Austria’s Agriculture

Facts, special features, and economic perspectives

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Agricultural Sector in Austria

- Production value of 8.0 billion Euro (incl. forestry)
  - => 1.5 percent of gross value added

- Exports of 7.77 billion Euro (77 % to EU countries)
  - Germany, Italy, Hungary, USA, Slovenia

- Imports of 8.68 billion Euro (85 % from EU countries)
  - Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Hungary, France
Small family farms shape the agricultural sector in Austria

per average farm
19.3 ha UAA
25.7 cattle
10.5 cows
71.1 pigs
Average farm sizes within EU 27
Utilised agricultural area in ha per farm

Source: Kirner according to Eurostat 2010
Austrian farms classified by sizes in 2007 (percentage of farms)

- < 5 ha: 22%
- 5 - < 10 ha: 18%
- 10 - < 20 ha: 20%
- 20 - < 30 ha: 13%
- 30 - < 50 ha: 14%
- 50 - < 100 ha: 8%
- 100 - < 200 ha: 3%
- >= 200 ha: 2%

N = 187,034 farms

Source: Kirner according to Green Report 2011
Structure of the agricultural farms in Austria based on IACS 2010 (132,653 farms)

- 56% part time farmers
- 50% mountain farmers
- 17% organic farmers
- 21% Alpine pasture farmers
- 80% livestock farms
- 54% cattle farmers
- 23% pig farmers
- 12% sheep farmers
Utilised Agricultural Area is shared between arable land and permanent grassland.
Land use in Austria: Utilised Agricultural Area based on IACS 2010 (2,760,257 ha)

- 49% arable land
- 2% permanent crops
- 20% grassland (>=3)
- 10% grassland (2)
- 15% Alpine pastures
- 4% other extensive permanent grassland
Utilisation of the arable land in Austria based on IACS 2010 according Green Report 2011 (2,760,257 ha)

- Bread cereals: 26%
- Feed grain: 34%
- Field forage: 18%
- Grain legumes: 2%
- Root crops: 5%
- Oil fruits: 10%
- Other arable crops: 2%
- Set aside: 3%

Source: Kirner according to Green Report 2011
Part II

Special features
Mountain farms in Austria

66,558 farms (50 %)
14.3 ha UAA per farm
43 % with milk quotas
23 % organic farms
Farms with cadastral points
Organic farms in Austria

22,132 farms
16.7 % of IACS farms
20.1 ha per farm
34 % with milk quotas
Development of the number of organic farms in Austria from 1980 to 2010

Quelle: Kirner according to green report 2011
Distribution of organic farms according to various regions in Austria

21,728 organic farms, 16.2 % of all IACS farms in 2010

Colouring according to the proportion of organic farms
- Yellow: 1 - 5
- Light green: 5 - 10
- Medium green: 10 - 20
- Dark green: 20 - 30
- Very dark green: größer 30 (max: 53%, Hallein)

xxx number of organic farms

Graphics: Klaus Wagner according to IACS data
Relevance of Alpine pastures for Austrian Agriculture

- 8,667 Alpine pastures
- 15% of the UAA
- 21% Alpine pasture farmers
- 55,429 dairy cows (10%)
- 121,993 sheep (33%)
Agricultural budget 2010: 2,327 million Euro

Source: Kirner according to Green Report 2011
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**Source**
- 22% Provincial
- 20% Federal government
- 58% EU

**Usage**
- 5% Others
- 11% RD national
- 34% First pillar
- 50% Second pillar (RD)
Rural Development – second pillar of the CAP

Source: Kirner according to Green Report 2011
High acceptance of the Agri-environmental Programme (ÖPUL)
Subsidies in 1,000 Euro per farm (average 2008-10)

Source: Kirner according to LBG 2008-10

Special farm types

- Direct payments
- ÖPUL and LFA
- Other financial support

Natural condition

Source: Kirner according to LBG 2008-10
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Source: Kirner according to LBG 2008-10
Part III

Economic perspectives
Economic perspectives and challenges for the Austrian agriculture

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![Chart showing economic perspectives for Austrian dairy farms](chart.png)
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- High proportion of subsidies (80 percent of the agricultural income)
- Preservation of the cultivated landscape in extremely less favoured areas
Income from agriculture and forestry
(1,000 Euro per farm, average 2008-10)

Source: Kirner according to LBG 2008-10