



# A LOOK AT EUROPEAN FARMS

## AGRICULTURAL CENSUS RESULTS



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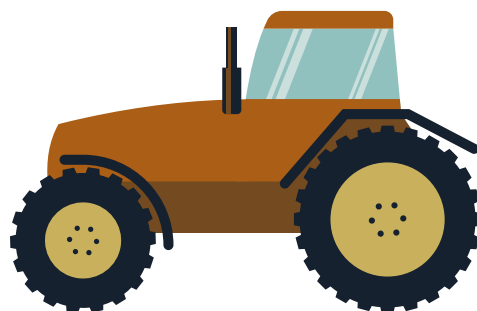
## Introduction

This publication is a collection of key information on the structure of farms in the EU, including farm labour, presented through attractive and intuitive infographics.

The EU agricultural census is carried out every 10 years in all 27 EU countries and some EFTA countries. It provides information on a wide range of topics on the farming sector and gives a snapshot of European farms. It is the only source that provides statistical information at the most detailed geographical level on the European farming sector as a whole.

The EU agricultural census 2020 collected approximately 300 variables, covering general characteristics of farms and farmers, land, livestock, farm labour, and several other topics. Within each of these broad aspects, a considerable amount of data is available, including the size of farms, the number of people working on farms, their age and gender, and the training level of farm managers.

For further details about the characteristics highlighted, click on the bees below the infographics. In addition, you can find more detailed information about the agricultural census on the [Eurostat website](#).



# Farms by size

(EU, 2020)

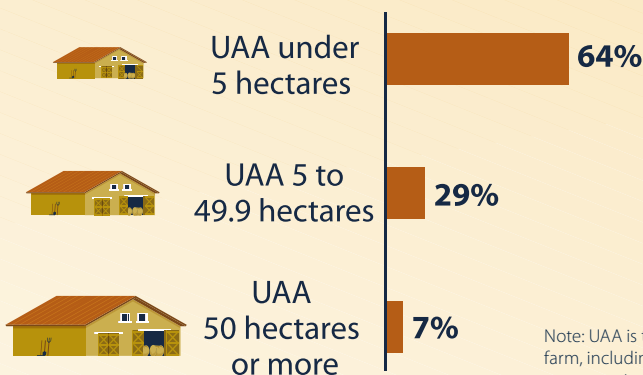
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farms in the EU



## How do the EU's farms differ in size?

(% share of number of farms, EU, 2020)



Note: UAA is the utilised agricultural area of the farm, including arable land, permanent crops, permanent grassland and kitchen gardens.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_m\\_farmleg](#)).

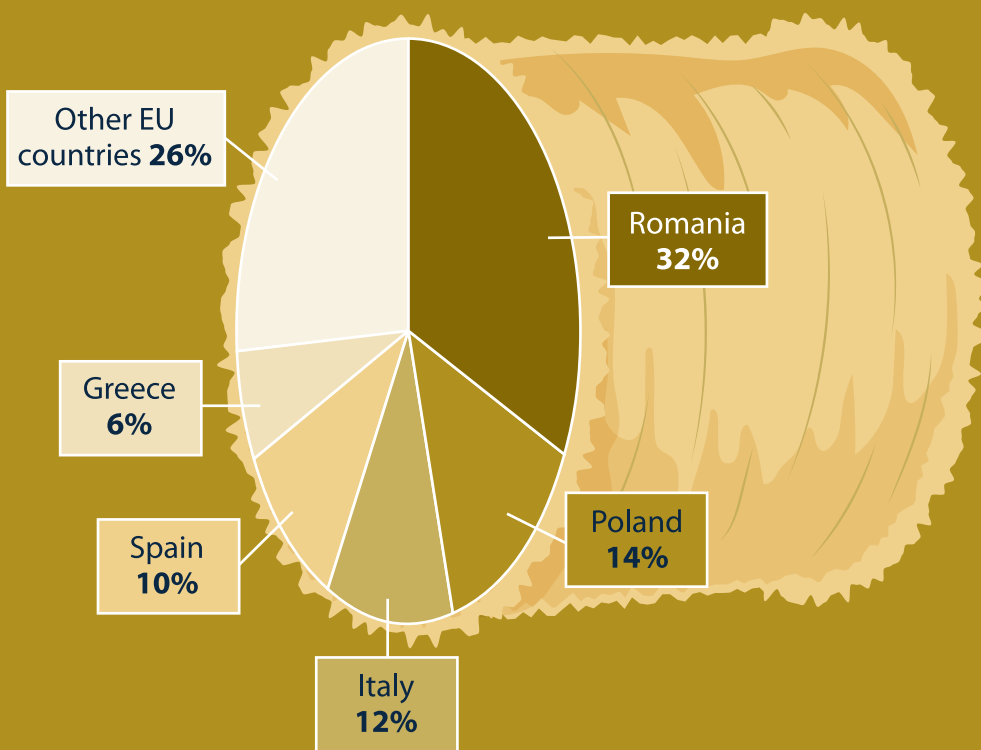
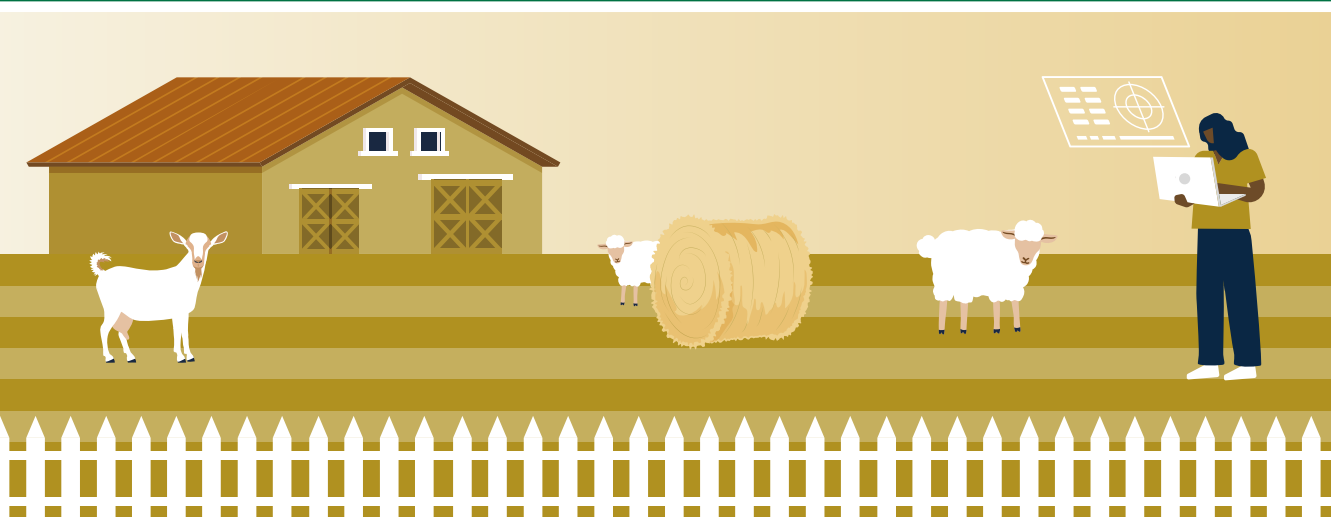






# Farms in EU countries

(% share of total, EU countries, 2020)



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_m\\_farmleg](#)).



# Farm managers

(% share of total, EU, 2020)





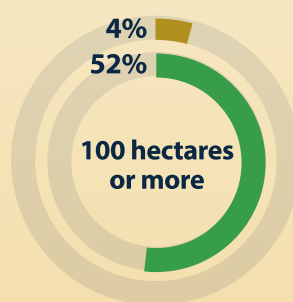
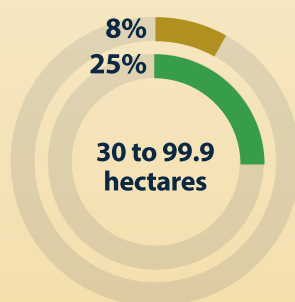
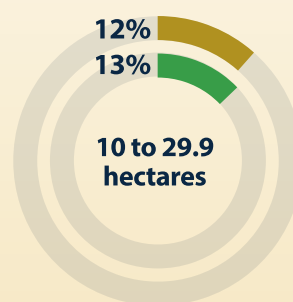
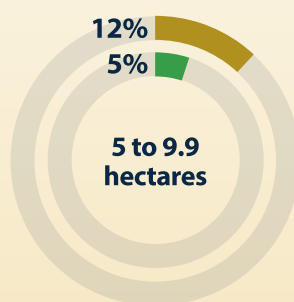
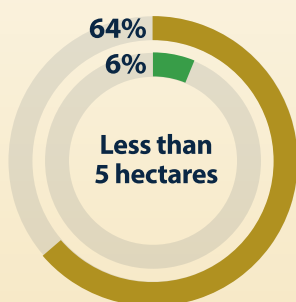




# Farms and farmland by farm size

(% share of total, EU, 2020)

■ Farms ■ Farmland

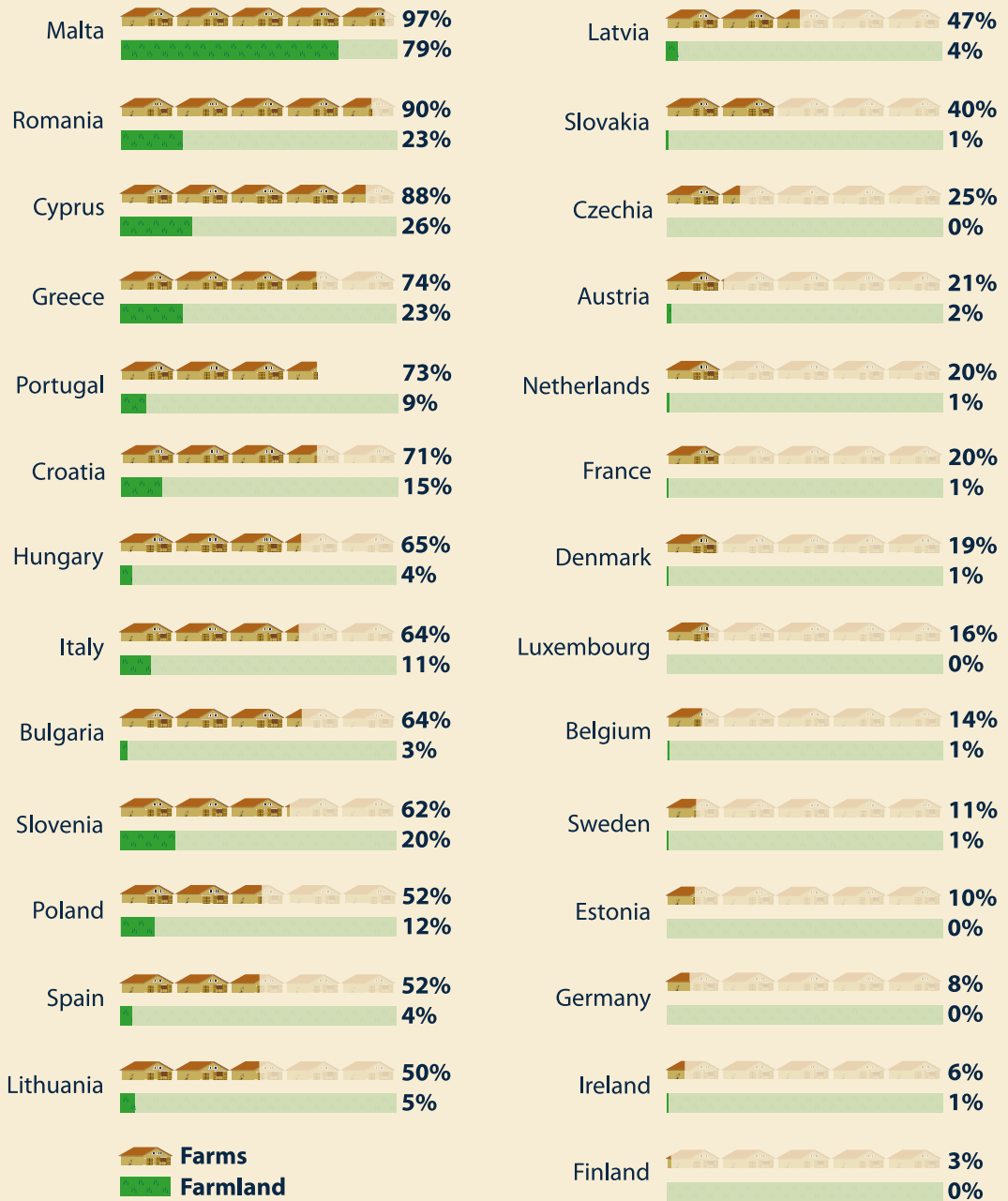


Note: Due to rounding, the shares for farmland do not add to 100%.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_m\\_farmleg](#)).

# Small farms in EU countries

(% share of farms and farmland, EU countries, 2020)



Note: Small farms have less than 5 hectares of UAA.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_m\\_farmleg](#)).

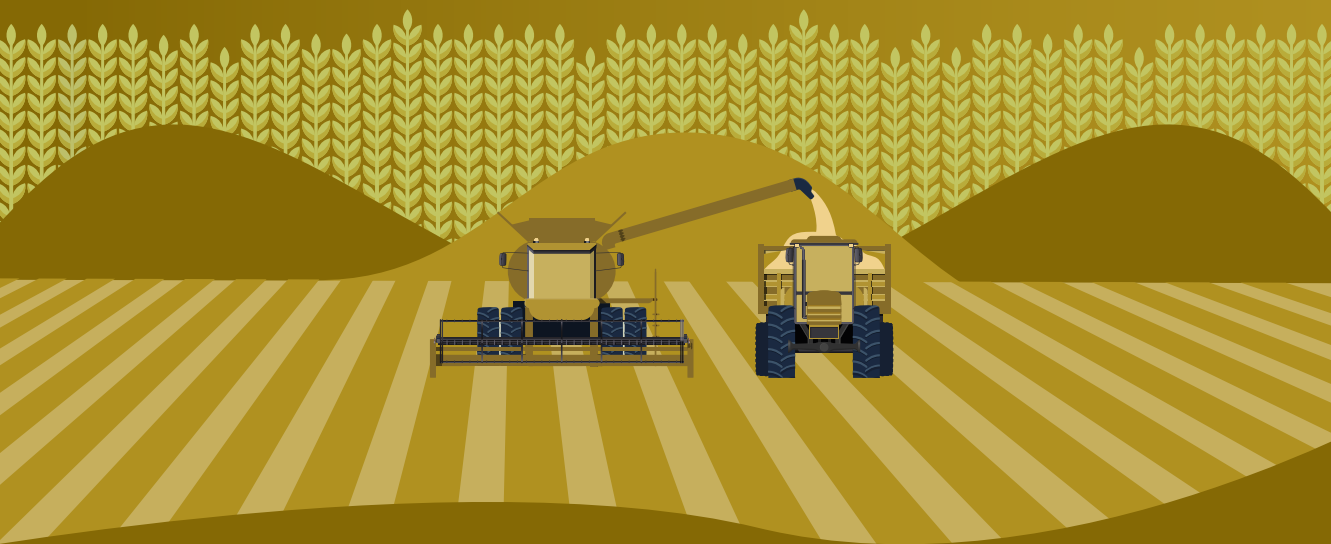


# Use of farmland

(% share of UAA, EU, 2020)

Arable land for crops

**62.3%**



Permanent grassland

**30.5%**



Permanent crops

**7.1%**

Other use

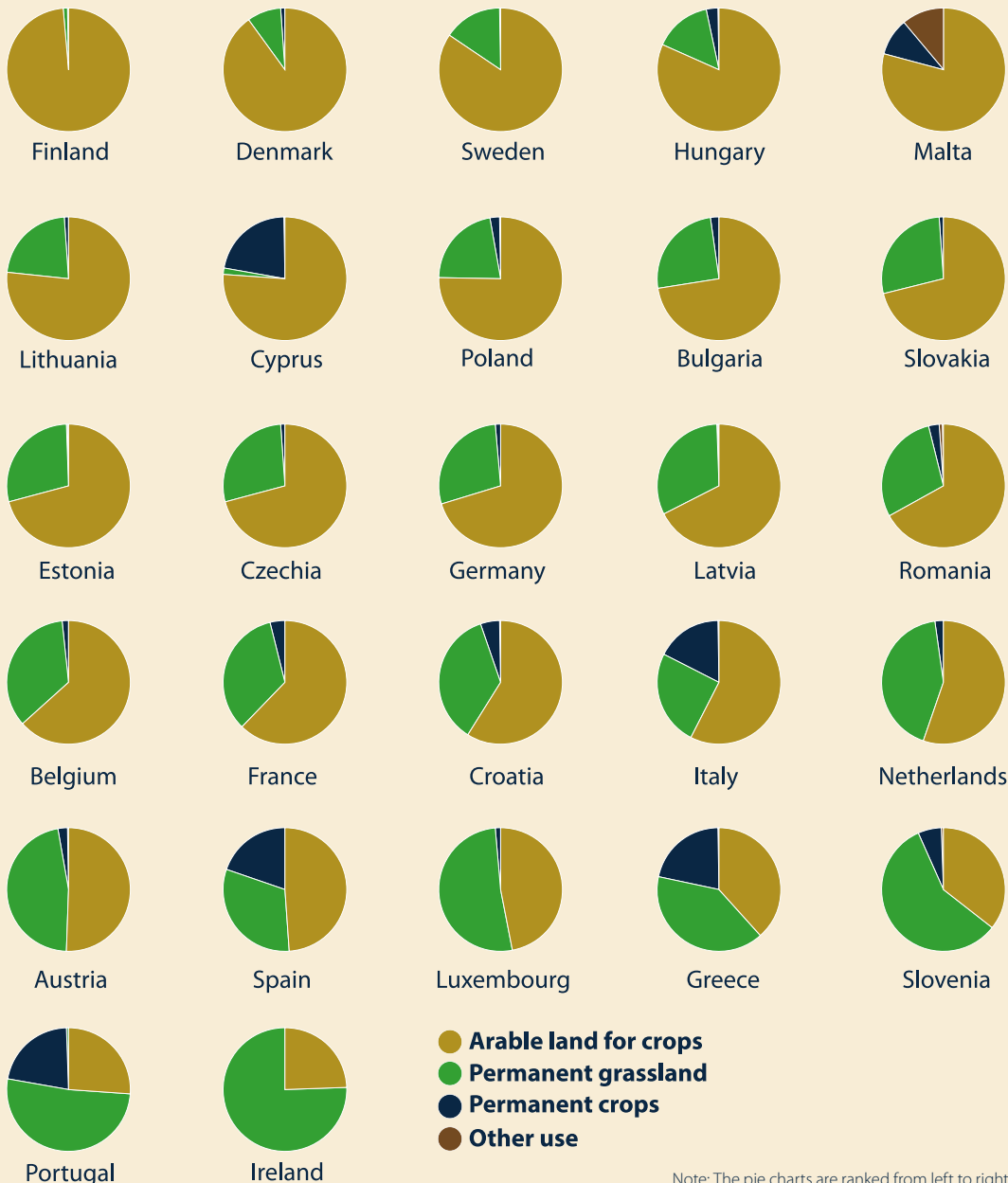
**0.1%**

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_lus\\_main](#))



# Use of farmland in EU countries

(% share of UAA, EU countries, 2020)



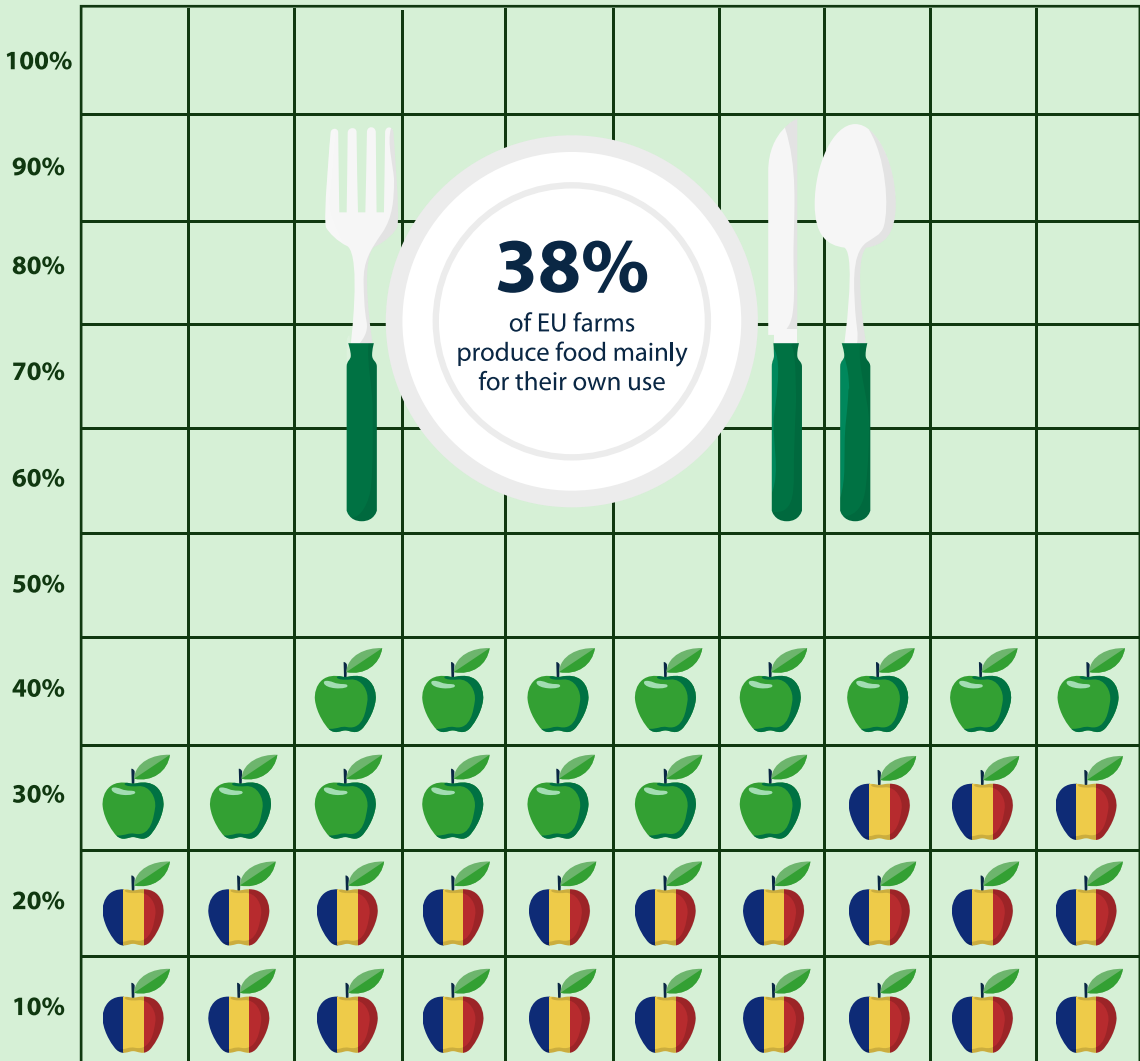
Note: The pie charts are ranked from left to right on the share of arable land in UAA of the country.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_lus\\_main](#)).



# Farms producing food mainly for own use

(% share of all farms, EU, 2020)



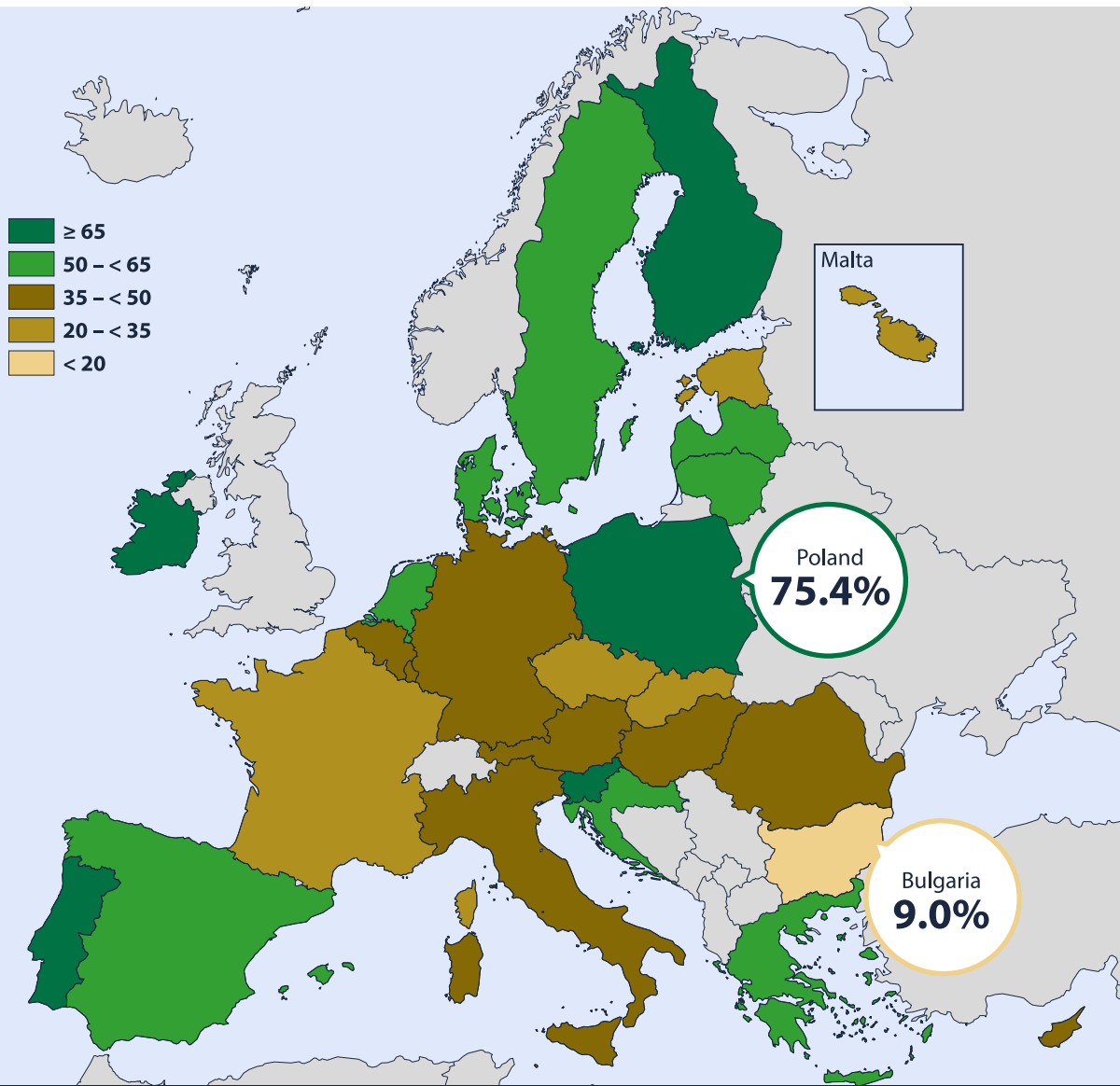
Note: Farms with standard output below 2 000 €.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_m\\_farmleg](#)).



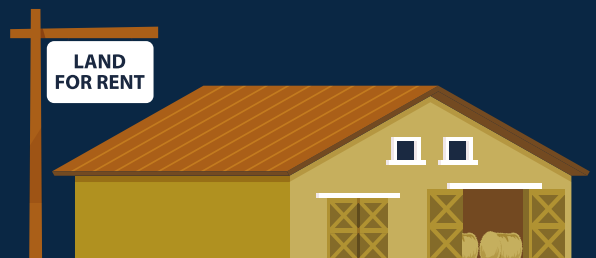
# Farm tenure in EU countries

(% share of UAA owned by farm holder, EU countries, 2020)



**EU** 48.0% UAA owned by farm holder  
 45.8% UAA rented from others  
 6.2% UAA under other tenure

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_mp\\_tenure](#)).









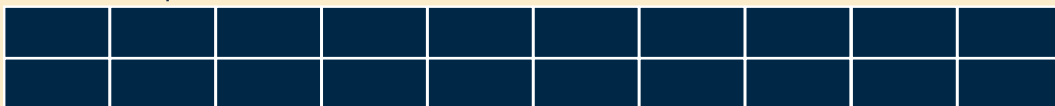
# Farm specialisations

(rounded, EU, 2020)

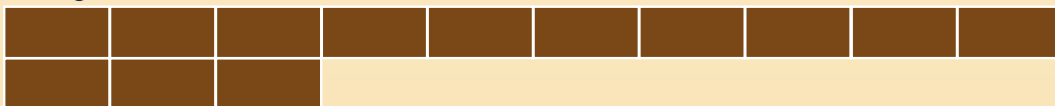
Field crops: **3 100 000**



Permanent crops: **2 000 000**



Grazing livestock: **1 300 000**



Mixed crops and livestock: **1 100 000**



Granivores (pigs, poultry and rabbits): **700 000**



Mixed cropping: **500 000**



Horticulture: **200 000**



Mixed livestock: **200 000**



Other: **100 000**



Note: Farms are classified into different types according to their dominant activity.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: ef\_lus\_main).



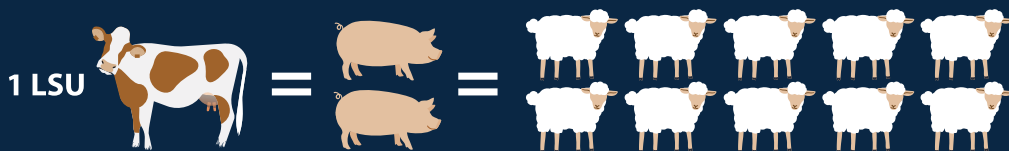
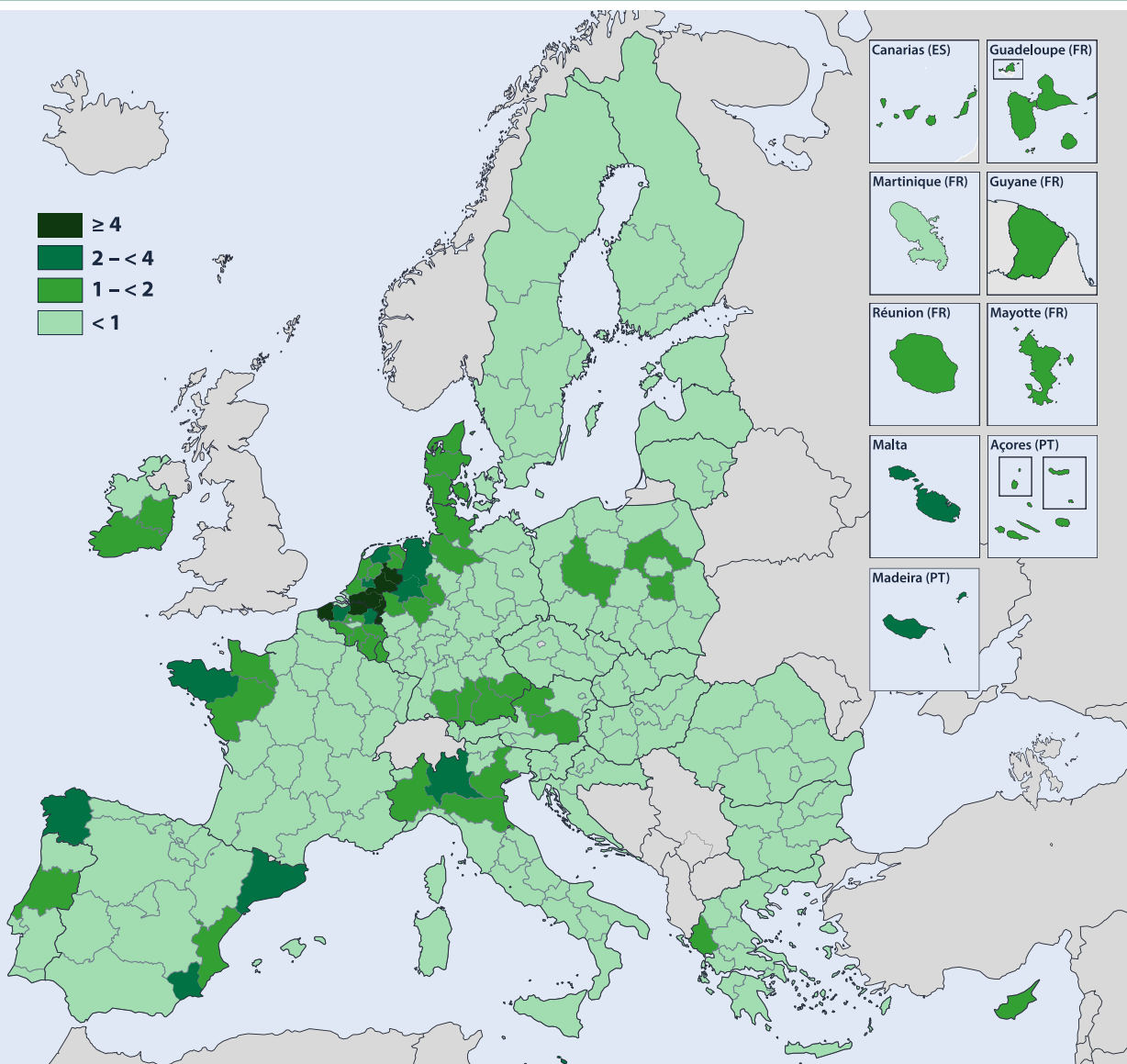






# Livestock density in EU regions

(livestock units per hectare, EU regions, 2020)

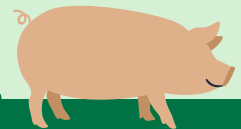
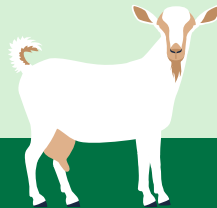
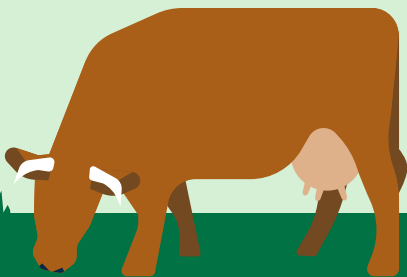
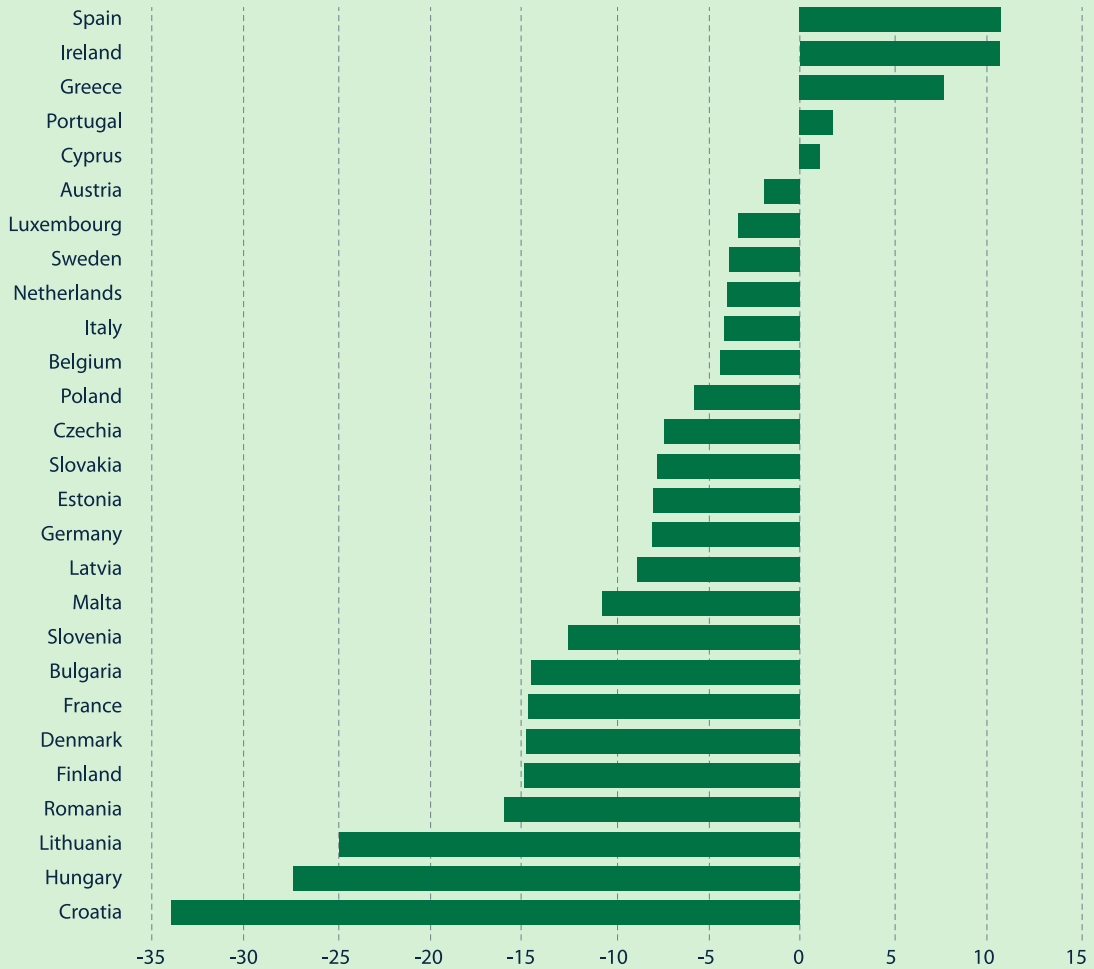


Note: A livestock unit (LSU) is a reference unit to facilitate comparison of livestock concentration.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_lsk\\_main](#))

# Changes in livestock density in EU countries

(% change in livestock units per hectare, EU countries, 2010 - 2020)



Note: ranked by rate of change in livestock density.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_lus\\_main](#))



# Farm labour

(EU, 2020)



# Farm labour in EU countries

(% share of farm labour, EU countries, 2020)



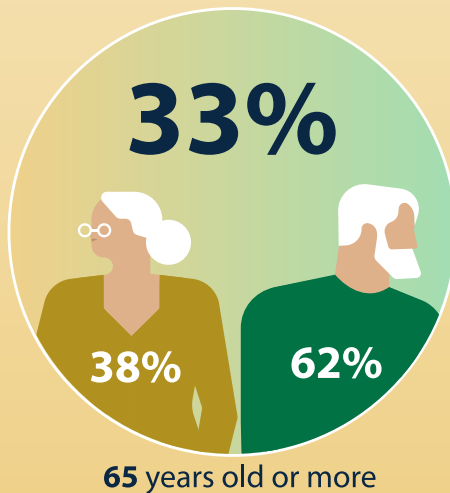
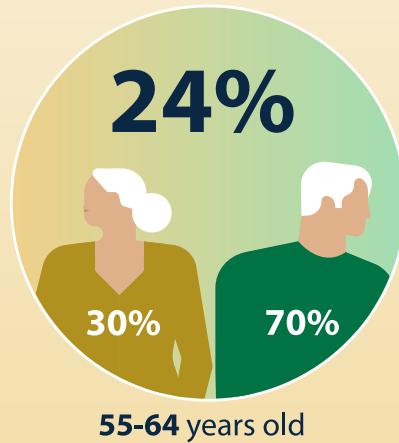
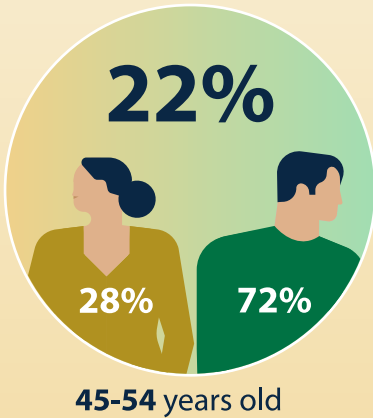
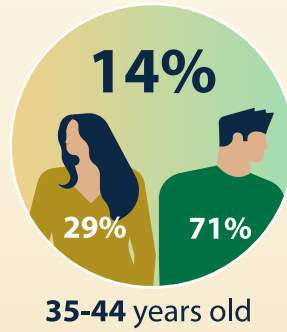
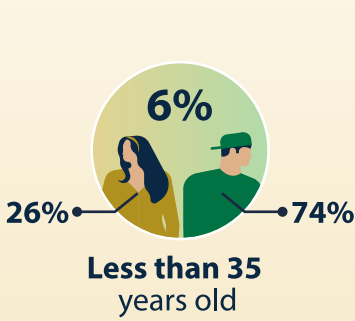
Note: ranked on protocol order.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_lf\\_leg](#))



# Age and sex of farm managers

(%, EU, 2020)



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_m\\_farmang](#))





# Young farm managers in EU countries

(% share of managers under 35 in all farm managers, EU countries, 2020)

## Young female farm managers

**0 to 2%**

Cyprus	Croatia
Netherlands	Belgium
Malta	Finland
Portugal	Germany
Spain	Romania
Greece	Latvia
Italy	Lithuania
Hungary	Czechia
Denmark	France
Slovenia	Slovakia
Sweden	Luxembourg
Ireland	

**>2 to 4%**

Bulgaria
Poland
Estonia
Austria



## Young male farm managers

**0 to 2%**

Portugal	
Cyprus	

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**>2 to 4%**

Spain	Hungary
Greece	Denmark
Romania	Slovenia
Latvia	Netherlands
Italy	

**>4 to 6%**

Lithuania	Ireland
Sweden	Croatia
Malta	Belgium
Bulgaria	

**>6 to 8%**

Finland
Germany
Poland
Estonia
Czechia
France

**>8 to 10%**

Slovakia
Luxembourg
Austria

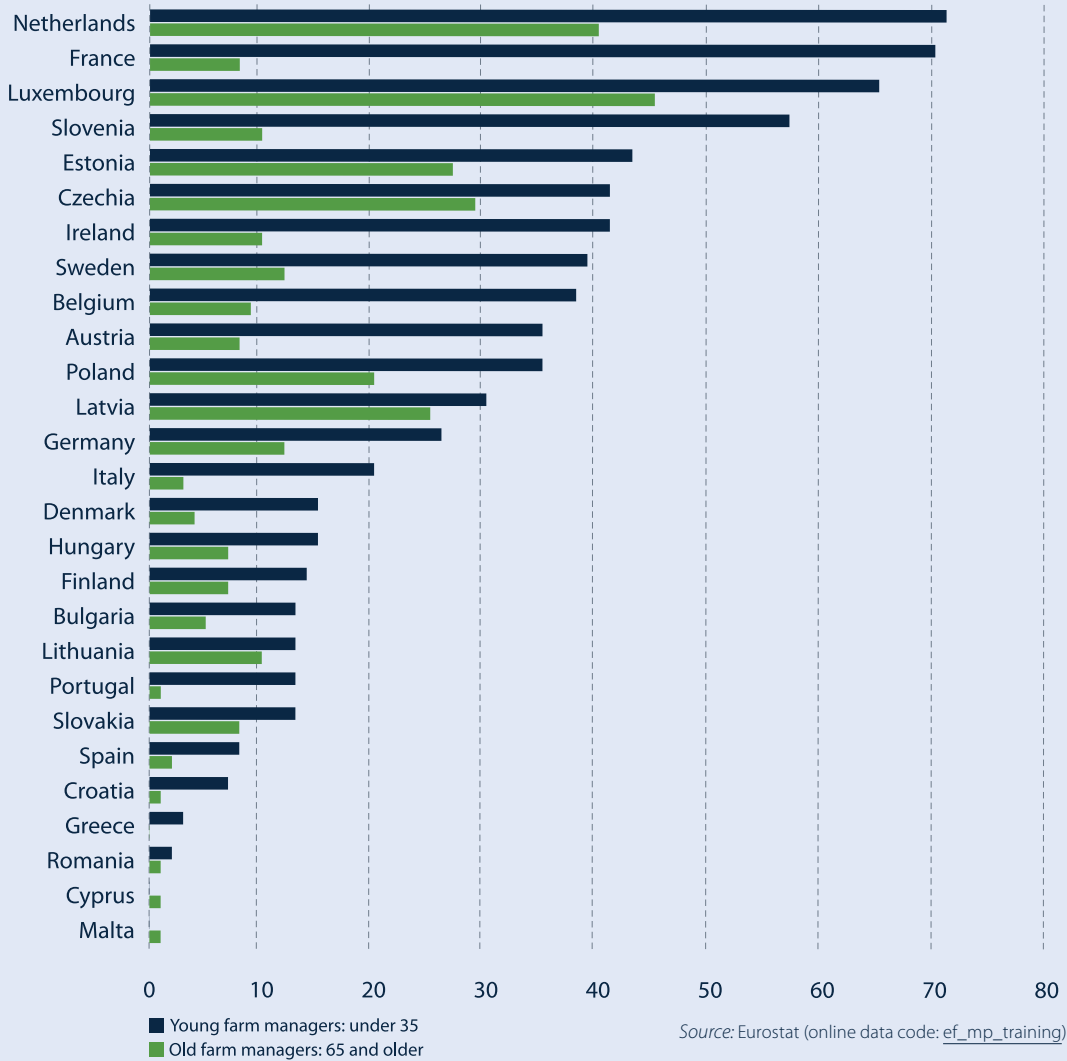


Source: Eurostat (online data code: [ef\\_m\\_farmang](#))



# Farm managers in EU countries with full agricultural training

(% share of all farm managers, EU countries, 2020)



**Young farmers in the EU with full agricultural training**



**Old farmers in the EU with full agricultural training**







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