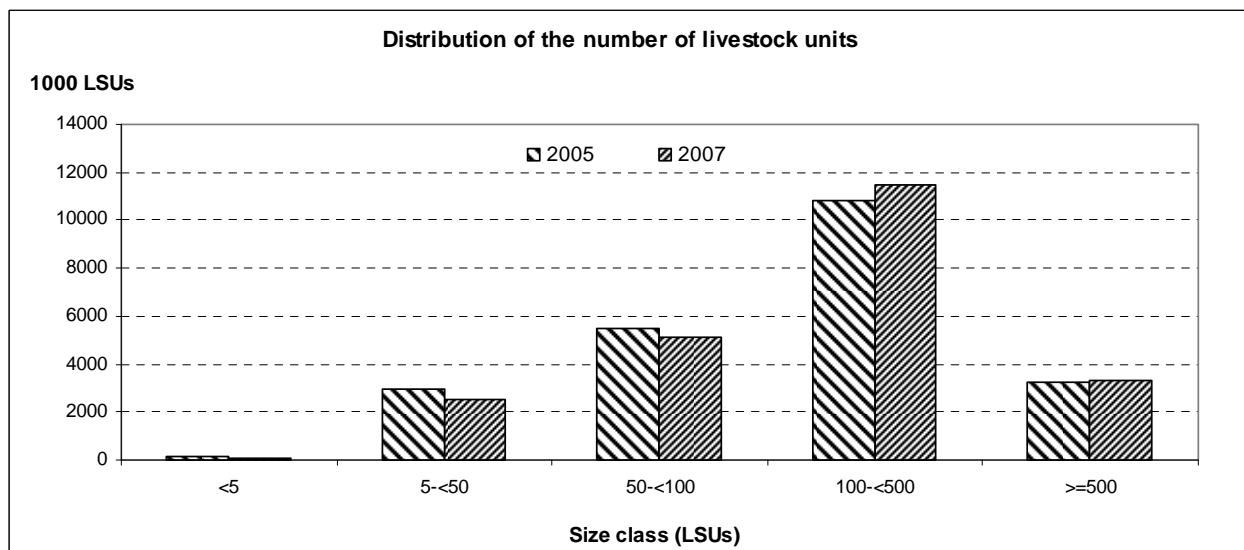
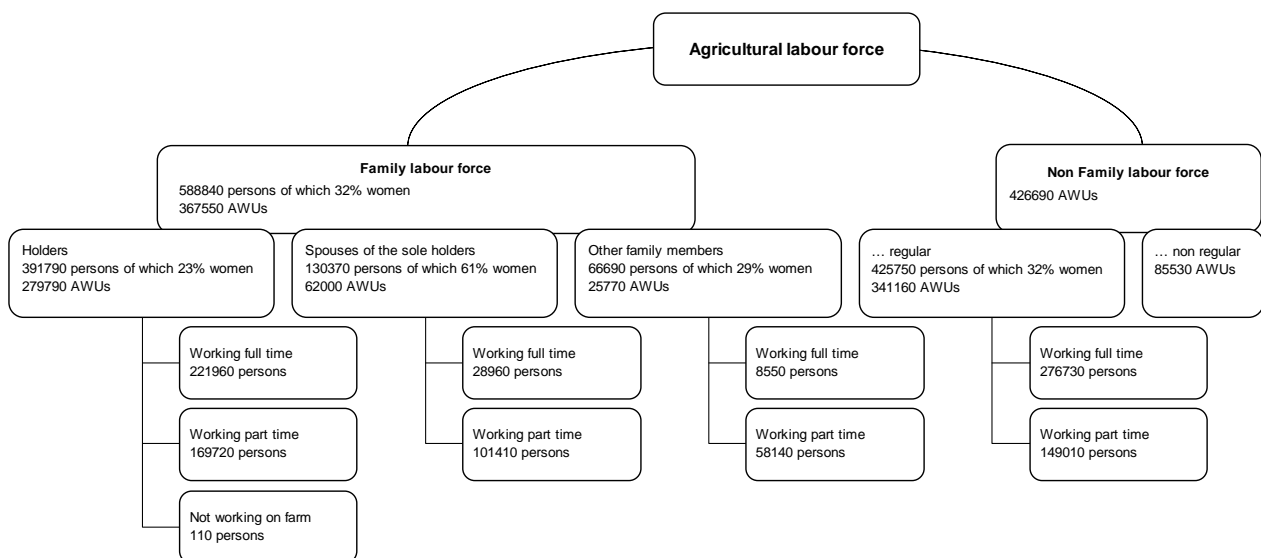


Description of the labour force in France



*LSUs = Livestock Unit

| Size of the farms | Agricultural area (ha) | | | | All farms | Livestock (LSU*) | | | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <20 | 20-<50 | 50-<100 | >=100 | | 0 | >0-<50 | 50-<100 | >=100 | |
| Total labour force | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1000 annual work units | 213.1 | 165.2 | 198.3 | 217.6 | 794.2 | 327.8 | 181.8 | 123.9 | 160.8 | |
| Family labour force | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1000 persons | 264.0 | 129.4 | 120.6 | 74.9 | 588.8 | 197.4 | 244.4 | 86.6 | 60.3 | |
| 1000 annual work units | 120.1 | 89.3 | 94.5 | 63.7 | 367.6 | 107.7 | 137.3 | 69.5 | 53.0 | |
| Non-family labour regularly employed | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1000 persons | 84.9 | 70.1 | 106.3 | 164.3 | 425.7 | 191.9 | 49.1 | 62.6 | 122.2 | |
| 1000 annual work units | 67.0 | 55.2 | 85.4 | 133.6 | 341.2 | 154.9 | 35.5 | 49.6 | 101.1 | |
| Non regular non family labour force | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1000 annual work units | 26.0 | 20.8 | 18.4 | 20.4 | 85.5 | 65.1 | 9.0 | 4.8 | 6.7 | |
| Holding managers | 1000 | 195.1 | 99.0 | 106.6 | 90.4 | 491.1 | 180.7 | 172.3 | 70.9 | 67.1 |
| - women | (%) | 29.9 | 22.2 | 14.8 | 10.1 | 21.4 | 22.5 | 27.2 | 13.7 | 11.9 |
| - part-time: | | | | | | | | | | |
| - under 50 % | (%) | 54.7 | 19.6 | 7.3 | 5.1 | 28.2 | 38.2 | 37.7 | 3.5 | 2.8 |
| - 50 % and over | (%) | 12.5 | 11.7 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 10.6 | 11.3 | 14.1 | 6.0 | 4.8 |
| Sole/main holders | 1000 | 177.8 | 81.5 | 76.8 | 55.7 | 391.8 | 136.7 | 157.2 | 53.6 | 44.3 |
| - women | (%) | 30.9 | 22.9 | 13.8 | 8.0 | 22.6 | 24.6 | 27.8 | 13.0 | 9.7 |
| -distribution by age | (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| - under 35 years | | 5.1 | 7.6 | 11.8 | 15.7 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 5.5 | 12.6 | 17.1 |
| - from 35 to 44 years | | 16.8 | 23.0 | 28.2 | 32.9 | 22.6 | 19.8 | 18.8 | 30.4 | 35.2 |
| - from 45 to 54 years | | 26.3 | 35.7 | 35.2 | 32.8 | 30.9 | 30.4 | 29.2 | 35.5 | 33.2 |
| - from 55 to 64 years | | 27.7 | 28.9 | 22.6 | 17.1 | 25.4 | 27.1 | 29.0 | 20.2 | 13.9 |
| - 65 years and over | | 24.2 | 4.9 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 12.6 | 15.4 | 17.5 | 1.3 | 0.6 |
| - part-time: | | | | | | | | | | |
| - under 50 % | (%) | 58.1 | 20.2 | 6.6 | 3.5 | 32.4 | 45.0 | 39.8 | 3.5 | 2.0 |
| - 50 % and over | (%) | 12.7 | 12.3 | 9.1 | 6.0 | 11.0 | 11.2 | 14.4 | 6.0 | 4.1 |
| - with another gainful activity ¹ | (%) | 33.3 | 24.3 | 14.1 | 11.3 | 24.5 | 31.7 | 28.4 | 8.9 | 7.7 |
| - as a main occupation | | 26.5 | 12.9 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 15.6 | 21.2 | 19.6 | 2.0 | 1.0 |
| - as a subsidiary occupation | | 6.7 | 11.4 | 10.6 | 9.7 | 8.9 | 10.5 | 8.8 | 6.9 | 6.8 |
| Spouse of sole holder | 1000 | 61.1 | 29.6 | 27.5 | 12.2 | 130.4 | 42.8 | 56.8 | 20.1 | 10.7 |
| - women | (%) | 51.3 | 59.3 | 75.4 | 85.8 | 61.4 | 60.4 | 52.7 | 76.9 | 82.6 |
| -distribution by age | (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| - under 35 years | | 4.1 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 7.1 | 7.6 |
| - from 35 to 54 years | | 40.7 | 53.6 | 63.0 | 66.8 | 50.8 | 48.4 | 43.5 | 65.3 | 71.7 |
| - 55 years and over | | 55.3 | 40.8 | 30.4 | 25.6 | 44.0 | 46.5 | 52.2 | 27.6 | 20.7 |
| - part-time: | | | | | | | | | | |
| - under 50 % | (%) | 73.1 | 51.4 | 44.8 | 49.9 | 60.1 | 67.7 | 65.3 | 41.8 | 35.8 |
| - 50 % and over | (%) | 13.6 | 23.1 | 20.2 | 19.7 | 17.7 | 15.3 | 17.8 | 21.5 | 20.2 |
| - with another gainful activity | (%) | 29.4 | 32.3 | 29.3 | 32.6 | 30.3 | 31.8 | 30.3 | 28.7 | 27.8 |
| Other members of the holder's family working on the holding | 1000 | 25.1 | 18.3 | 16.3 | 7.0 | 66.7 | 17.9 | 30.4 | 12.9 | 5.4 |
| - women | (%) | 29.6 | 32.1 | 29.1 | 22.3 | 29.4 | 26.8 | 31.4 | 31.2 | 22.3 |
| - part-time: | | | | | | | | | | |
| - under 50 % | (%) | 78.1 | 72.9 | 68.4 | 56.7 | 72.0 | 71.9 | 77.2 | 65.8 | 58.0 |
| - 50 % and over | (%) | 12.8 | 14.8 | 16.7 | 20.8 | 15.2 | 14.5 | 13.9 | 17.7 | 18.5 |
| - with another gainful activity | (%) | 30.4 | 22.2 | 19.4 | 23.5 | 24.7 | 31.2 | 24.3 | 17.1 | 23.7 |

*LSU = Livestock unit

¹ Only sole holders who are also farm managersSource: Eurostat ([ef_ov_lfft](#))

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| Size of the farms | Agricultural area (ha) | | | | All farms | Livestock (LSU) | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------------|--------|---------|-------|------|
| | <20 | 20-<50 | 50-<100 | >=100 | | 0 | >0-<50 | 50-<100 | >=100 | |
| Holdings | | | | | | | | | | |
| - total number | 1000 | 195.1 | 99.0 | 106.6 | 90.4 | 491.1 | 180.7 | 172.3 | 70.9 | 67.1 |
| - by legal personality of the holder | (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| - sole holder | | 89.8 | 78.7 | 61.2 | 32.9 | 70.9 | 71.8 | 88.9 | 62.2 | 31.5 |
| - legal person | | 8.9 | 17.7 | 27.9 | 38.3 | 20.2 | 24.4 | 8.8 | 24.3 | 34.0 |
| - group holders | | 1.3 | 3.6 | 10.8 | 28.8 | 8.9 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 13.5 | 34.5 |
| - by employed labour force | (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| - under 1 AWU | | 58.8 | 21.9 | 8.7 | 4.1 | 30.4 | 39.9 | 42.6 | 3.3 | 2.0 |
| - from 1 to less than 2 AWU | | 26.6 | 52.3 | 53.9 | 38.7 | 39.9 | 33.8 | 43.7 | 55.3 | 30.7 |
| - from 2 to less than 3 AWU | | 8.2 | 16.2 | 27.9 | 33.9 | 18.8 | 12.6 | 10.8 | 33.5 | 40.8 |
| - 3 AWU and over | | 6.4 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 23.3 | 10.8 | 13.7 | 2.9 | 7.8 | 26.5 |
| - by economic size | (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| - from 1 to less than 8 ESU | | 55.1 | 7.5 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 23.6 | 23.8 | 42.3 | 0.1 | 0 |
| - from 8 to less than 16 ESU | | 14.7 | 17.1 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 16.4 | 1.9 | 0.2 |
| - from 16 to less than 40 ESU | | 14.7 | 40.2 | 26.3 | 4.8 | 20.5 | 18.5 | 23.7 | 33.5 | 4.5 |
| - from 40 to less than 100 ESU | | 9.4 | 25.3 | 58.0 | 40.9 | 29.0 | 25.2 | 13.7 | 55.2 | 50.7 |
| - 100 ESU and over | | 6.0 | 9.8 | 12.6 | 53.4 | 16.9 | 22.1 | 3.9 | 9.3 | 44.6 |
| - by type of farming (top 5 + 'other') | (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| ... specialist cereals, oil seed and protein crops | | 12.0 | 16.4 | 18.1 | 32.5 | 18.0 | 30.3 | 17.0 | 4.1 | 2.0 |
| ... specialist vineyard | | 25.8 | 13.0 | 3.7 | 0.9 | 13.8 | 34.1 | 3.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| ... specialist cattle – rearing and fattening | | 9.5 | 14.9 | 15.9 | 13.5 | 12.7 | 0 | 18.7 | 23.0 | 20.6 |
| ... specialist dairy farming | | 1.7 | 16.4 | 24.2 | 10.7 | 11.2 | 0 | 9.4 | 34.7 | 21.3 |
| ... sheep, goats and other grazing livestock | | 10.4 | 10.5 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 8.5 | 1.6 | 17.7 | 8.4 | 3.7 |
| Other types of farming | | 40.5 | 28.8 | 31.9 | 37.5 | 35.7 | 34.1 | 33.5 | 29.7 | 52.3 |
| - by farming methods | (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| - organic farming | | 1.4 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.2 |
| - irrigating | | 16.4 | 15.4 | 15.1 | 19.4 | 16.4 | 26.0 | 12.0 | 9.2 | 9.9 |
| - with crops under glass | | 5.8 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| - with another gainful activity than agricultural production: | (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Tourism | | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 2.0 |
| Handicraft | | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Processing of farm products | | 11.0 | 11.5 | 7.6 | 5.3 | 9.3 | 14.9 | 7.1 | 5.4 | 4.2 |
| Wood processing | | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| Aquaculture | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| Renewable energy production | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| Contractual work | | 1.7 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 12.5 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 3.2 | 4.8 | 6.1 |
| Other gainful activities n.a.e | | 23.1 | 16.3 | 12.0 | 10.6 | 17.0 | 23.1 | 16.3 | 9.9 | 9.8 |

*LSU = Livestock unit

Source: Eurostat ([ef_ov_kvaesu](#))

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| Size of the farms | Agricultural area (ha) | | | | All farms | Livestock (LSU) | | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | <20 | 20-<50 | 50-<100 | >=100 | | 0 | >0-<50 | 50-<100 | >=100 | |
| Area | (1000 ha) | | | | | | | | | |
| Total area of agricultural holdings | 1583.6 | 3689.3 | 8057.2 | 15475.8 | 28805.9 | 8234.2 | 6300.1 | 6009.9 | 8261.7 | |
| · H. Other area | 326.1 | 319.1 | 377.3 | 412.6 | 1435.1 | 463.3 | 514.0 | 240.7 | 217.1 | |
| Wooded area | 218.2 | 211.2 | 249.5 | 242.2 | 921.1 | 268.8 | 382.5 | 157.8 | 112.0 | |
| · Agricultural area | 1257.5 | 3370.2 | 7679.9 | 15063.3 | 27370.8 | 7770.9 | 5786.1 | 5769.2 | 8044.6 | |
| - D. Arable land | 491.7 | 1898.0 | 5065.1 | 10834.8 | 18289.6 | 6649.0 | 3487.6 | 3277.7 | 4875.3 | |
| Cereals | 223.0 | 835.4 | 2258.6 | 5716.6 | 9033.5 | 3948.6 | 1776.7 | 1293.1 | 2015.0 | |
| <i>Common wheat and spelt</i> | 83.5 | 347.8 | 1133.0 | 3207.7 | 4772.0 | 2084.4 | 872.8 | 692.6 | 1122.1 | |
| <i>Durum wheat</i> | 11.3 | 44.0 | 109.7 | 298.8 | 463.8 | 338.3 | 82.6 | 19.0 | 24.0 | |
| <i>Rye</i> | 1.2 | 4.6 | 7.3 | 14.0 | 27.0 | 8.4 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 5.2 | |
| <i>Barley</i> | 28.7 | 115.0 | 362.9 | 1154.9 | 1661.5 | 738.3 | 320.8 | 251.4 | 351.0 | |
| <i>Oats</i> | 4.8 | 13.2 | 28.8 | 49.9 | 96.7 | 20.4 | 30.8 | 21.3 | 24.2 | |
| <i>Grain maize</i> | 77.8 | 247.7 | 461.1 | 764.4 | 1551.0 | 673.3 | 367.2 | 184.1 | 326.4 | |
| Dried pulses | 2.4 | 11.4 | 46.5 | 167.6 | 227.9 | 119.2 | 47.2 | 26.8 | 34.6 | |
| Root crops | 6.7 | 29.6 | 104.1 | 419.5 | 560.0 | 361.8 | 85.5 | 50.7 | 61.9 | |
| <i>Potatoes</i> | 5.1 | 12.0 | 30.1 | 107.7 | 154.9 | 97.2 | 23.5 | 13.4 | 20.8 | |
| <i>Sugar beet</i> | 1.0 | 15.3 | 69.8 | 307.1 | 393.3 | 264.3 | 58.9 | 33.8 | 36.3 | |
| <i>Fodder root</i> | 0.5 | 2.3 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 11.8 | 0.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.8 | |
| Industrial crops | 63.6 | 141.1 | 457.5 | 1654.7 | 2316.9 | 1221.5 | 483.0 | 244.8 | 367.8 | |
| <i>Tobacco</i> | 0.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 7.5 | 3.9 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | |
| <i>Hops</i> | 0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | |
| <i>Cotton</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| <i>Rape and turnip</i> | 12.5 | 58.6 | 265.1 | 1251.7 | 1587.9 | 826.0 | 278.1 | 184.1 | 299.7 | |
| <i>Sunflower</i> | 15.0 | 63.9 | 150.8 | 276.5 | 506.1 | 281.2 | 146.8 | 38.2 | 40.0 | |
| <i>Soya</i> | 0.8 | 3.9 | 9.4 | 18.2 | 32.3 | 17.8 | 9.2 | 2.9 | 2.4 | |
| Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry | 34.1 | 44.8 | 57.0 | 104.2 | 240.1 | 159.6 | 36.0 | 15.5 | 29.1 | |
| <i>outside</i> | 29.8 | 43.1 | 56.3 | 103.6 | 232.7 | 152.8 | 35.5 | 15.4 | 29.0 | |
| <i>under glass</i> | 4.3 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | |
| Flower and ornamental plants | 5.9 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.1 | |
| <i>outside</i> | 3.8 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 0 | 0.1 | |
| <i>under glass</i> | 2.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Forage plants | 88.4 | 676.7 | 1791.8 | 2025.7 | 4582.5 | 152.8 | 797.2 | 1493.7 | 2138.8 | |
| Fallow land | 66.6 | 154.5 | 335.4 | 707.7 | 1264.2 | 642.6 | 250.8 | 149.6 | 221.2 | |
| - E. Kitchen garden | 4.9 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 10.9 | 2.6 | 5.7 | 1.6 | 1.0 | |
| - F. Permanent pasture and meadows | 434.2 | 1094.8 | 2386.5 | 4099.3 | 8014.6 | 213.3 | 2174.9 | 2471.8 | 3154.7 | |
| - G. Permanent crops | 326.7 | 375.2 | 226.1 | 127.7 | 1055.7 | 906.0 | 118.0 | 18.1 | 13.6 | |
| Fruit and berry plantation | 48.1 | 60.2 | 43.1 | 31.1 | 182.6 | 136.4 | 30.5 | 8.3 | 7.4 | |
| Citrus plantation | 1.9 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 | |
| Olive trees | 7.4 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 13.7 | 11.7 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | |
| Vineyard | 261.8 | 305.0 | 175.5 | 89.1 | 831.4 | 733.1 | 82.9 | 9.5 | 6.0 | |
| Ratios | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agricultural area per holding | (ha) | 6.4 | 34.0 | 72.0 | 166.6 | 55.7 | 43.0 | 33.6 | 81.4 | 119.8 |
| Agricultural area... | (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| ... own farmed | | 63.6 | 44.6 | 27.7 | 15.9 | 24.9 | 25.5 | 37.9 | 24.4 | 15.3 |
| ... in less favoured or mountain area | | 44.9 | 46.9 | 44.7 | 43.4 | 44.3 | 25.1 | 56.0 | 54.7 | 46.9 |
| ... organic farmed | | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 1.2 |
| ... irrigated | | 7.3 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 12.1 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 2.4 |

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Source: Eurostat ([ef ov lusum](#))

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| Size of the farms | Agricultural area (ha) | | | | All farms | Livestock (LSU) | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | <20 | 20-<50 | 50-<100 | >=100 | | 0 | >0-<50 | 50-<100 | >=100 |
| Total livestock (1000 LSU) | 2594.8 | 3719.0 | 7658.1 | 8528.4 | 22500.3 | 0 | 2662.0 | 5108.7 | 14729.7 |
| of which grazing (%) | 24.5 | 56.4 | 70.0 | 82.8 | 67.4 | : | 93.7 | 94.5 | 53.2 |
| Grazing livestock (1000 heads) | | | | | | | | | |
| Equidae | 139.7 | 93.9 | 66.3 | 68.2 | 368.1 | 0 | 242.0 | 81.1 | 45.0 |
| Bovine animals | 645.4 | 2521.9 | 6830.6 | 9338.2 | 19336.1 | 0 | 2583.5 | 6038.6 | 10714.0 |
| Under 1 year | 239.4 | 681.3 | 1745.8 | 2496.1 | 5162.6 | 0 | 553.5 | 1502.5 | 3106.6 |
| From 1 to less than 2 years | 78.6 | 371.7 | 1236.7 | 1915.5 | 3602.5 | 0 | 370.2 | 1022.1 | 2210.2 |
| Dairy cows | 53.8 | 575.8 | 1582.8 | 1602.2 | 3814.6 | 0 | 496.1 | 1427.9 | 1890.6 |
| Other cows | 178.7 | 579.9 | 1405.3 | 2109.9 | 4273.8 | 0 | 794.6 | 1318.8 | 2160.4 |
| Other bovine animals 2 years and older | 95.0 | 313.2 | 860.0 | 1214.4 | 2482.6 | 0 | 369.1 | 767.3 | 1346.2 |
| Sheep | 750.6 | 1604.8 | 2730.2 | 3273.8 | 8359.3 | 0 | 3085.1 | 2886.8 | 2387.5 |
| Goats | 192.0 | 298.1 | 460.0 | 352.2 | 1302.3 | 0 | 695.8 | 336.6 | 269.9 |
| Granivores | | | | | | | | | |
| Pigs (1000 heads) | 2498.4 | 3105.6 | 5163.9 | 3514.0 | 14281.8 | 0 | 178.3 | 409.9 | 13693.6 |
| Piglets < 20 kg | 1000.9 | 1083.1 | 1811.8 | 1234.1 | 5129.8 | 0 | 76.3 | 144.8 | 4908.6 |
| Breeding sows | 259.3 | 255.0 | 418.6 | 284.2 | 1217.1 | 0 | 18.7 | 51.9 | 1146.5 |
| Other pigs | 1238.2 | 1767.5 | 2933.6 | 1995.7 | 7934.9 | 0 | 83.3 | 213.1 | 7638.5 |
| Poultry (million heads) | 91.0 | 59.8 | 76.5 | 48.4 | 275.6 | 0 | 9.0 | 15.9 | 250.7 |
| Broilers | 31.0 | 28.9 | 39.3 | 26.7 | 125.9 | 0 | 5.4 | 11.3 | 109.1 |
| Laying hens | 37.0 | 12.5 | 14.7 | 9.4 | 73.6 | 0 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 70.2 |
| Other poultry | 23.0 | 18.4 | 22.5 | 12.3 | 76.2 | 0 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 71.4 |
| Rabbits, breeding females (1000 heads) | 382.5 | 206.5 | 181.2 | 92.9 | 863.1 | 0 | 510.6 | 165.5 | 187.0 |
| Beehives (1000) | 652.8 | 26.9 | 20.8 | 14.3 | 714.8 | 570.9 | 135.2 | 6.0 | 2.8 |
| Average size of herds* (head/holding) | | | | | | | | | |
| Equidae (head/holding) | 8.2 | 9.5 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 8.1 | : | 8.0 | 9.8 | 6.8 |
| Cattle (head/holding) | 16.7 | 50.1 | 95.3 | 170.8 | 89.8 | : | 27.3 | 93.0 | 192.3 |
| Dairy cows (head/holding) | 11.4 | 26.2 | 39.8 | 60.2 | 41.0 | : | 19.7 | 39.1 | 60.2 |
| Other cows (head/holding) | 6.5 | 19.9 | 35.2 | 59.0 | 32.3 | : | 12.8 | 37.0 | 62.3 |
| Sheep (head/holding) | 35.7 | 137.2 | 222.3 | 295.1 | 149.0 | : | 81.4 | 281.0 | 300.6 |
| Goats (head/holding) | 23.6 | 71.6 | 124.4 | 130.4 | 69.7 | : | 49.7 | 121.5 | 141.5 |
| Pigs (head/holding) | 239.7 | 358.9 | 531.5 | 570.7 | 408.6 | : | 11.6 | 73.5 | 976.0 |
| Breeding sows (head/holding) | 82.5 | 106.5 | 128.6 | 141.5 | 112.7 | : | 6.7 | 38.9 | 171.9 |
| Other pigs > 20 kg (head/holding) | 133.1 | 213.3 | 313.9 | 340.0 | 241.9 | : | 6.0 | 41.3 | 556.9 |
| Rabbits, breeding females (head/holding) | 20.1 | 21.7 | 19.6 | 18.2 | 20.1 | : | 16.3 | 22.6 | 42.9 |
| Laying hens (1000/holding) | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | : | 0 | 0.1 | 5.6 |
| Broilers (1000/holding) | 1.4 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 2.2 | : | 0.1 | 1.2 | 10.5 |
| Beehives (hive/holding) | 90.3 | 28.9 | 31.0 | 29.2 | 76.7 | 111.2 | 38.7 | 13.8 | 11.1 |

*LSU = Livestock unit

Source: Eurostat ([ef ov lssum](#))

| | | Absolute figures | | | % of total | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| | | Total | < 1 ESU | >= 1 ESU | < 1 ESU | >= 1 ESU |
| Regular Labour force | (1000 pers) | 1060.4 | 45.8 | 1014.6 | 4.3 | 95.7 |
| Regular labour force | (1000 AWU) | 718.5 | 9.8 | 708.7 | 1.4 | 98.6 |
| Holder with... | (1000) | 427.6 | 35.8 | 391.8 | 8.4 | 91.6 |
| ... at least 65 years | | 65.8 | 16.3 | 49.5 | 24.7 | 75.3 |
| ... another gainful activity | | 107.9 | 11.8 | 96.1 | 11.0 | 89.0 |
| Number of sole holdings | (1000) | 527.4 | 36.3 | 491.1 | 6.9 | 93.1 |
| ... producing mainly for own consumption | | : | : | : | : | : |
| ... producing mainly for direct sales | | : | : | : | : | : |
| SGM | (1000 ESU) | 28258.4 | 21.3 | 28237.1 | 0.1 | 99.9 |
| Agricultural area | (1000 ha) | 27476.9 | 106.1 | 27370.8 | 0.4 | 99.6 |
| ... own farmed | | 6905.1 | 88.3 | 6816.8 | 1.3 | 98.7 |
| Livestock | (1000 LSU*) | 22543.6 | 43.3 | 22500.3 | 0.2 | 99.8 |

* LSU = Livestock unit

➤ METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The "Service de la Statistique et de la Prospective" (SSP) is the central statistical department of the Ministry of agriculture (MAAP). In collaboration with its regional statistical services it implemented the survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in France. The previous full-scale agricultural census was conducted in 2000. Since 2003 the delivered results also include the overseas departments. The reference period of the survey was the crop year ending on 31 October 2007. However, in the case of the livestock, the reference date is the day of the interview.

The target population consisted of all the holdings producing agricultural goods, reaching a certain threshold (in terms of land area, number of livestock or volume of production) and independently managed. The sampling frame was the Agricultural Census in 2000. The permanent panel (used also in the 2003 and 2005 FSS) was drawn using random sampling with the Neyman-allocation method based on the type of farm and economic size. For each department (NUTS 3) an exhaustiveness threshold (generally 250 ESU) was defined to ensure all larger units were included; these holdings were inserted into a separate stratum. The sample size covered 13.3% of the French farms, i.e. near 77 774 units (of which 3 554 were in the overseas departments).

The questionnaires were filled in during personal interviews carried out from October 2007 until February 2008.

Non-response rate in the 2007 FSS in France was quite low: (0.1%). Data from the previous 2003 and 2005

census was, as well as administrative sources were used for imputation.

Between FSS 2005 and 2007 "maintaining land in good agricultural and environmental conditions" (GAEC) became an agricultural activity and the concerned land has been included in the agricultural area. In France it covers close to 90 000 ha, 97% in holdings with at least 1 ESU.

For each activity ('entreprise') 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 a 1200-euro SGM).

An Annual work unit (AWU) is equivalent to a worker employed on a full time basis for one year. In France it is 1603 hours (229 working days of 7 working hours per day).

A Livestock Unit (LSU) is equivalent to a dairy cow. The number of animals (number of heads) is converted into LSU using a set of coefficients reflecting the feed requirements of the different animal categories.

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