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Structure of farms, 2024

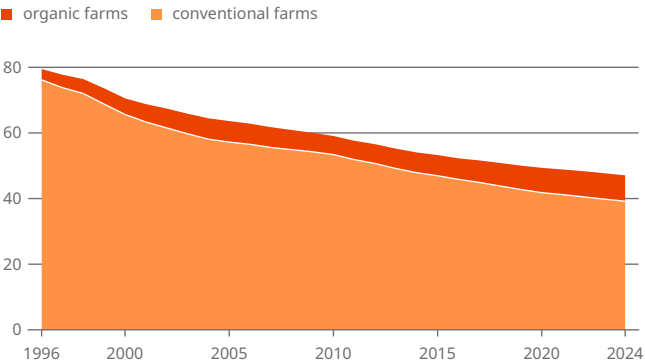
	Total	of which organic	%
Farms	47 075	7 889	17%
Orientation: animal production	31 457	5 378	17%
Orientation: plant production	11 674	1 810	16%
Orientation: mixed production	3 944	701	18%
Farms with direct sales (2023)	9 500	2 800	29%
Jobs	147 900	27 700	19%
Average farm size in hectares	22	24	
Utilised agricultural area in hectares	1 041 000	191 000	18%
owner-occupied (2023)	53%	50%	
leased (2023)	46%	47%	
in usufruct (2023)	2%	2%	
Agricultural vehicles, stock 2024	198 000	...	...

Source: FSO – Farm structure survey and Additional survey,
Distribution of road vehicles

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Organic country: 1 in 6 farms is organic

In thousands of farms

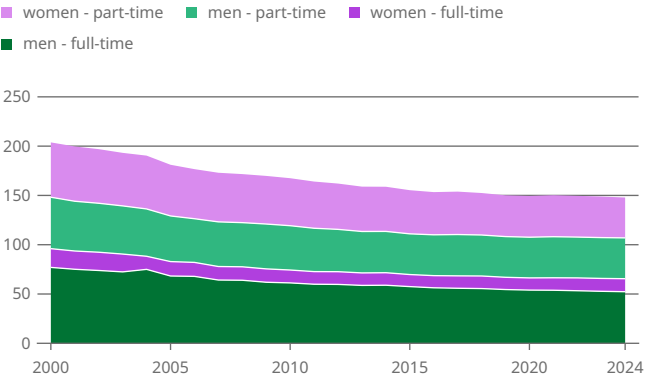


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Source: FSO – Farm structure survey

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A workplace in the countryside: Women occupy 37% of positions in the agricultural sector

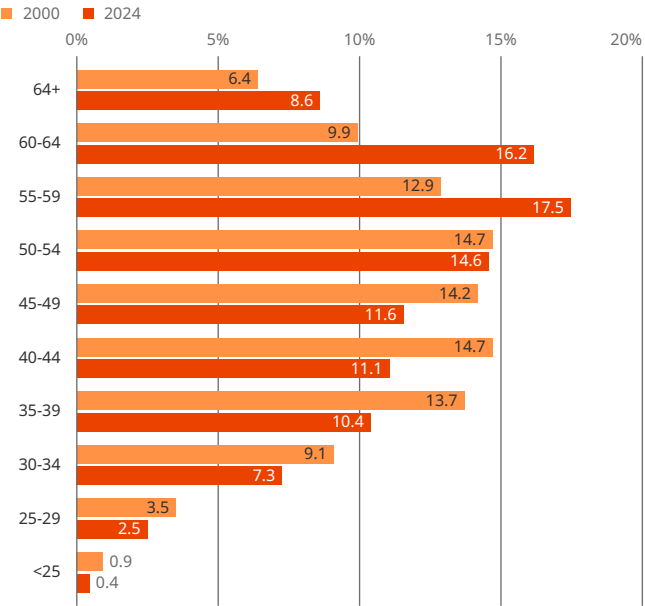
In thousands of persons



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Age pyramid: A quarter of farm managers¹ are aged over 60



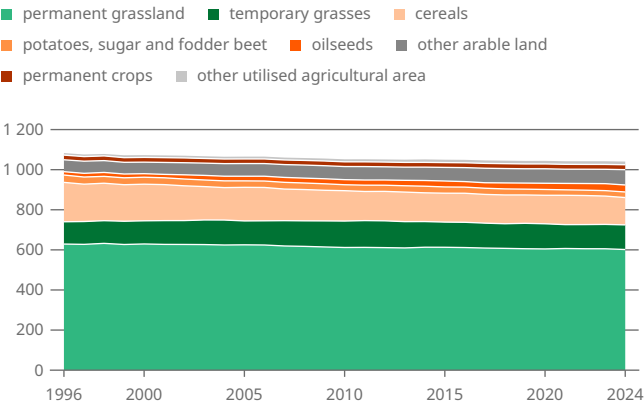
¹ Farm managers whose age is known (approx. 87%)

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Grassland: 7 of 10 hectares are meadow or pastureland

In thousands of hectares



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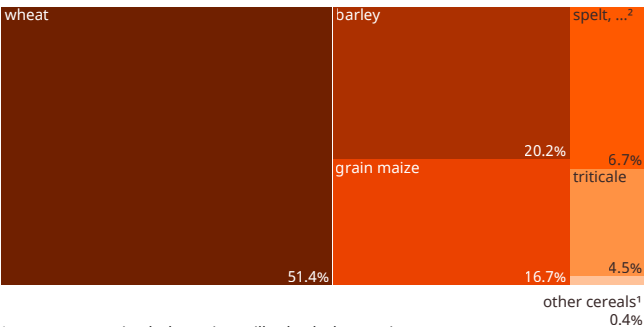
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Diverse cereals: ingredients for bread, muesli and animal feed in 2023

cereals: 808 000 tonnes



¹ emmer, one-grained wheat, rice, millet, buckwheat, quinoa

² spelt, rye, oats and meslin grain

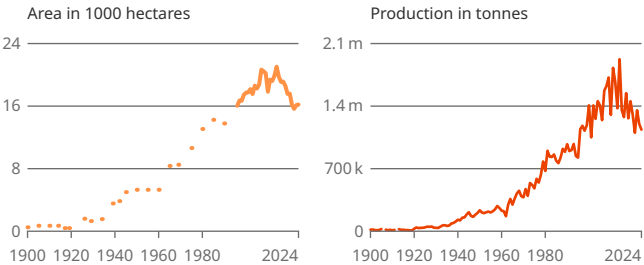
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Source: Agristat – Crop production

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Sugar beet: boom gives way to downward trend



production 2024: provisional

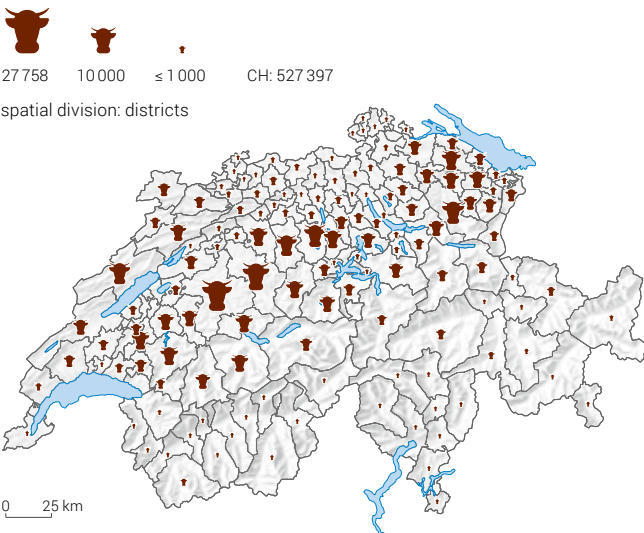
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Agristat – Crop production

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In the Milky Way: 527 000 dairy cows produced 3.7bn kg milk in 2024



Data as on: 13.05.2025

Source: FSO – Farm structure survey

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Animals¹

	2024
Cattle	1.5 millions 19% of which in the canton of Berne
Farms with tie stalls (2020)	20 000
Farms with free-stall systems (2020)	33 000
Pigs	1.3 millions 31% of which in the canton of Lucerne
Horses	81 000
Sheep	374 000
Goats	87 000
Chickens	13.2 millions

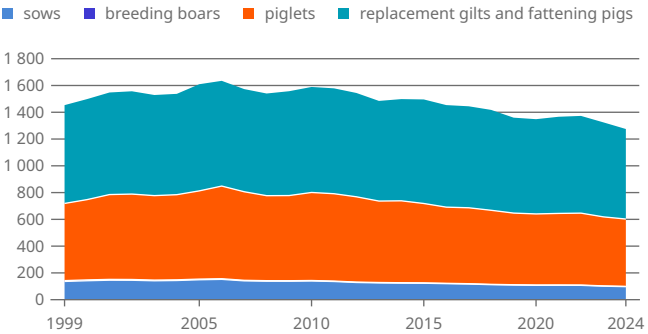
¹ Rounded

Source: FSO – Farm structure survey and Additional survey

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Pig farming: Swiss herd numbers fall

In thousands of pigs



Data as on: 13.05.2025

Source: FSO – Farm structure survey

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Key cantonal figures for agriculture, 2024

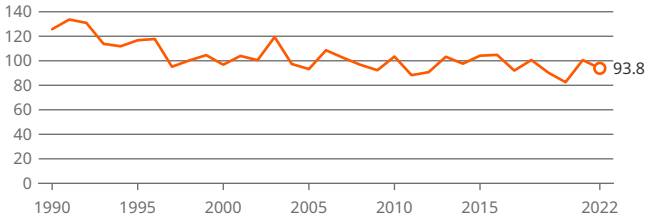
Cantons	Farms	Of which organic farms	Jobs in thousands	Utilised agricultural area in thousands of hectares	Cattle in thousands
ZH	2 982	508	10.9	72.0	91.6
BE	9 586	1 445	29.1	190.9	298.3
LU	4 273	488	12.7	75.5	148.4
UR	512	59	1.3	6.7	11.1
SZ	1 452	187	3.9	23.6	43.2
OW	593	194	1.5	7.8	18.5
NW	391	80	1.1	5.9	11.4
GL	332	100	0.9	7.0	11.8
ZG	537	97	1.7	10.5	19.4
FR	2 553	249	8.2	75.3	134.8
SO	1 261	195	3.8	31.1	40.8
BS	13	3	0.05	0.4	0.3
BL	869	170	2.8	21.4	25.6
SH	488	53	1.6	16.1	16.8
AR	645	128	1.5	11.9	22.5
AI	412	25	1.0	7.1	14.6
SG	3 664	488	10.5	71.0	137.3
GR	2 097	1 240	6.1	56.4	70.3
AG	2 890	335	9.4	59.3	85.7
TG	2 393	394	8.3	49.2	71.0
TI	1 021	175	2.7	13.7	10.7
VD	3 482	457	12.3	107.9	112.7
VS	2 496	386	9.9	36.2	31.7
NE	766	129	2.2	31.6	42.8
GE	394	94	2.1	11.2	3.1
JU	973	210	2.8	40.7	59.1
Switzerland	47 075	7 889	147.9	1 040.5	1 533.5

Source: FSO – Farm structure survey

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Nitrogen balance: nitrogen input exceeds agricultural crop requirements

In thousands of tonnes



Data as on: 04.07.2024

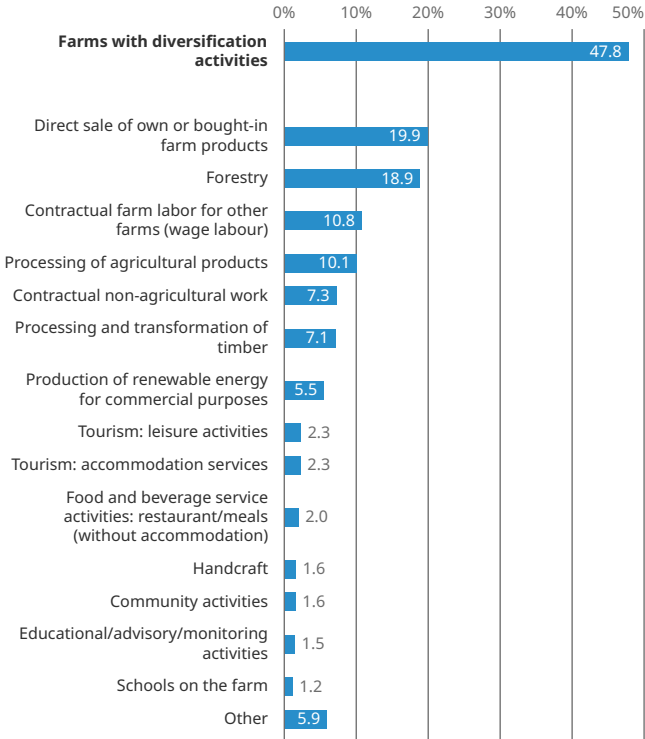
Source: FSO – Environmental accounting

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Diversification: 1 in 5 farms sold direct to consumers in 2023

Multiple activities possible per farm



Extrapolated values based on a sample

Data as on: 22.11.2024

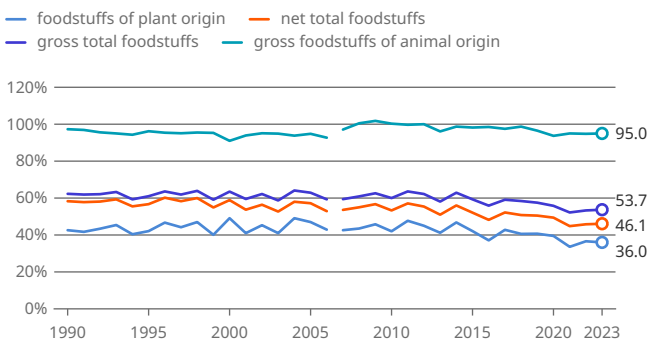
Source: FSO – Farm census, additional survey autumn 2023

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Food security: 54% of food supplied by Swiss farms

By usable energy



New calculation method since 2007

2023: provisional

Data as on: 22.01.2025

Source: Agristat – Food balance sheet

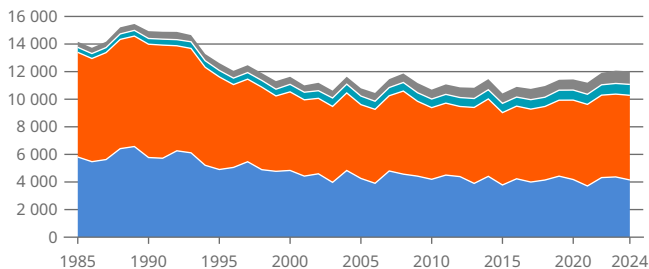
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Output: 51% of output value comes from livestock and 34% from crops

In CHF millions, to current basic prices

■ crop output ■ animal output ■ agricultural services
■ non agricultural secondary activities



Output to basic prices includes subsidies on products and excludes taxes on products

2022: semi definitive, 2023: provisional, 2024: estimate

Data as on: 19.11.2024

Source: FSO – Economic accounts for agriculture

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