

7 Size of holdings by area of utilised agricultural land

There were 1 074 agricultural holdings (2.5% of the total number of agricultural holdings) with zero area of agricultural land in 2005. No considerable changes in the shares of holdings in categories by size group of utilised agricultural area have occurred as compared to 2003.

Most natural persons utilise agricultural area up to 5 ha – 48.1% out of the total number of holdings of natural persons. A category of 10 – 50 ha (23.5% of holdings of natural persons) is in the second place, and in the third place there is a category of 5 – 10 ha of utilised area. More detailed sorting which is more accurate for holdings of natural persons can be found in annexed tables. The most numerous are categories of holdings with 1-3 ha and up to 1 ha of utilised area, i.e. 21.8%, and 16.7% of holdings of natural persons respectively. Private farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs (who represent more than two thirds of holdings of natural persons) fall in most cases (16.8%) also into the category of 1– 3 ha but in the second place there is the category of 10 – 20 ha and then the category of 5 – 10 ha, represented by 14.3% and 13.1% of holdings respectively.

Most of the holdings of legal persons (21.7%) fall into the category of 1 000 – 2 000 ha. They cover 34.8% of the total area utilised by the holdings of legal persons. Both the joint stock companies (30.9% of the total number and 33.6% of the total agricultural area) and the cooperatives (33.4% of the total number and 33.3% of the total agricultural area) fall most often into the category of 1 000 – 2 000 ha. Limited liability companies fall most often into the category of 100 – 500 ha (23.4% of the total number and 12.3% of the total agricultural area). 354 holdings falling into the highest category by utilised agricultural area constitute the biggest share (42.1%) in the total agricultural area utilised by holdings of legal persons. They include 24.9% of joint stock companies and almost one fourth of the cooperatives.

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Size group by UAA (ha)	Reporting units. total				Holdings of natural persons				Holdings of legal persons			
	Number		UAA (ha)		Number		UAA (ha)		Number		UAA (ha)	
	abs.	%	abs.	%	abs.	%	abs.	%	abs.	%	abs.	%
Total	42 252	100.0	3 557 791	100.0	39 419	100.0	1 041 454	100.0	2 833	100.0	2 516 336	100.0
0.00	1 074	2.5	0	0.0	870	2.2	0	0.0	204	7.2	0	0.0
0.01 - 4.99	19 120	45.3	24 414	0.7	18 957	48.1	24 067	2.3	163	5.8	347	0.0
5.00 - 9.99	4 700	11.1	23 511	0.7	4 636	11.8	23 044	2.2	64	2.3	466	0.0
10.00 - 49.99	9 507	22.5	156 994	4.4	9 262	23.5	150 599	14.5	245	8.6	6 395	0.3
50.00 - 99.99	2 797	6.6	144 036	4.0	2 670	6.8	135 103	13.0	127	4.5	8 933	0.4
100.00 - 499.99	3 176	7.5	568 479	16.0	2 683	6.8	428 220	41.1	493	17.4	140 259	5.6
500.00 - 999.99	804	1.9	572 283	16.1	237	0.6	148 368	14.2	567	20.0	423 915	16.8
1000.00 - 1999.99	707	1.7	982 432	27.6	91	0.2	105 798	10.2	616	21.7	876 634	34.8
2000.00 and more	367	0.9	1 085 641	30.5	13	0.0	26 255	2.5	354	12.5	1 059 386	42.1

From the point of view of the share in the agricultural area utilised by the holdings of natural persons, the decisive share (41.1%) belongs to 2 683 holdings with 100 – 500 ha of agricultural land. The number of them has increased by two thirds and their total utilised area by one third compared to 2003. However, holdings of natural persons can also be found in three the highest size categories. 237 holdings (including 220 holdings of agricultural entrepreneurs and private farmers) fall into the category of 500 – 1 000 ha. 104 farmers (more than 90% of them are private farmers or agricultural entrepreneurs) fall into the category of holdings utilising over 1 000 ha of agricultural area. The sum of the areas utilised by them covers 88.4% of the total area utilised by holdings of natural persons.