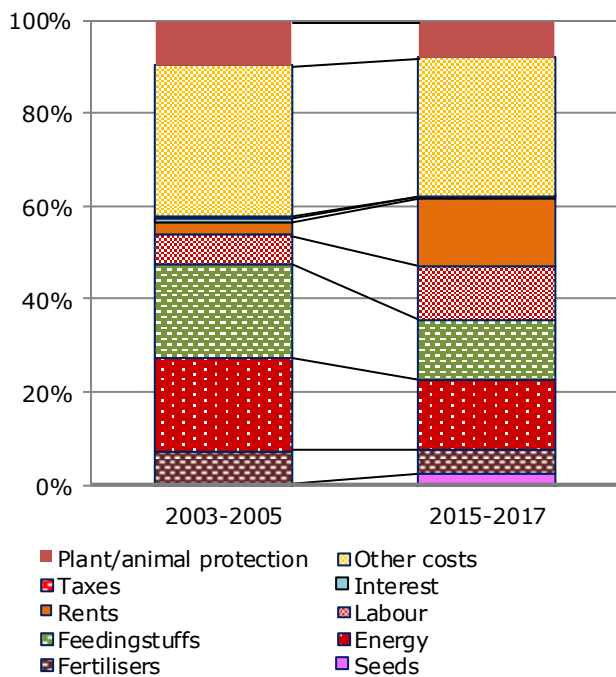
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4.7. AGRICULTURE: ECONOMIC ACCOUNTS

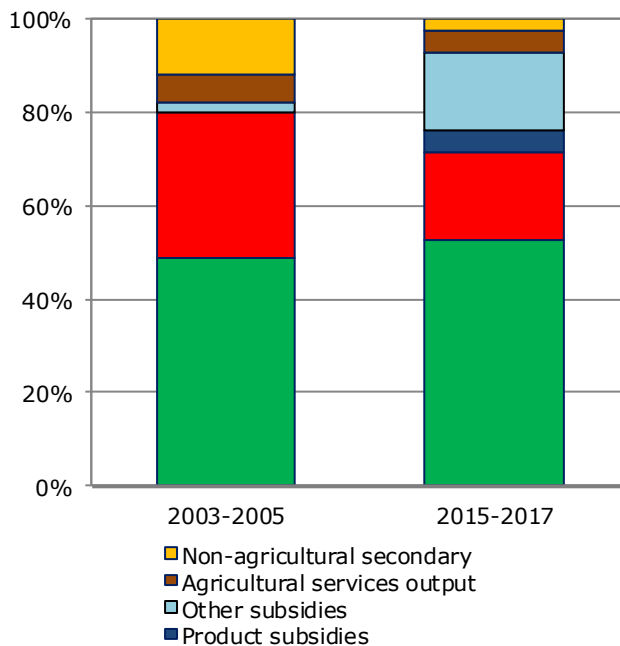
Agricultural income (real prices)



Cost Structure



Revenue Structure



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5.1. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

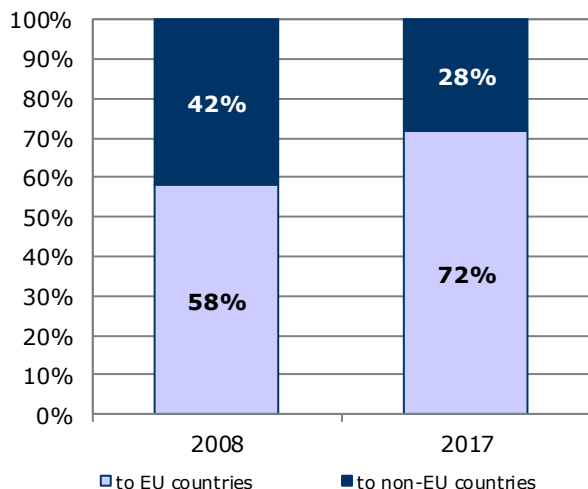
Agricultural trade in 2017

By category of product	Total trade	Trade with EU countries		Trade with non-EU countries	
	Million EUR	Million EUR	% change 2017/2016	Million EUR	% change 2017/2016
Exports					
Commodities	2071.2	1565.6	4.9%	505.6	-27.42%
Other primary products	597.9	463.0	15.0%	134.9	32.22%
Processed products	373.4	307.4	7.6%	65.9	-11.99%
Food preparations	555.7	374.4	7.9%	181.3	-5.20%
Beverages	53.6	38.9	10.5%	14.5	-3.39%
Non edible	517.0	232.0	-6.3%	279.9	-0.67%
Total agricultural products	4168.8	2981.3	6.1%	1182.1	-13.18%
as % of total exports	15.7%	17.1%	-	13.2%	-
Imports					
Commodities	863.2	588.4	13.5%	274.8	7.6%
Other primary products	825.7	674.4	15.5%	151.3	12.3%
Processed products	324.5	294.9	12.2%	29.5	-15.7%
Food preparations	550.5	480.4	10.6%	70.0	1.0%
Beverages	195.4	157.7	0.9%	37.7	9.6%
Non edible	352.9	258.6	1.6%	94.3	22.0%
Total agricultural products	3112.1	2454.4	11.1%	657.5	8.50%
as % of total imports	10.3%	12.8%	-	6.1%	-
Balance					
Commodities	1208.0	977.2	-	230.9	-
Other primary products	-227.9	-211.5	-	-16.4	-
Processed products	48.9	12.6	-	36.5	-
Food preparations	5.2	-106.0	-	111.2	-
Beverages	-141.9	-118.7	-	-23.2	-
Non edible	164.2	-26.6	-	185.6	-
Total agricultural products	1056.6	526.9	-	524.6	-

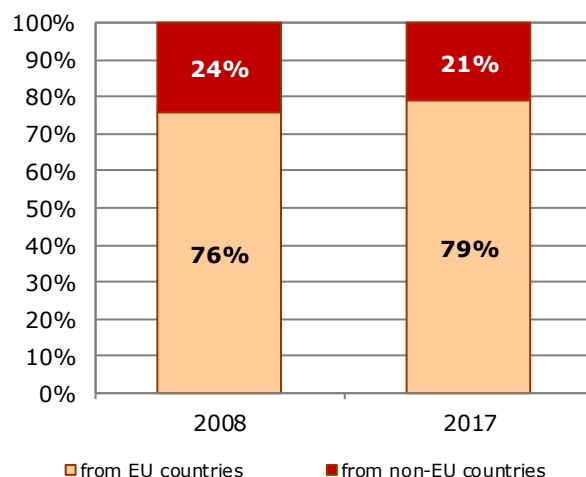
Source: Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, based on COMEXT data

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Exports of agricultural products



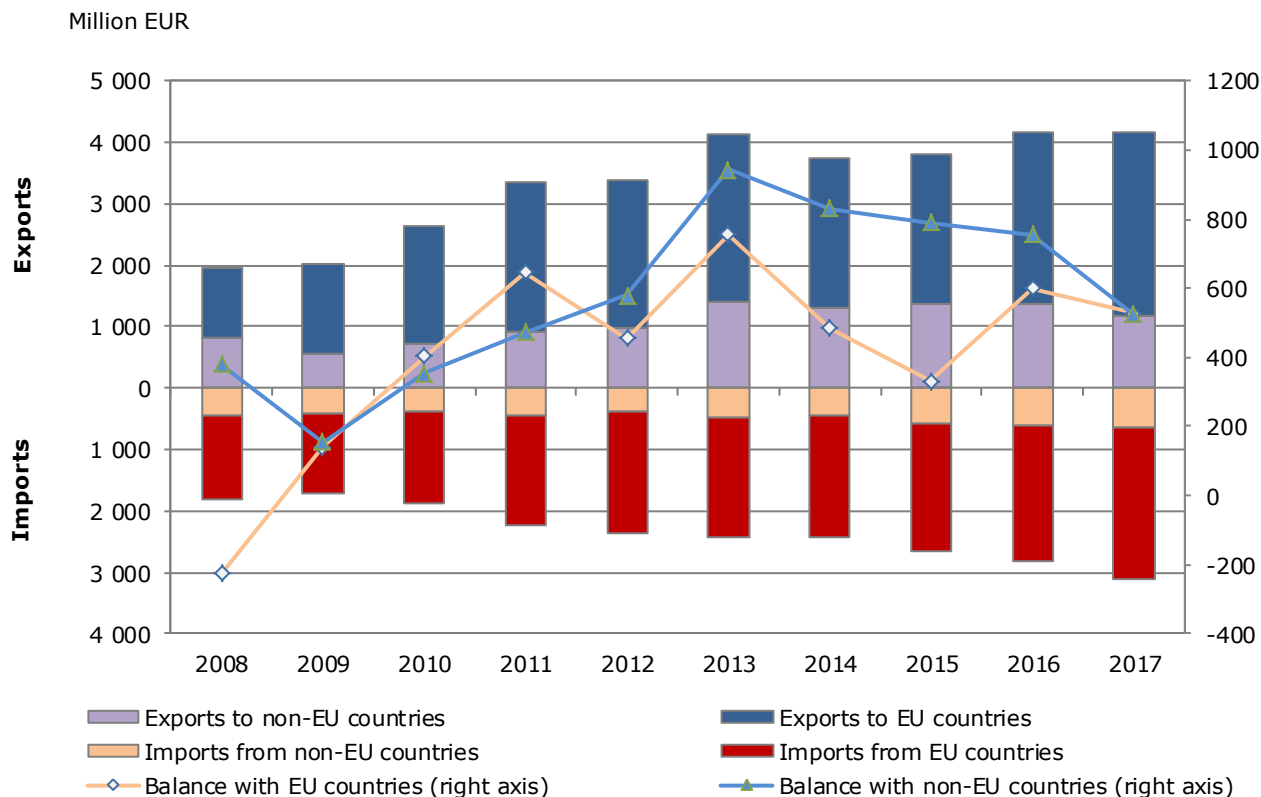
Imports of agricultural products



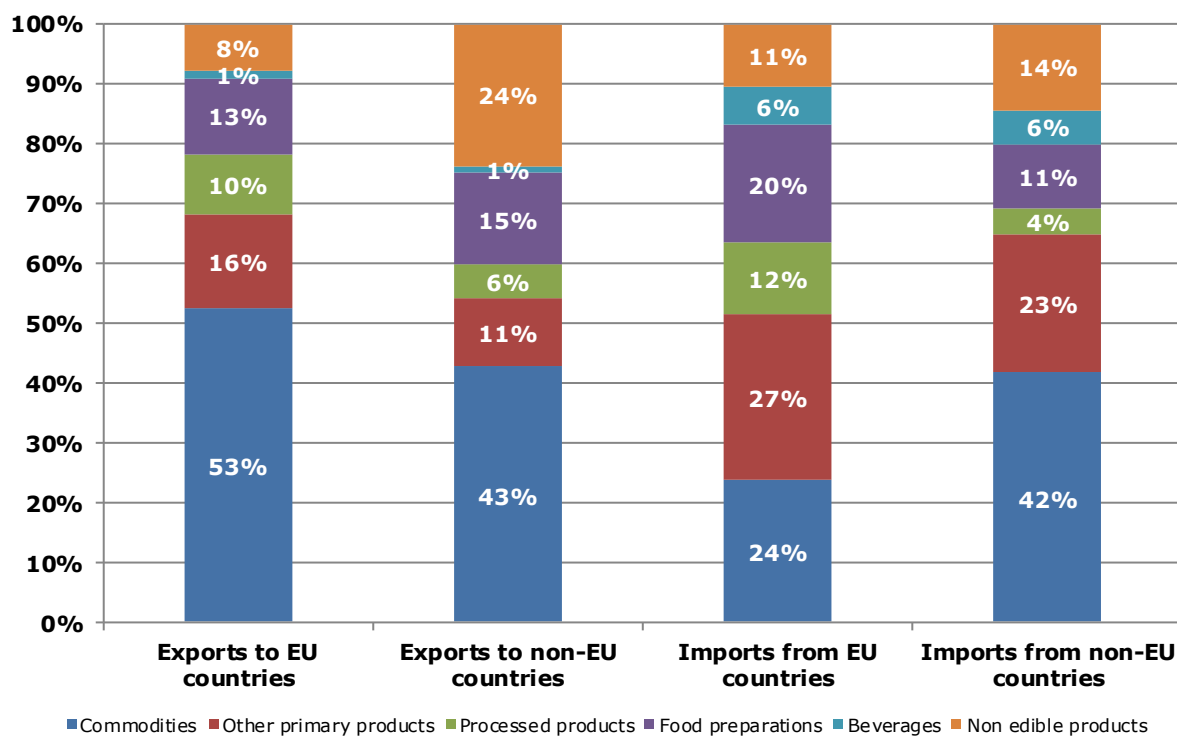
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5.2. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

Evolution of agricultural trade with EU and non-EU countries



Structure of agricultural exports and imports



6.1. FARM STRUCTURE

Structure of agricultural holdings

Holdings		2005		2013	
		Total	%	Total	%
By UAA (*)	< 5 ha	511 190	95.6%	221 000	86.9%
	5-10 ha	10 440	2.0%	10 880	4.3%
	10-20 ha	4 760	0.9%	6 780	2.7%
	20-30 ha	1 570	0.3%	3 210	1.3%
	30-50 ha	1 330	0.2%	3 410	1.3%
	50-100 ha	1 510	0.3%	2 960	1.2%
	> 100 ha	3 820	0.7%	6 160	2.4%
By economic size (**)	< 4 000 €	464 550	86.9%	191 600	75.3%
	< 8 000 €	45 180	8.5%	27 550	10.8%
	< 15 000 €	12 460	2.3%	13 850	5.4%
	< 25 000 €	4 800	0.9%	7 060	2.8%
	< 50 000 €	3 180	0.6%	6 040	2.4%
	< 100 000 €	1 830	0.3%	3 270	1.3%
	< 250 000 €	1 510	0.3%	2 460	1.0%
	=/> 500 000 €	450	0.1%	1 230	0.5%
By LSU (***)	0	57 240	10.7%	77 050	30.3%
	0-5	445 140	83.3%	154 350	60.7%
	5-10	20 850	3.9%	8 700	3.4%
	10-15	4 800	0.9%	4 220	1.7%
	15-20	1 950	0.4%	2 450	1.0%
	20-50	3 350	0.6%	5 160	2.0%
	50-100	720	0.1%	1 570	0.6%
	100-500	430	0.1%	760	0.3%
	> 500	130	0.0%	140	0.1%
By age of holder	< 35 years	22 270	4.2%	16 300	6.4%
	35-44 years	55 460	10.4%	33 680	13.2%
	45-54 years	96 150	18.0%	47 000	18.5%
	55-64 years	139 170	26.0%	64 100	25.2%
	> 64 years	221 560	41.4%	93 330	36.7%
Total	534 610	100	254 410	100	
UAA in 1 000 ha	2 729		4 651		
UAA (ha) per holding	5.1		18.3		

Source: Eurostat, Farm Structure Survey

Updated: January 2017

(*) UAA = Utilised agricultural area.

(**) Economic size: The standard output of an agricultural product (crop or livestock), abbreviated as SO, is the average monetary value of the agricultural output at farm-gate price, in euro per hectare or per head of livestock. There is a regional SO coefficient for each product, as an average value over a reference period (5 years, except for the SO 2004 coefficient calculated using the average of 3 years). The sum of all the SO per hectare of crop and per head of livestock in a farm is a measure of its overall [economic size](#), expressed in euro.

(***) LSU = Livestock units. A LSU is equivalent to a dairy cow. The number of animals (heads) is converted into LSU using a set of coefficients reflecting the feed requirements of the different animal categories.

6.2. FARM STRUCTURE

Structure of farm labour force

2013			
Family labour force		Non family labour force	
persons:	499 690		
of which women:	44.6%		
AWUs (*):	245 090	AWUs:	75 140
Holders	Family members	Regular non family labour force	Non regular non family labour force
persons:	persons:	persons:	
247 880	251 810	57 990	
of which women:	of which women:	of which women:	
22.5%	66.3%	31.4%	
AWUs:	AWUs:	AWUs:	AWUs:
136 260	108 830	53 290	21 850
Total farm labour force (persons)		557 670	
Total farm labour force (AWUs)		320 230	

Source: Eurostat, Farm Structure Survey

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* AWUs = Annual work units. An AWU is equivalent to a worker employed on a full time basis for one year.

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