

# Glossary:Permanent crops

Statistics Explained

**Permanent crops** are [ligneous crops](#) , meaning trees or shrubs, not grown in rotation, but occupying the soil and yielding harvests for several (usually more than five) consecutive years. Permanent crops mainly consist of fruit and berry trees, bushes, vines and olive trees.

Permanent crops are usually intended for human consumption and generally yield a higher added value per hectare than annual crops. They also play an important role in shaping the rural landscape (through orchards, vineyards and olive tree plantations) and helping to balance agriculture within the environment.

## Related concepts

- [Agricultural area \(AA\)](#)
- [Arable land](#)
- [Kitchen gardens](#)
- [Permanent grassland](#)

## Statistical data

- [Agriculture statistics at regional level](#)