

6 Land ownership, lease of land – types of holdings

FSS 2005 confirmed results from previous structure surveys that a great share (85.7%) of agricultural land utilised by the interviewed holdings is rented from the others. Concerning the holdings of natural persons, a share of their own land went down by 7.4 percentage points in comparison to 2003. In terms of holdings of legal persons a moderate increase (by 1.0 percentage point) in the share of their own land was recorded.

23 598 holdings of natural persons farm solely on their own agricultural land; their total area is 147 620 ha, i.e. on average 6.3 ha per 1 holding. Moreover, these holdings own another 61 301 ha which they rent to other holdings. In the category of the smallest (by area) holdings of natural persons, the ownership of land is a condition of farming. The more land a holding utilises, the higher share of land rented from the others it has.

Tab. 10 Share of own land in the holdings of natural persons by size group

Size group by UAA (ha)	Holding of natural persons				Private farmers + agricultural entrepreneurs			
	Number of RU	UAA (ha)	Rented from others	Own land %	Number of RU	UAA (ha)	Rented from others	Own land %
Total	39 419	1 041 454	662 028	36.4	27 227	953 402	610 901	35.9
0.00	870	0	0	x	511	0	0	x
0.01 - 2.99	15 213	13 828	1 675	87.9	6 986	7 212	927	87.1
3.00 - 9.99	8 380	33 284	6 058	81.8	6 001	24 686	4 760	80.7
10.00 - 19.99	4 481	44 608	11 831	73.5	3 897	38 943	10 538	72.9
20.00 - 29.99	2 335	39 899	13 787	65.4	2 165	37 028	12 910	65.1
30.00 - 49.99	2 447	66 091	28 717	56.5	2 284	61 794	26 702	56.8
50.00 - 99.99	2 670	135 103	79 513	41.1	2 542	128 559	75 500	41.3
100.00 - 499.99	2 683	428 220	312 556	27.0	2 527	400 697	293 561	26.7
500.00 - 1999.99	328	254 166	187 577	26.2	304	234 055	171 442	26.8
2000.00 and more	12	26 255	20 315	22.6	10	20 427	14 562	28.7

It is obvious that holdings of legal persons are of the rental type in the Czech Republic. 43.4% of 2 629 holdings of legal persons farming on agricultural land have no agricultural land of their own. Their number decreased by 13% in comparison to 2003. Arable land makes up 76.8% of the total area of leased agricultural land (878 926 ha). In terms of holdings of legal persons there are 236 holdings farming solely on their own land (total area of this self-owned land is 51 967 ha). Moreover these holdings own another 2 222 ha which they rent to other holdings.

Tab. 11 Share of own land in the holdings of legal persons by size group

Size group by UAA (ha)	Holdings of legal			Limited liability			Joint stock			Cooperatives		
	Number of RU	UAA (ha)	Own land %	Number of RU	UAA (ha)	Own land %	Number of RU	UAA (ha)	Own land %	Number of RU	UAA (ha)	Own land %
Total	2 833	2 516 336	5.1	1 493	785 576	7.0	622	834 436	3.9	584	848 797	3.3
0.00	204	0	x	113	0	x	76	0	x	10	0	x
0.01 - 2.99	110	142	50.0	82	107	48.0	8	7	80.2	3	5	29.3
3.00 - 9.99	117	671	47.9	83	466	45.1	19	109	62.6	3	24	32.9
10.00 - 19.99	92	1 294	42.1	64	900	43.9	10	141	43.7	2	31	0.0
20.00 - 29.99	58	1 395	33.7	49	1 183	32.0	4	99	31.5	1	24	100.0
30.00 - 49.99	95	3 706	28.8	76	2 943	29.6	9	363	26.6	1	45	0.0
50.00 - 99.99	127	8 933	25.8	100	7 101	26.4	11	682	47.7	9	582	2.8
100.00 - 499.99	493	140 259	10.9	349	96 272	11.1	49	13 092	13.9	57	20 342	3.2
500.00 - 1999.99	1 183	1 300 549	4.9	522	521 883	6.6	281	351 658	3.4	359	407 885	3.6
2000.00 and	354	1 059 386	4.3	55	154 720	4.0	155	468 284	3.9	139	419 857	2.9

There are no significant differences in the amount of owned land among the various legal forms of holding. As was mentioned above, the more area a holding utilises the smaller is the share of its own agricultural land. This phenomenon is the most significant in the largest holdings, i.e. in cooperatives, with a share of 2.9% of their own land.