

2 The main indicators of reporting units by legal forms

The FSS collected data from 30 805 reporting units. The published data was obtained after grossing - up for the whole Czech Republic (42 252 holdings, which were active at the moment of survey and met the thresholds). A combination of exhaustive and stratified sampling ensures that the results brought by FSS 2005 are representative. All holdings of legal entities and also all holdings of natural persons, whose last known SGM was higher than 1.25 mil. CZK, were surveyed exhaustively. The rest of the surveyed reporting units were selected on the basis of stratified sampling.

The following table shows the structure of agricultural holdings by legal forms and their shares of surveyed characteristics.

Tab. 2 Main indicators: by legal forms, 2005

Indicator	Reporting units, total	Holdings of natural persons		Holdings of legal persons				
		Total	Private farmers + agricultural entrepreneur	Total	incl.			
					Business companies & partnerships	incl.		Cooperatives
						Limited liability companies	Joint stock companies	
Number of reporting units	42 252	39 419	27 226	2 833	2 154	1 493	622	584
Agricultural area (thous. ha)	3 558	1 041	953	2 516	1 634	786	834	849
Cattle (thous. heads)	1 426	313	289	1 112	657	248	405	441
Pigs (thous. heads)	3 019	291	264	2 728	2 036	522	1 511	665
Poultry (thous. heads)	26 574	3 269	2 804	23 305	20 496	7 385	13 110	2 627
Percentage of total reporting units %								
Number of reporting units	100.0	93.3	64.4	6.7	5.1	3.5	1.5	1.4
Agricultural area	100.0	29.3	26.8	70.7	45.9	22.1	23.4	23.9
Cattle	100.0	21.9	20.3	78.0	46.1	17.4	28.4	30.9
Pigs	100.0	9.6	8.7	90.4	67.4	17.3	50.0	22.0
Poultry	100.0	12.3	10.6	87.7	77.1	27.8	49.3	9.9
Average per 1 reporting unit (average area of RU utilising agricultural land, average number of animals in RU keeping them)								
Agricultural area (ha)	86.4	27.0	35.7	957.1	832.6	569.3	1 528.3	1 478.7
Cattle (heads)	94	23	27	689	602	376	979	900
Pigs (heads)	207	22	30	2 566	2 986	1 574	4 404	1 885
Poultry (heads)	1 357	170	233	72 152	80 376	53 132	114 004	52 544

Holdings of natural persons make up 93.3% of the total number of reporting units in 2005. Almost three fourths (74.8%) of them are entrepreneurs with their own identification number, mostly registered as private farmers or agricultural entrepreneurs.

Holdings of natural persons utilised 29.3% of agricultural land in 2005, 3.2% more than in 2003. In terms of holdings of natural persons, the shares of total numbers of animals bred in the Czech Republic in 2005 were: 21.9% of cattle, 9.6% of pigs, 12.3% of poultry but more than four fifths of sheep and over 90% of goats. While the shares of cattle and pigs bred in holdings of natural persons remained almost unchanged, the shares of poultry and goats decreased (by 5.3% and 2.8%, respectively) as compared to the previous survey. Sheep numbers went up significantly - by one third (by 45 801 heads).

Holdings of legal persons have still the highest shares of both the agricultural land area (70.7%) and livestock (78.0% of cattle, 90.4% of pigs and 87.7% of poultry). Except for poultry, their shares of livestock remained almost unchanged compared to 2003. (Shares of pigs increased by 1.4 percentage points, shares of the of cattle decreased by 0.3 percentage points). The shares of holdings of legal persons in total poultry stock rose by 5.3 percentage points in poultry farming. But it is necessary to remark that as this increase was caused by a decrease in numbers of poultry in the holdings of natural persons, it is only relative. In terms of holdings of legal persons, UAA fell by 3.6% in comparison to 2003.

A considerable increase in the number of horses was recorded in terms of holdings of legal persons. This number has increased five times from 4 601 heads in 2003 to 24 948 heads in 2005. Also the number of marginally bred animals, i.e. the item „other special breedings“, which include rabbits, fur animals, bee colonies or hooved game, has increased considerably in holdings of legal persons.