

III. Summary information on agricultural holdings in 2010

The tables contain summarized data for 22 864 agricultural holdings (19 781 natural persons and 3 083 legal persons), which reached defined threshold values.

Table 1 shows a comparison of the number of agricultural holdings and the acreage of utilised agricultural area.

Table 1 Agricultural holdings in years 2000-2010: number and acreage²

Year	Variable	Agricultural holdings, total	In which holdings of	
			natural persons	legal persons
2000	Agricultural holdings	26 539	23 712	2 827
	Utilised agricultural area (ha)	3 604 400	923 760	2 680 640
2005	Agricultural holdings	23 233	20 523	2 710
	Utilised agricultural area (ha)	3 529 416	1 013 306	2 516 111
2010	Agricultural holdings	22 864	19 781	3 083
	Utilised agricultural area (ha)	3 483 500	1 013 303	2 470 197
Index (%)	Agricultural holdings	98.4	96.4	113.8
2010/2005	Utilised agricultural area	98.7	100.0	98.2
Index (%)	Agricultural holdings	86.2	83.4	109.1
2010/2000	Utilised agricultural area	96.6	109.7	92.1

During the last ten years the number of agricultural holdings decreased by 13.8%. The decrease in number of natural persons (-16.6%) was compensated for the increase in the number of legal persons (+9.1%), especially of limited liability companies and joint stock companies. Compared to 2000, the number of cooperatives went down by more than one quarter.

The total acreage of the utilised agricultural area is gradually decreasing. In the period 2000-2005, the acreage of UAA declined by 74 984 ha and during the following period it fell by further 45 916 ha. Nowadays, the total area of 3 483 500 ha is utilised, which counts 96.9% of the acreage in the year 2000. In the course of ten years the ownership of the utilised agricultural area shifted among natural and legal persons: while UAA acreage increased for natural persons by 9.7% compared to 2000, legal persons lost almost 8% of their UAA. A significant loss – almost one third of their UAA – was recorded for cooperatives.

Taking into account that the total number of agricultural holdings has decreased more rapidly than the total acreage of UAA, the average acreage of an agricultural holding has risen; currently it counts 152.36 ha. Whereas the average acreage for a natural person counted 38.96 ha at the beginning of the decade it is one quarter higher, i.e. 51.23 ha, at its end. On the contrary, the average acreage for legal persons has declined from 948.23 ha to 801.23 ha in the same period.

² Results of surveys carried out in 2000 and 2005 were recalculated according to threshold levels used in Agricultural census 2010.

Calculations in the tables are based on non-rounded figures (incl. totals).



SYMBOLS USED IN THE TABLES

- *no cases registered*
- . *data unavailable or unreliable*
- x *not applicable*
- 0 *less than half the final digit shown and greater than real zero*