

Kitchen gardens are areas of an [agricultural holding](#) devoted to the cultivation of agricultural products (vegetables, root crops and permanent crops, among others), not intended for selling but for self-consumption by the farm holder and his household. They are normally separated from the rest of the agricultural land, and recognisable as kitchen gardens.

Even if normally these correspond to small areas of the farms (less than 0.5 ha), the main aspect to use for identifying a kitchen garden is its use. A kitchen garden is used for self consumption. Only occasional surplus products coming from this area are sold off from the holding. All areas from which products are consistently sold on the market belong under other items, even if part of the production is consumed by the holder and his household.

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- Areas cultivated by collective households, for example research institutions, religious communities, boarding schools or prisons, which are used for self-consumption

Excludes

- All areas from which products are consistently sold on the market (even if part of the production is consumed by the holder and his household)
- Areas producing forage for any animals, even though the animals are consumed by the holder and his family
- Pleasure gardens, parks and lawns (FA9)
- Areas cultivated by collective households, for example research institutions, religious communities, boarding schools or prisons, which are not used for self-consumption

Differences between data collections

In general the [Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community \(NACE\)](#) does not differentiate between market and non-market activities even if this distinction is an important feature of the System of National Accounts. Division T98 of NACE includes the undifferentiated subsistence goods and service producing activities of households. NACE T98.10 includes activities such as hunting, gathering or farming when goods are produced by the household for its own subsistence. If households are also engaged in the production of market goods, they are classified to the appropriate goods-producing industry of NACE.

Related concepts

- [Agricultural area \(AA\)](#)
- [Arable land](#)
- [Permanent crops](#)

- [Permanent grassland](#)
- [Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community \(NACE\)](#)

Statistical data

- [Farms and farmland in the European Union - statistics](#)