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Structure of agricultural holdings

Estonia 2003

A farm structure survey was carried out in all EU Member States in 2003 (2002 in Poland). The detailed results are now available for Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Results for the other Member States will become available in the course of the next months. This Statistics in Focus is part of a series of country-specific publications, all following the same structure.

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In Estonia, in summer 2003 about 14 500 agricultural holdings had an economic size of at least 1 ESU (European Size Unit)*.

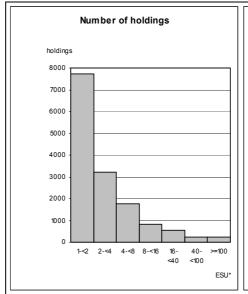
- These holdings employed 27 600 AWUs (annual work units), the equivalent of 27 600 persons working full time;
- they made use of 703 thousand ha of agricultural area, which is on average 48.3 hectare per holding.

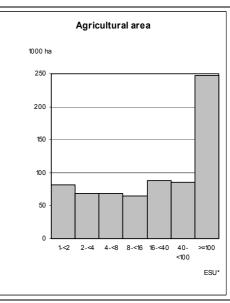
Amongst these 14 500 agricultural holdings,

- 48% made use of less than one AWU, while 16% made use of 2 or more AWUs:
- 17% used less than 5 ha, while 8% used 100 ha or more;
- 52% were mixed holdings, while 48% were specialised: dairies 18%, cereals, oil seed and protein crops 10%, field cropping 9%, sheep, goats and other grazing livestock 7%, horticulture 2% (of which 43% under glass), permanent crops 1% and pigs and poultry 1%;
- about 2% practised organic farming.

Amongst the 13 800 sole holders

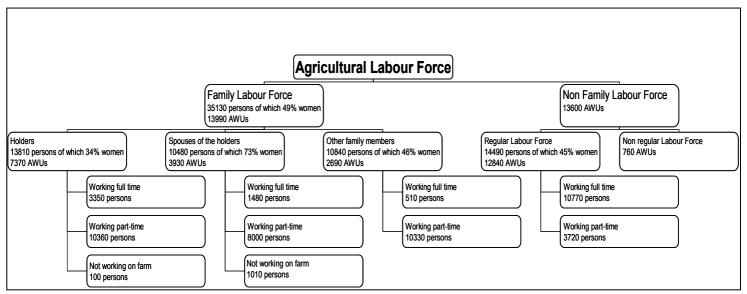
- 34% were women:
- 47% were aged 55 or more, and only 9% younger than 35 years;
- 30% had another gainful activity as major occupation.

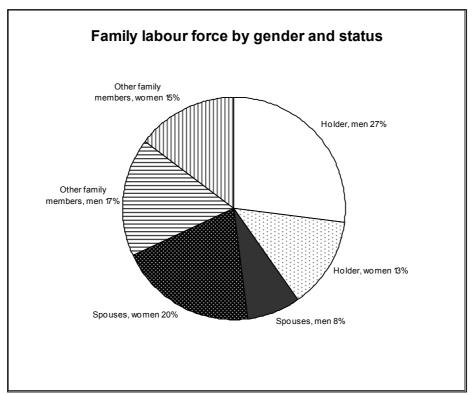


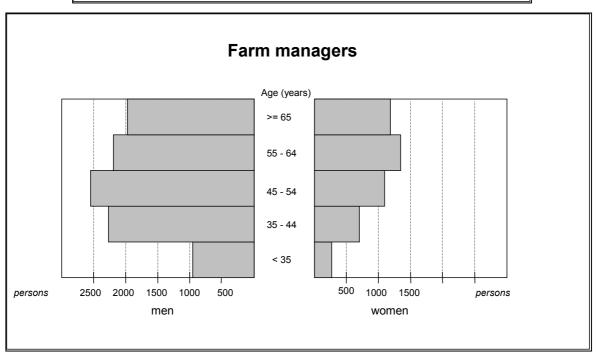


* ESU measures the economic size of the holdings (see methodological notes).

Estonia, 2003 - Holdings of at least 1 ESU







Symbols: not available 0 less than half of the unit or nil

Economi	c size (ESU)	<1	>=1	1-<2	2-<4	4-<8	8-<16	16-<40	40-<100	>=100
Total labour force						,				
1000 annual work	c units	9.9	27.6	5.7	3.6	2.9	1.8	1.9	2.2	9.4
Family labour force										
1000 persons		45.9	35.1	18.7	8.2	4.6	2.1	1.2	0.2	0
1000 annual work	k units	9.7	14.0	5.5	3.4	2.6	1.4	0.8	0.2	0
Non-family labour r	egularly employed									
1000 persons	age as y a program	0.4	14.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.2	2.2	9.8
1000 annual work	k units	0.2	12.8	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.0	1.9	9.2
Non regular non fan	nily labour force									
1000 annual work	•	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Holding managers	(1000)	22.3	14.5	7.7	3.2	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.2
- women	(%)	42.6	31.6	38.2	28.4	23.5	20.1	15.1	15.3	8.2
- part-time	- under 50 % (%)	90.5	53.2	73.2	45.8	25.7	10.4	6.2	5.9	4.1
1	- 50 % and over (%)	8.0	19.9	17.4	31.7	17.3	15.4	10.9	7.7	7.7
Sole/main holders	(1000)	22.3	13.8	7.7	3.2	1.7	0.8	0.4	0.1	0
- women	(%)	43.7	33.6	39.2	29.5	26.1	21.3	16.6	11.7	16.7
- distribution by a	nge (%)									
- under 35 ye	ears	10.0	8.7	8.1	9.2	8.9	11.0	11.5	10.4	0
- from 35 to	44 years	16.8	19.5	17.0	20.3	23.8	25.4	27.6	39.0	41.7
- from 45 to	54 years	21.3	24.5	21.8	25.7	28.9	30.0	39.1	28.6	16.7
- from 55 to	64 years	20.4	24.2	23.8	26.5	24.3	23.0	16.9	18.2	25.0
- 65 years an	d over	31.5	23.0	29.3	18.3	14.0	10.7	4.9	3.9	16.7
- part-time	- under 50 % (%)	89.6	55.2	73.1	45.6	26.0	10.4	6.4	7.8	0
	- 50 % and over (%)	7.6	19.8	17.0	31.3	16.7	14.5	8.4	11.7	8.3
- with another gain	inful activity ¹ (%)	48.1	38.1	44.5	35.2	29.6	20.6	15.8	18.7	9.1
- as main occ	cupation	42.3	30.1	37.7	26.8	19.5	8.6	5.3	8.0	0
- as a subsidi	iary occupation	5.8	8.0	6.8	8.4	10.1	12.0	10.5	10.7	9.1
Spouse of sole holde	r (1000)	13.5	10.5	5.5	2.5	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.1	0
- women	(%)	65.8	72.9	69.5	73.0	77.2	82.2	85.9	87.0	100.0
- distribution by a	nge (%)									
- under 35 ye		10.7	10.2	9.7	9.5	10.2	13.5	14.4	14.5	10.0
- from 35 to	54 years	44.6	49.1	43.9	51.5	55.2	59.0	66.5	68.1	40.0
- 55 years an		44.6	40.7	46.4	38.9	34.5	27.5	19.1	17.4	50.0
- part-time	- under 50 % (%)	81.8	64.2	77.0	65.8	40.4	28.1	24.4	27.5	20.0
	- 50 % and over (%)	2.2	12.1	9.3	17.2	13.6	14.1	10.0	5.8	0
- with another gai	•	52.6	42.2	44.5	42.4	40.6	32.1	32.1	36.2	30.0
- as main occ	•	48.6	36.7	39.6	36.8	34.2	25.5	24.4	31.9	30.0
	iary occupation	4.0	5.5	5.0	5.7	6.4	6.6	7.6	4.3	0
Other members of the working on the hold		10.2	10.8	5.6	2.5	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	0
- women	(%)	47.2	45.9	48.3	45.8	42.3	41.1	36.2	44.0	36.4
- part-time	- under 50 % (%)	97.8	88.5	94.0	90.9	82.1	74.3	60.8	50.0	22.7
	- 50 % and over (%)	1.6	6.8	5.6	6.6	8.6	8.7	12.0	10.0	31.8
- with another gai	inful activity (%)	41.9	37.5	38.1	36.8	39.9	35.1	31.5	37.0	13.6

¹ Only holders being also farm managers.



Symbols : not available **0** less than half of the unit or nil

Economic size (ESU)	<1	>=1	1-<2	2-<4	4-<8	8-<16	16-<40	40-<100	>=100
Holdings				:	,				
- total number (1000)	22.3	14.5	7.7	3.2	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.2
- by legal personality of the holder (%)									
- sole holder	99.8	94.9	99.4	98.3	96.3	90.1	73.8	34.7	5.5
- legal person	0.2	5.1	0.6	1.7	3.6	9.9	26.2	65.3	94.5
- group holders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- by employed labour force (%)									
- under 1 AWU	95.6	48.4	73.3	33.6	13.1	5.1	1.7	0.5	0
- from 1 to less than 2 AWU	4.1	35.6	25.5	59.9	48.6	36.0	18.3	3.6	0
- from 2 to less than 3 AWU	0.4	9.9	0.9	6.1	35.4	42.4	35.1	3.6	0.5
- 3 AWU and over	0	6.1	0.3	0.4	2.9	16.5	44.9	92.3	99.5
- by agricultural area (%)									
- under 5 ha	72.7	17.3	26.7	9.5	4.3	2.1	4.9	6.3	4.5
- from 5 to less than 20 ha	26.7	45.8	63.6	41.9	19.2	4.5	1.5	1.4	0
- from 20 to less than 50 ha	0.6	22.2	8.9	44.7	50.8	21.4	3.0	0.5	0.9
- from 50 to less than 100 ha	0.0	7.2	0.6	3.2	23.4	48.3	14.2	1.4	0.9
- 100 ha and over	0	7.5	0.2	0.7	2.3	23.6	76.4	90.5	94.5
- by livestock size (%)	v	,	0.2	0.7	5	25.0	, 0	, 0.0	,
- without livestock	48.4	26.6	27.4	24.9	27.3	24.9	32.5	27.9	7.3
- under 10 LSU ⁺	51.5	56.5	71.7	63.3	27.3	13.1	7.7	0.5	0
- from 10 to less than 20 LSU	0.1	7.6	0.6	10.6	34.4	12.3	1.9	0.5	0
- from 20 to less than 50 LSU	0.1	5.0	0.0	1.1	10.4	45.8	16.2	2.3	0.5
- from 50 to less than 50 LSU	0	1.5	0.5	0.1	0.6	3.0	30.4	5.4	0.5
- 100 LSU and over	0	2.9	0	0.1	0.2	1.0	11.3	63.5	91.8
- by farm type (%)	Ü	2.7		0.1	0.2	1.0	11.5	03.3	71.0
specialist cereals, oil seed and protein crops	1.2	9.7	2.9	10.0	20.1	27.4	35.7	30.6	9.1
general field cropping	8.1	9.2	8.0	11.5	12.1	8.5	7.2	4.5	1.4
specialist horticulture	0.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	3.3	2.3	3.0	0.9	0.5
specialist vineyard	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9	0.5
specialist vineyard specialist fruit and citrus fruit	0.6	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5
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various permanent crops combined	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.2	0.9	0
specialist dairy farming	5.9	18.2	12.3	16.8	26.8	34.3	32.1	42.3	58.6
specialist cattle – rearing and fattening	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0	0.2	0	0
cattle – dairy farming, rearing and		0.2				V			O
fattening combined	0.1	0.7	0.5	1.2	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.5	0
sheep, goats and other grazing livestock	14.1	6.5	8.7	6.7	2.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	0
specialist granivores	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	3.4	5.9	6.8
mixed cropping	16.9	12.8	14.6	15.8	10.2	4.0	1.1	0.5	0.9
mixed livestock, mainly grazing livestock	26.9	17.1	24.7	12.1	7.5	3.7	1.1	0.9	4.1
mixed livestock, mainly granivores	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0	0.9
field crops – grazing livestock combined	6.2	16.2	16.9	17.9	12.8	14.5	11.7	8.1	16.4
various crops and livestock combined	18.0	5.0	7.3	3.4	1.0	1.1	1.9	4.1	0.9
- by farming methods (%)									
- organic farming	0.1	1.7	0.6	2.3	3.6	4.4	3.2	4.5	0.9
- irrigating	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
- with crops under glass	0.1	2.4	1.4	3.3	5.1	2.5	3.6	1.4	2.3
- % in less favoured or mountain area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

⁺ LSU: Livestock Unit



Estonia – 2003 Table 3 – Land use

Symbols : not available **0** less than half of the unit or nil

Economic size (ESU)	<1	>=1	1-<2	2-<4	4-<8	8-<16	16-<40	40-<100	>=100
Area (1000 ha)				1					
• Total area of agricultural holdings	253.7	921.7	167.5	115.3	99.8	81.9	101.9	97.0	258.3
H. Other area	161.1	218.5	86.5	46.3	30.9	17.5	13.8	12.2	11.5
Wooded area	109.9	148.0	62.0	35.1	20.9	12.8	8.7	4.9	3.6
Agricultural area	92.5	703.1	81.0	69.0	68.9	64.4	88.1	84.8	246.8
- D. Arable land	24.5	511.1	31.8	35.7	43.9	46.2	69.9	68.6	214.9
Cereals	7.4	250.8	13.4	19.8	24.0	26.9	39.6	34.9	92.2
Common wheat and spelt	1.4	65.8	2.4	4.5	5.3	7.1	11.4	10.4	24.8
Durum wheat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rye	0.4	14.9	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.2	2.3	1.9	6.8
Barley	3.8	123.6	6.4	9.3	12.9	13.1	19.0	17.7	45.2
Oats	1.7	39.5	3.6	4.3	4.0	4.7	5.6	4.0	13.4
Grain maize	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dried pulses	0	4.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7
Root crops	3.6	9.2	2.7	1.7	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.8
Potatoes	3.5	9.0	2.7	1.7	1.5	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.7
Sugar beet	0	$\frac{0}{0.2}$	0	$0 \\ 0$	$0 \\ 0$	$0 \\ 0$	$0 \\ 0$	$0 \\ 0$	$0 \\ 0$
Fodder root Industrial crops	0.1 0.1	46.7	0.2	0.7	3.0	3.6	9.5	10.9	18.8
Tobacco	0.1	0	0.2	0.7	0	0	0	0	0
Hops	o	o	o	o	$\stackrel{\circ}{0}$	o	0	0	0
Cotton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape and turnip	0.1	46.3	0.2	0.7	2.9	3.5	9.4	10.9	18.7
Sunflower	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry	0.2	2.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5
outside	0.2	2.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5
under glass	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flower and ornamental plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
outside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
under glass Fodder plants	0	1742	0 10.8	<i>0</i> 10.0	0	0 10.9	<i>0</i> 14.6	0 18.2	98.4
Fallow land	8.6 4.6	174.3 22.0	4.0	2.4	11.4 2.8	2.8	4.0	3.1	2.9
- E. Kitchen garden	3.7	3.1	1.8	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0	0
- F. Permanent pasture and meadows	63.8	186.6	46.8	32.2	24.2	17.7	17.9	16.1	31.7
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- G. Permanent crops	0.7	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
Fruit and berry plantation	0.7	2.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
Citrus plantation Olive trees	0	0	0	0	0	$0 \\ 0$	0	0	0
Vineyard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Ratios									
Agricultural area per holding (ha)	4.1	48.3	10.5	21.4	39.0	76.7	166.2	382.2	1121.9
Agricultural area (%)									
own farmed	85.4	37.6	81.4	70.1	55.5	46.0	32.2	21.2	14.5
in less favoured or mountain area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
organic farmed	0.3	2.3	1.0	2.8	4.5	5.8	2.9	3.2	0.4
irrigated	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
under cover crop protecting soil	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:



Estonia – 2003 Table 4 – Livestock

Symbols: not available **0** less than half of the unit or nil

Economic size (ESU)	<1	>=1	1-<2	2-<4	4-<8	8-<16	16-<40	40-<100	>=100
Total livestock (1000 LSU)	14.1	312.2	16.3	15.9	17.2	16.8	25.9	38.4	181.7
of which grazing (%)	79.3	67.4	84.5	83.4	85.8	84.0	68.4	59.7	62.6
Grazing livestock (1000 heads)									
Equidae	1.7	3.4	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Bovine animals									
Under 1 year	2.9	57.0	4.8	5.3	5.2	4.9	6.3	6.0	24.5
From 1 to less than 2 years	3.3	71.7	4.0	4.5	4.9	5.0	5.8	8.0	39.6
Dairy cows	4.3	115.5	6.1	5.5	6.8	7.6	9.7	13.3	66.6
Other cows	0.2	3.1	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4
Other bovine animals 2 years and older	0.2	15.9	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	1.1	1.7	11.4
Sheep	13.4	33.5	12.0	9.5	7.4	2.4	2.0	0.2	0
Goats	2.3	2.1	1.1	0.6	0.3	0	0	0	0
Granivores									
Pigs (1000 heads)									
Piglets < 20 kg	3.2	121.6	2.4	2.7	2.4	3.5	9.6	15.7	85.1
Breeding sows	0.1	33.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.1	2.4	4.8	23.2
Other pigs	3.8	195.1	3.9	4.8	5.5	6.5	21.4	39.2	113.8
Poultry (million heads)	0.1	2.2	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0.1	1.9
Broilers	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
Laying hens	0.1	1.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.9
Other poultry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rabbits, breeding females (1000 heads)	3.0	4.1	2.5	0.6	0.7	0.1	0	0	0
Beehives (1000)	3.0	17.3	6.1	7.5	2.0	1.1	0.3	0	0.2
Total livestock per holding with (LSU/holding)									
Livestock	1.2	29.2	2.9	6.6	13.3	26.6	72.4	239.9	890.8
Grazing livestock	1.6	25.1	3.2	7.0	14.2	26.7	60.7	190.2	714.4
Bovine animals (cattle)	1.7	26.1	3.2	6.9	14.1	27.2	61.8	190.0	714.4
Cattle, other than cows	2.0	29.3	3.5	7.0	14.3	27.6	62.0	190.0	714.4
Granivores	1.1	20.9	2.8	6.2	12.1	25.8	78.0	356.8	1590.8
Pigs	1.5	29.5	3.0	6.5	12.8	26.5	92.8	391.0	1415.2
Average size of herds*									
(head/holding)									
Equidae	2.3	4.6	4.1	3.9	8.2	3.2	2.5	5.5	23.4
Dairy cows Other cows	1.0	14.2 6.8	1.5 3.6	2.9 5.4	6.9 6.9	14.7 7.5	34.3 14.7	106.4 13.3	371.9 21.5
Sheep	1.4 7.5	23.0	15.1	21.6	6.9 49.9	7.5 46.0	89.0	61.3	۷1.3
Goats	3.3	6.9	5.8	8.5	11.9	1.8	5.0	5.5	
Breeding sows	1.7	41.0	1.9	2.1	4.7	10.6	40.6	130.8	446.5
Other pigs > 20 kg	2.1	55.5	2.4	4.8	11.8	26.6	178.5		2032.1
Rabbits, breeding females	3.3	5.4	5.6	3.5	8.4	4.9	4.3	8.0	:
Laying hens (1000/holding)	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.2	5.3	91.3
Broilers (1000/holding)	0	4.8	0	0	0	0	0	:	1017.0
Beehives (hive/holding)	3.9	10.0	6.8	14.3	11.4	13.7	9.5	6.8	47.0

 $[\]hbox{* number of animals of a given live stock category per holding with this kind of animals}$



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Economic size (ESU)	<1	>=1	1-<4	2-<4	4-<8	8-<16	16-<40	40-<100	>=100
Holdings with another gainful activity than agricultural production:									
(% all holdings)	3.4	13.7	8.2	14.6	19.4	23.8	30.9	40.5	38.6
Tourism	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.4	0.9
Handicraft	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.6	0.4	0.4	1.3	0	0.9
Processing of farm products	0.1	1.3	0.5	1.9	1.6	2.4	1.9	4.5	8.2
Wood processing	0.8	2.0	1.4	2.2	4.3	3.6	2.5	1.8	0
Aquaculture	0	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.3	0	0.2	0	0.9
Renewable energy production	0	0.1	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
Contractual work	1.5	9.3	4.8	8.5	14.2	19.2	27.2	33.3	32.7
Other gainful activities n.a.e	0.4	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.7	3.6	4.5

▶METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in Estonia was carried out between June and August 2003 using a combined method (exhaustive and sample survey). Prior to this survey full-scale agricultural census has been conducted last time in 2001. The reference time of the farm structure survey 2003 was 10th June 2003. However for labour force characteristics the reference period was the preceding 12 months.

The target population comprised all the holdings with a threshold of at least 1 ha UAA or, if UAA is less than 1 ha, at least 1 ESU or the production being intended mainly for sale. These holdings are included in the regularly updated register. The largest holdings (economic size 4 ESU or more), the units with legal entity, the holdings of small-numbered strata (horticulture, permanent crops and breeding granivores) as well as the organic farms were selected exhaustively (altogether 4 974 units). From the rest a simple random sample was drawn using the economic size, the type of farming and the location as stratification variable. Total number of selected holdings is 9613.

The data are multi-level checked. Item non-response was handled by contacting the farmers or imputed (previous statistical or administrative data), while in case of unit non-response (4.9%) use of previous survey results or administrative data sources.

For each activity ('enterprise') on a farm (for instance wheat, dairy cow or vineyard), a **standard gross margin (SGM)** is estimated, based on the area (or the number of heads) and a regional coefficient. The sum of such margins in a farm is its **economic size**, expressed in **European Size Units (ESU)**. 1 ESU is equal to 1200 euros.

Due to differences in the coverage of units of less than 1 ESU across Member States, these data are not comparable between countries. That is why the present analysis and graphs focus on the holdings of at least one ESU.

Each farm is classified in the community typology by its economic size and its **type of farming**, depending on the share of each enterprise in its economic size. For instance, a farm where breeding sows account for more than 2/3 of the economic size is classified as *specialist pig rearing* (type 5011). Depending on the level of aggregation, farms are grouped into 8 to 70 types.

Annual working unit (AWU) means the labour force working yearly like a worker employed on full time basis, it is 1800 hours (225 working days of 8 working hours per day).

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