A non-family labour force of the agricultural holding in the context of the farm structure survey (FSS) refers to persons directly employed by the holding and they can be classified as:

- **Non-family labour regularly employed** are all persons other than the holder and members of his family doing farm work every week during the 12 months preceding the survey and receiving any kind of remuneration (salary, wages, profits or other payments including payment in kind) from the agricultural holding. Persons who worked only for part of that period are also considered as regularly employed in case it was caused by: special conditions of production, holidays/sickness, commencement/cessation of employment (i.e. those who changed employment during a year), stoppage of agricultural activity of the holding due to accidental causes (flooding, fire etc.).

- **Non-family labour employed on a non-regular basis** are all persons other than the holder and members of his family doing farm work and receiving any kind of remuneration from the agricultural holding who did not work each week on the agricultural holding in the 12 months ending on the reference day of the survey. This category is usually seasonal work that depends on the natural development of the crops or animals e.g. labour engaged solely as fruit or vegetable pickers. In this case only the time worked is recorded (and thus, information available only in terms of annual work units).

FSS is the data source to be used when a detailed analysis on the characteristics of the farm labour force is needed.

Labour force data in the FSS is provided in persons and in annual work units (AWU). Due to the high share of part-time work in agriculture, labour input can be better assessed in terms of AWU.

**Further information**

- Structure of agricultural holdings (ESMS metadata file — ef_esms)

**Related concepts**

- Farm labour force
- Farm labour force - directly employed
- Farm labour force - family labour
- Farm labour force - not directly employed
- Farm labour force - regularly employed