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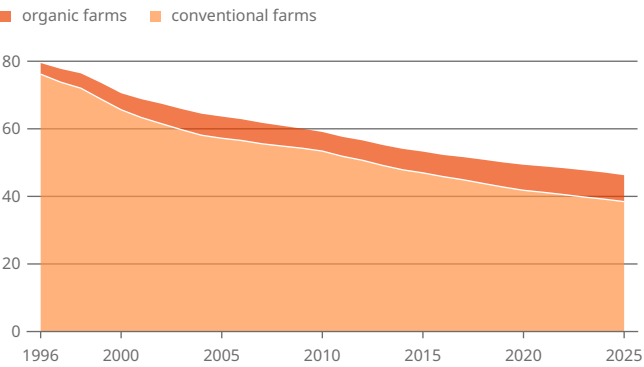
Structure of farms, 2025

	Total	of which organic	%
Farms	46 270	7 819	17%
Orientation: animal production	30 883	5 269	17%
Orientation: plant production	11 521	1 827	16%
Orientation: mixed production	3 866	723	19%
Farms with direct sales (2023)	9 500	2 800	29%
Jobs	145 628	27 626	19%
Jobs women	53 341	10 983	21%
Average farm size in hectares	22	25	
Utilised agricultural area in hectares	1 040 000	192 000	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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Farms are getting fewer: Since 2024, the number of organic farms has also been falling



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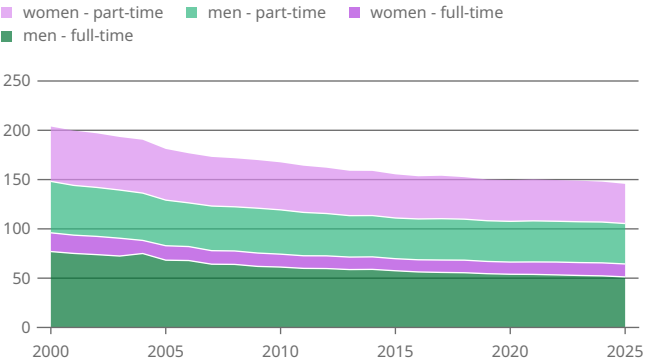
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Fewer hands in the fields: The number of agricultural workers has fallen by around 29% since 2000

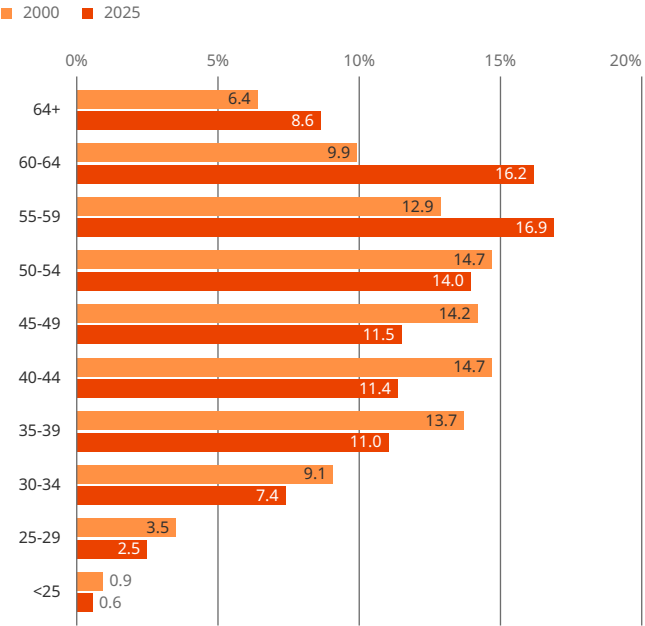
In thousands of persons



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



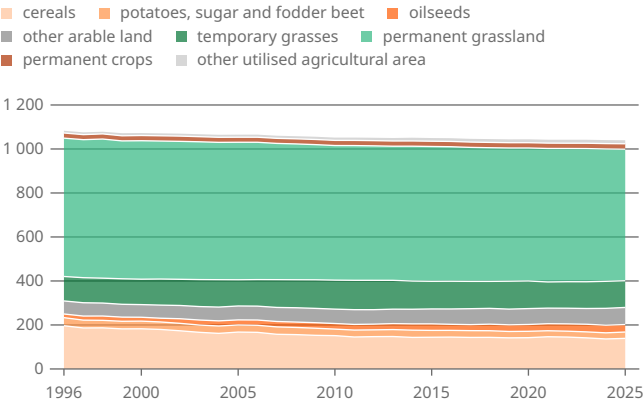
¹ Farm managers whose age is known (approx. 86%)

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Grassland: 7 of 10 hectares are meadow or pastureland

In thousands of hectares

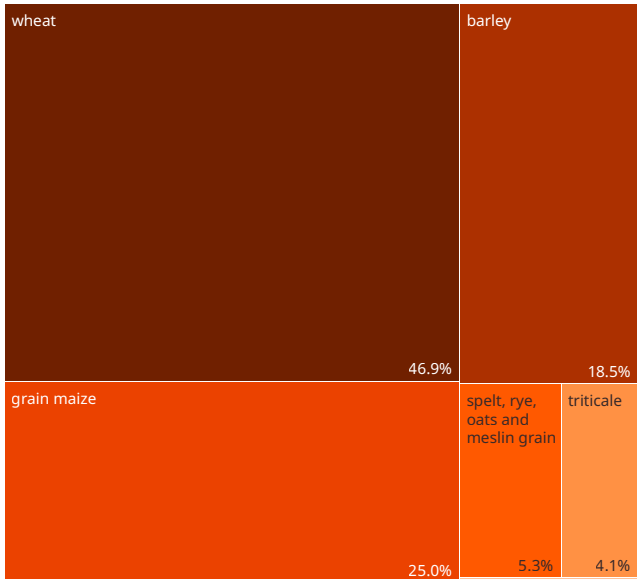


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Diverse cereals: Ingredients for bread, muesli and animal feed in 2024

cereals: 627 000 tonnes



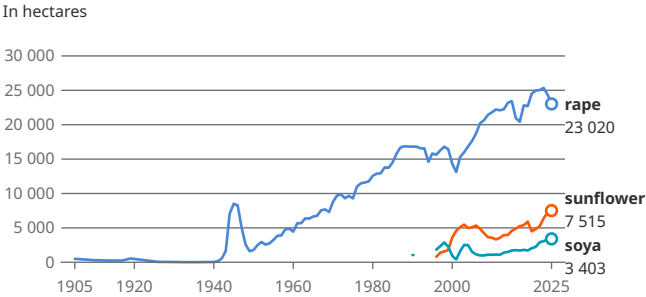
¹ emmer, one-grained wheat, rice, millet, buckwheat, quinoa

other cereals ¹ 0.3%

Data as on: 04.12.2025
Source: Agristat – Crop production

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The source of Switzerland's golden cooking oil: A steady rise in cultivation of oilseed rape



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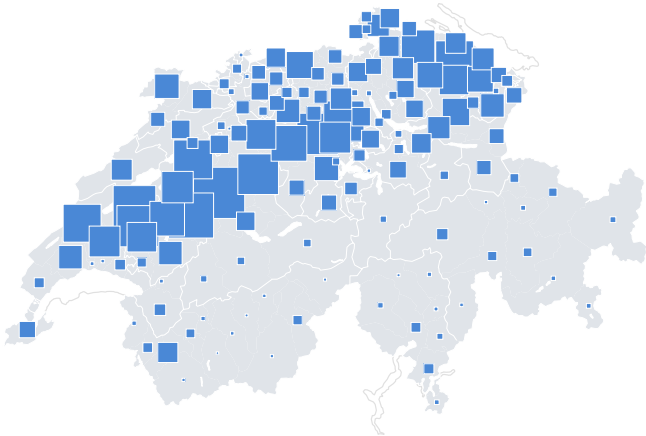
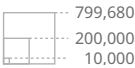
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Poultry: Chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese reared mainly on the Swiss Plateau, 2025

Number



Switzerland: 13,500,000

spatial division: districts

Data as on: 12.05.2026

Source: FSO – Farm structure survey

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Animals¹

	2025
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 32% of which in the canton of Lucerne
Horses	81 000
Sheep	356 000
Goats	86 000
Chickens	13.4 millions

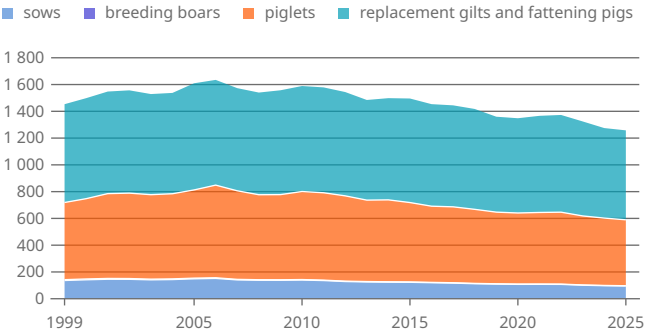
¹ Rounded

Source: FSO – Farm structure survey and Additional survey

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Pig farming: Swiss herd numbers fall

In thousands of pigs



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Key cantonal figures for agriculture, 2025

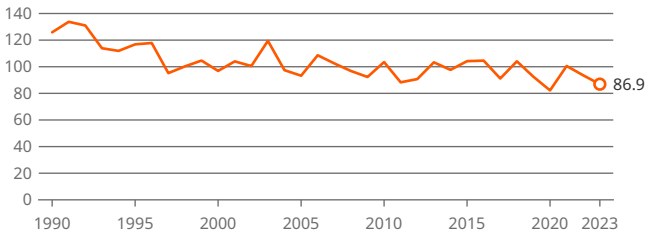
Cantons	Farms	Of which organic farms	Jobs in thousands	Utilised agricultural area in thousands of hectares	Cattle in thousands
ZH	2 934	502	10.9	71.9	91.7
BE	9 392	1 430	28.3	190.7	295.1
LU	4 226	499	12.4	75.5	148.1
UR	508	58	1.2	6.7	11.0
SZ	1 437	182	3.8	23.6	43.7
OW	584	188	1.4	7.8	18.6
NW	391	79	1.1	5.9	11.7
GL	322	100	0.9	7.0	11.8
ZG	524	95	1.6	10.5	18.9
FR	2 522	247	8.0	75.5	135.2
SO	1 244	197	3.7	31.2	40.5
BS	14	3	0,05	0.4	0.3
BL	847	161	2.8	21.3	25.5
SH	481	52	1.6	16.2	17.4
AR	642	128	1.5	11.9	22.4
AI	402	25	0.9	7.1	14.7
SG	3 626	480	10.4	70.9	136.7
GR	2 063	1 214	6.0	56.4	70.0
AG	2 847	339	9.6	59.3	85.4
TG	2 347	401	7.9	49.2	70.2
TI	993	174	2.7	13.7	10.9
VD	3 443	462	12.1	107.7	112.6
VS	2 380	377	9.8	36.0	32.0
NE	748	132	2.1	31.5	42.3
GE	383	91	2.0	11.3	2.9
JU	970	203	2.8	40.8	58.6
Switzerland	46 270	7 819	145.6	1 039.8	1 528.2

Source: FSO – Farm structure survey

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Nitrogen balance: nitrogen input exceeds agricultural crop requirements

In thousands of tonnes



Data as on: 03.07.2025

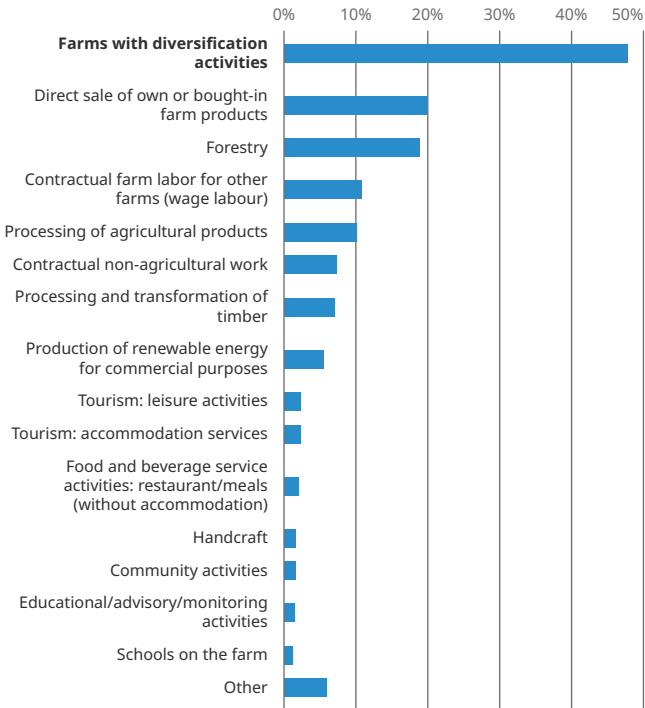
Source: FSO – Environmental Accounting

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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

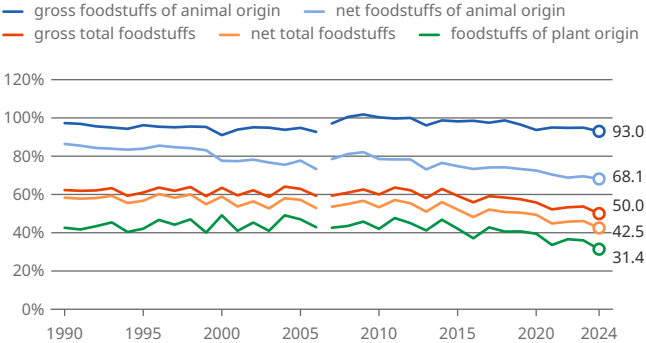
Source: FSO – Farm census, additional survey autumn 2023

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Food security: 50% of food supplied by Swiss farms

By usable energy



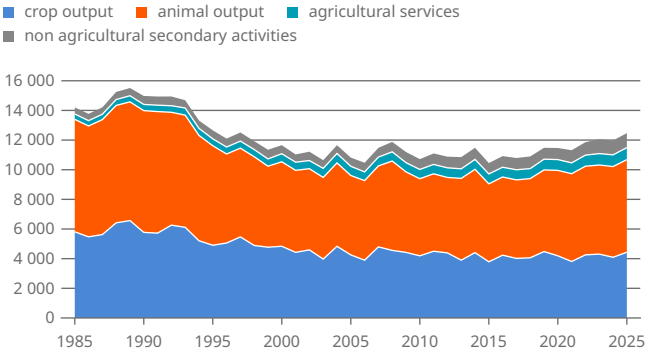
Net: excluding animal production based on imported feed
New calculation method since 2007; 2024: provisional

Data as on: 12.05.2026
Source: Agristat – Food Balance Sheet

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Output: 50% of output value comes from live-stock and 36% from crops

In CHF millions, to current basic prices



Output to basic prices includes subsidies on products and excludes taxes on products
2023: semi definitive, 2024: provisional, 2025: estimate

Data as on: 18.11.2025
Source: FSO – Economic Accounts for Agriculture

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