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More than half of all EU farm managers are older than 55 years

The agricultural sector in the EU-28 is characterised by an ageing farming population. For each farmer younger than 35 years, there were 11 farmers older than 55 years in Europe in 2016 (a ratio of 0.09 young to elderly farmers). More than half (57.9%) of all farm managers are older than 55 years in Europe, while only 5.1% of farmers are younger than 35 years. The highest proportion of elderly farm managers is observed in Cyprus and Portugal (76.3% and 76.0% respectively), in contrast to Austria, where only 29.1% of the agricultural population is older than 55 years.

These figures indicate a very old agricultural society.

Map 1 - Ratio: farm managers <35 years old/farmers >55 years old, 2016

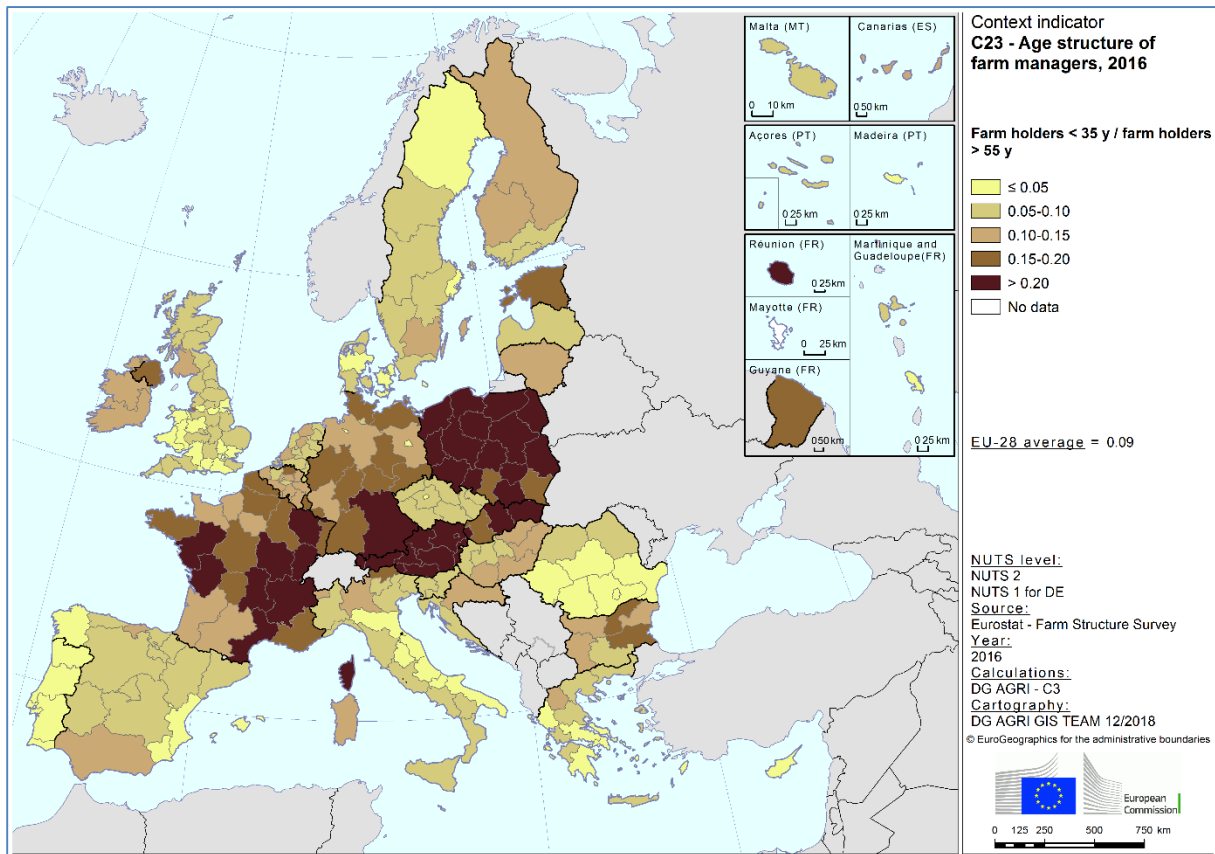


Table 1 - Age structure of farm managers and ratio of young managers to elderly managers, 2016

Indicator	C23 - Age structure of farm managers			
Measurement	Ratio: Farmers <35 y.o. / Farmers >55 y.o.	Farmers <35 y.o.	Farmers from 35 to 54 y. 0.	Farmers >55 y.o.
Source	Eurostat Farm Structure Survey			
Year	2016			
Unit	ratio value	%		
Country				
Belgium	0,12	6,0	42,0	48,8
Bulgaria	0,12	7,4	32,2	60,3
Czechia	0,08	4,4	36,8	58,8
Denmark	0,05	2,6	38,0	54,2
Germany	0,19	7,4	53,1	39,5
Estonia	0,17	8,7	41,4	49,9
Ireland	0,11	6,0	39,8	54,2
Greece	0,06	3,7	35,4	60,9
Spain	0,07	3,8	39,3	56,5
France	0,19	8,3	47,2	44,3
Croatia	0,08	5,1	34,3	60,5
Italy	0,06	4,1	31,0	65,0
Cyprus	0,02	1,3	22,4	76,3
Latvia	0,08	4,8	38,3	56,9
Lithuania	0,13	7,3	38,1	54,6
Luxembourg	0,18	8,1	45,7	46,2
Hungary	0,10	6,0	35,9	58,1
Malta	0,06	3,8	30,5	65,8
Netherlands	0,09	4,1	48,2	47,7
Austria	0,42	12,2	56,9	29,1
Poland	0,27	10,2	51,3	38,4
Portugal	0,03	1,9	21,9	76,0
Romania	0,05	3,1	30,2	66,7
Slovenia	0,08	4,6	38,0	57,3
Slovakia	0,24	11,1	42,2	46,7
Finland	0,12	3,8	62,8	33,4
Sweden	0,09	5,3	34,4	60,3
United Kingdom	0,07	4,4	33,5	62,0
EU	0,09	5,1	36,9	57,9

Table 2 - Number of farm managers in different age categories, 2016

Indicator	C23 - Age structure of farm managers		
Measurement	Number of farm managers less than 35 years old	No. of farm managers from 35 to 54 years old	No. of farm managers 55 years old or over
Source	Eurostat Farm Structure Survey		
Year	2016		
Unit	Number of persons		
Country			
Belgium	2.200	15.480	18.000
Bulgaria	14.970	65.310	122.180
Czechia	1.180	9.750	15.590
Denmark	910	13.320	18.990
Germany	20.550	146.530	109.050
Estonia	1.450	6.920	8.330
Ireland	8.260	54.750	74.550
Greece	25.120	242.760	417.020
Spain	35.960	371.410	534.290
France	37.910	215.380	202.100
Croatia	6.890	46.160	81.390
Italy	46.510	354.960	744.240
Cyprus	460	7.820	26.670
Latvia	3.360	26.790	39.780
Lithuania	10.970	57.310	82.040
Luxembourg	160	900	910
Hungary	25.770	154.520	249.710
Malta	350	2.840	6.130
Netherlands	2.290	26.830	26.560
Austria	16.130	75.340	38.580
Poland	144.460	724.020	542.190
Portugal	4.920	56.710	196.740
Romania	105.590	1.032.630	2.281.020
Slovenia	3.230	26.590	40.070
Slovakia	2.840	10.830	11.980
Finland	1.910	31.220	16.590
Sweden	3.340	21.640	37.950
United Kingdom	8.080	62.030	114.820
EU	535.770	3.860.750	6.057.470

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