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Family Farming in Austria – definition, characteristics and developments

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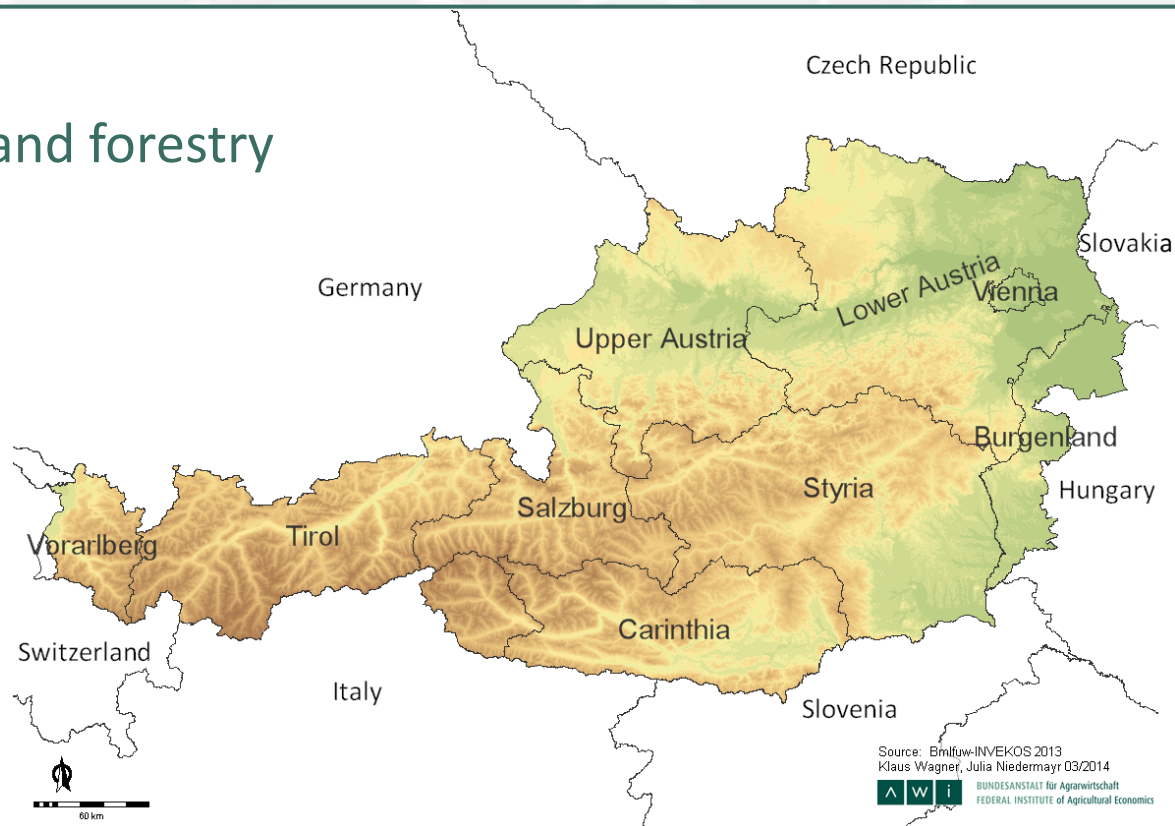
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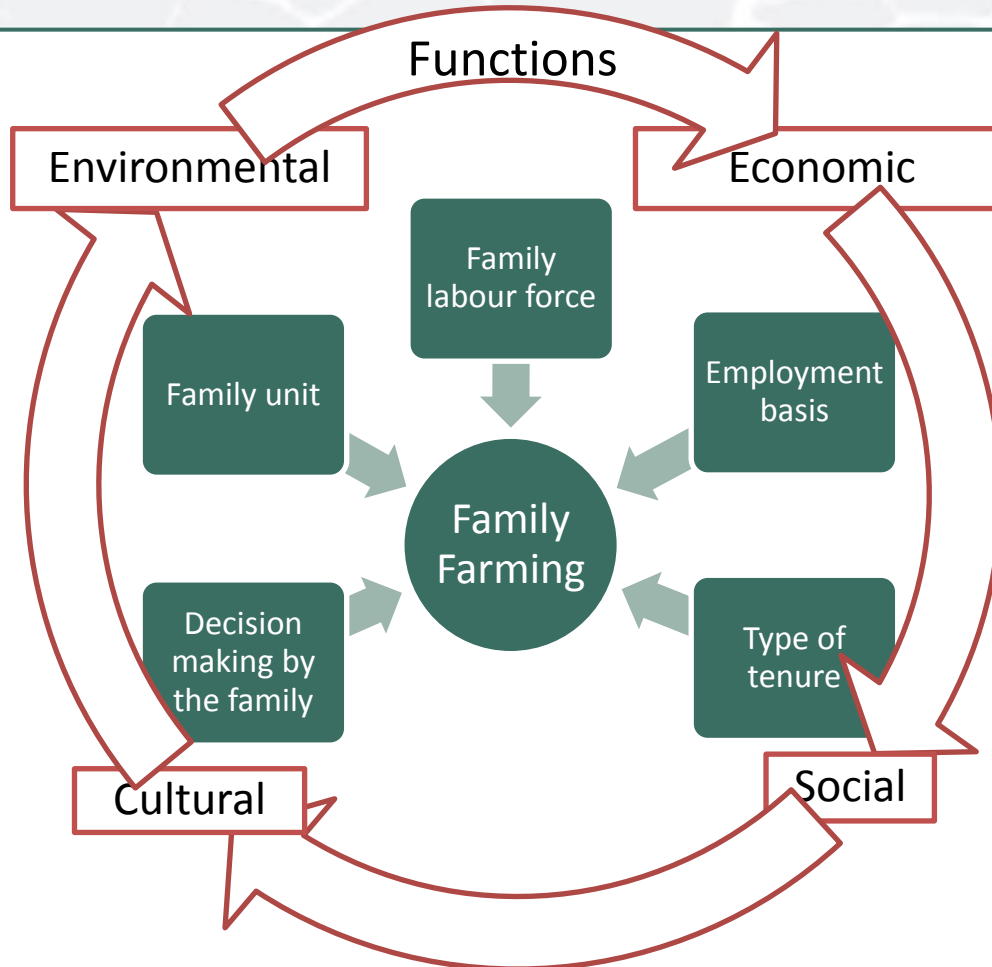
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Agricultural and forestry holdings in Austria (FSS 2013)

- 166,300 total agricultural and forestry farms
- Total area 7.3 million ha
 - UAA: 2.7 million ha
 - 48% permanent grassland
 - 50% arable land
 - Forest area: 3.4 million ha
- Average UAA area 19ha
- Organic farming: 17% of farms on 19% of UAA



The concept of Family Farming



Source: Böhme 2013; Priebe 1942 in Lipinsky 1988; Urf 1983; Planck, Ziche 1979; EWG-Kommission 1983; Bubendorf, Gantner 1990; Hill 1993 in Garner, de la o Campos 2014; Djurfeldt 1996 in Garner, de la o Campos 2014; Iwamoto 2006 in Garner, de la o Campos 2014; Kirner 2010; Schweizer Bauernverband 2013.

Family Farming in Austria

- Definition: legal status criteria, i.e. single natural persons, operated as full- or part-time farms*
- Data
 - Status quo and structural evolution: Austrian **Farm Structure Surveys** data **1980,1995,2010**
 - Income data: **national farm accountancy data** 2010-2012
 - Agri-environmental dimension: **IACS** data 2010
 - Farm diversification: different sources

*Full-time farms: off-farm working time of farm holder and spouse <50% of total working time and minimum farm standard output (SO) of 8,000€; >50% of total working time off-farm: part-time farm (Statistik Austria 2012)

Status quo (2010)

	Number of farms	Share in total farms	Share in total area	Average total area/farm	Share in UAA
Family Farms*	160,697 (ft: 40% /pt:60%)	93%	60%	28ha (ft: 43ha/pt:17ha)	86%
Group holdings	5,570	3%	5%	63ha	3%
Legal entities	7,050	4%	35%	362ha	11%

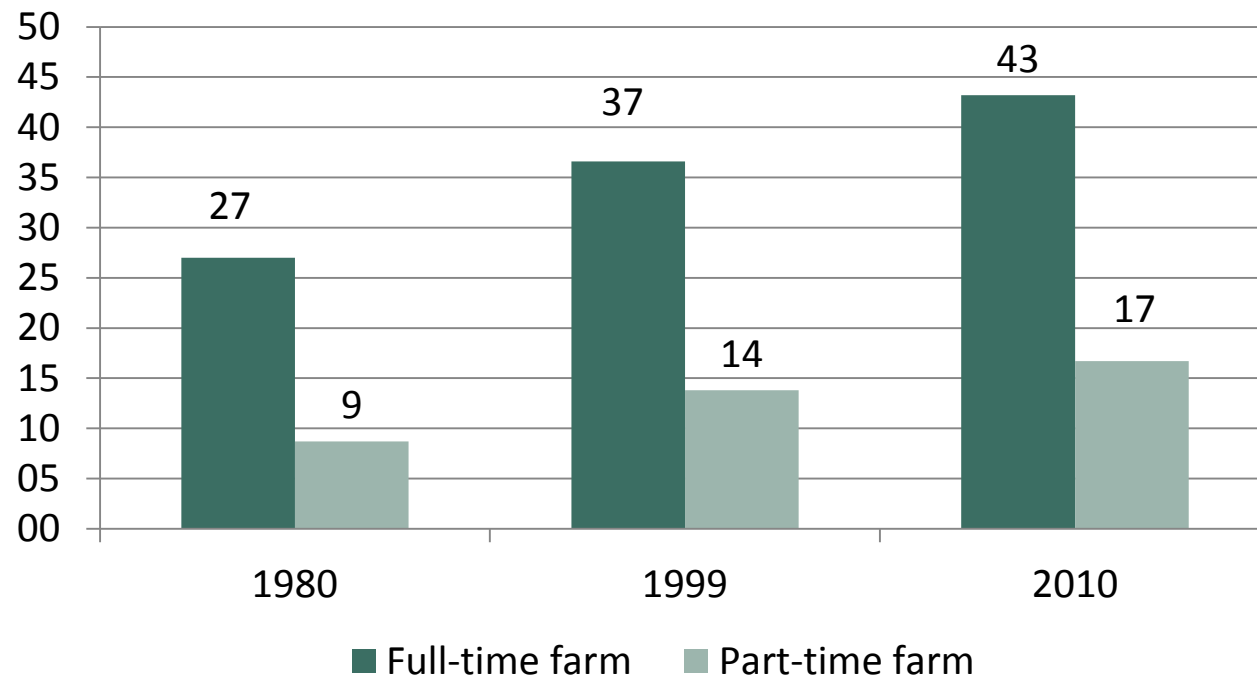
*ft=full-time farms, pt=part-time farms

Source: STATISTIK AUSTRIA 2010

Structural evolution (I)

Average total (agri. and for.) area per family farm

ha per farm

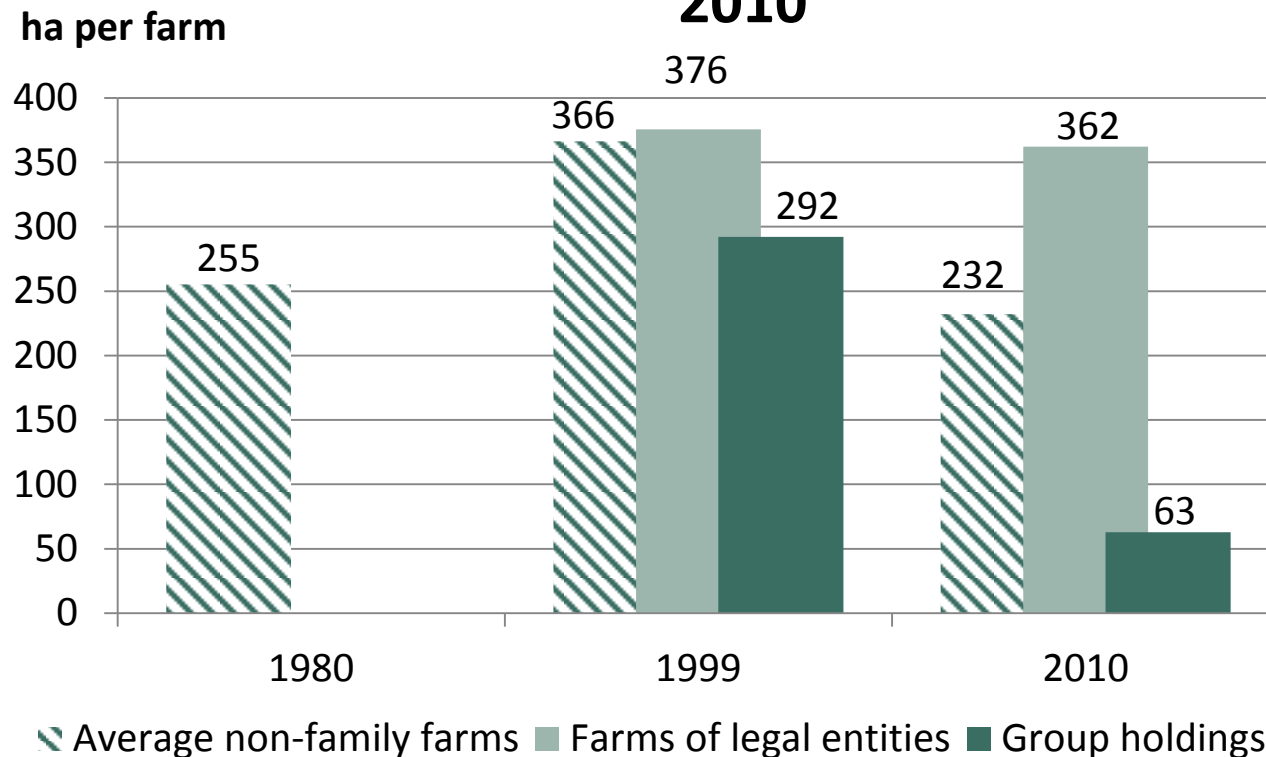


1980-2010
-48% of farms
or
-147,960 farms

Source: STATISTIK AUSTRIA; 1980, 1999, 2010

Structural evolution (II)

Average total (agri. and for.) area per farm of non-family farms, 2010

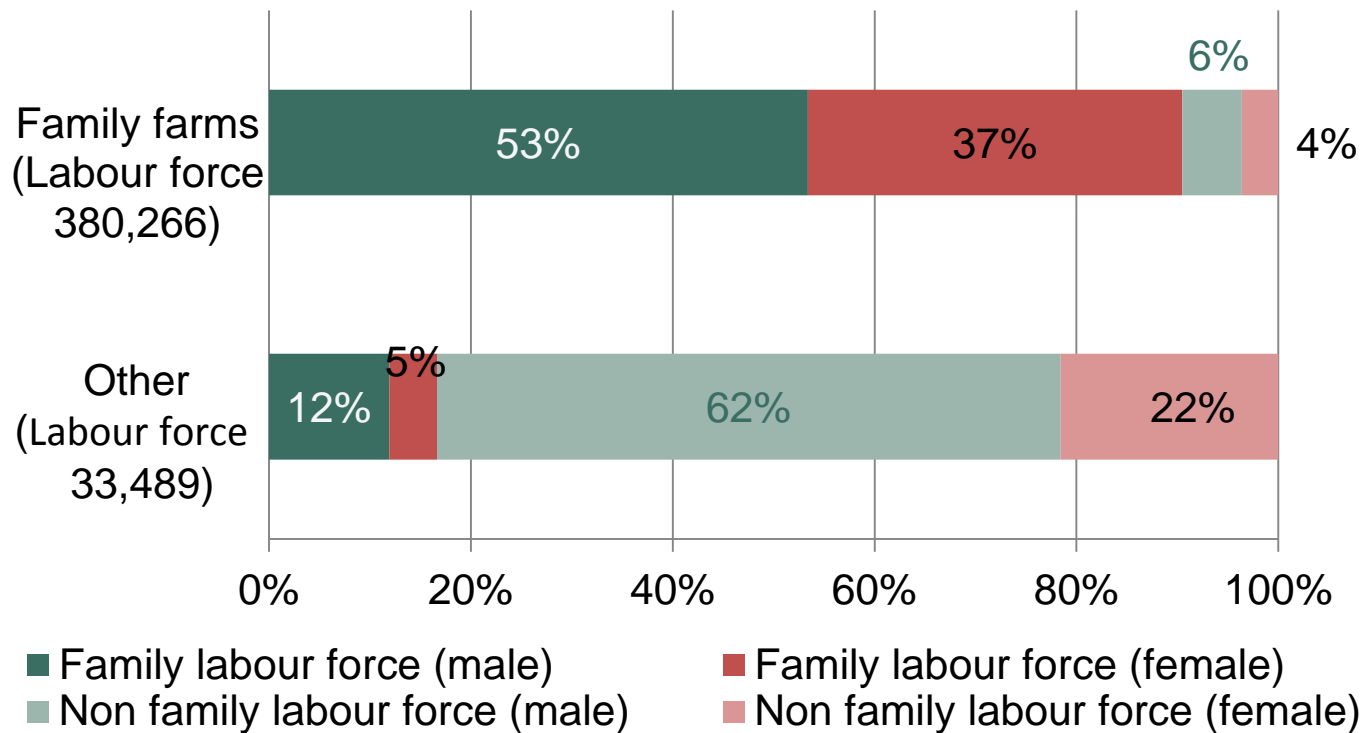


1980-2010
+21% farms
or
+2,190
farms

Source: STATISTIK AUSTRIA; 1980, 1999, 2010

Employment

Family labour force of family farms versus other legal types of farming, 2010

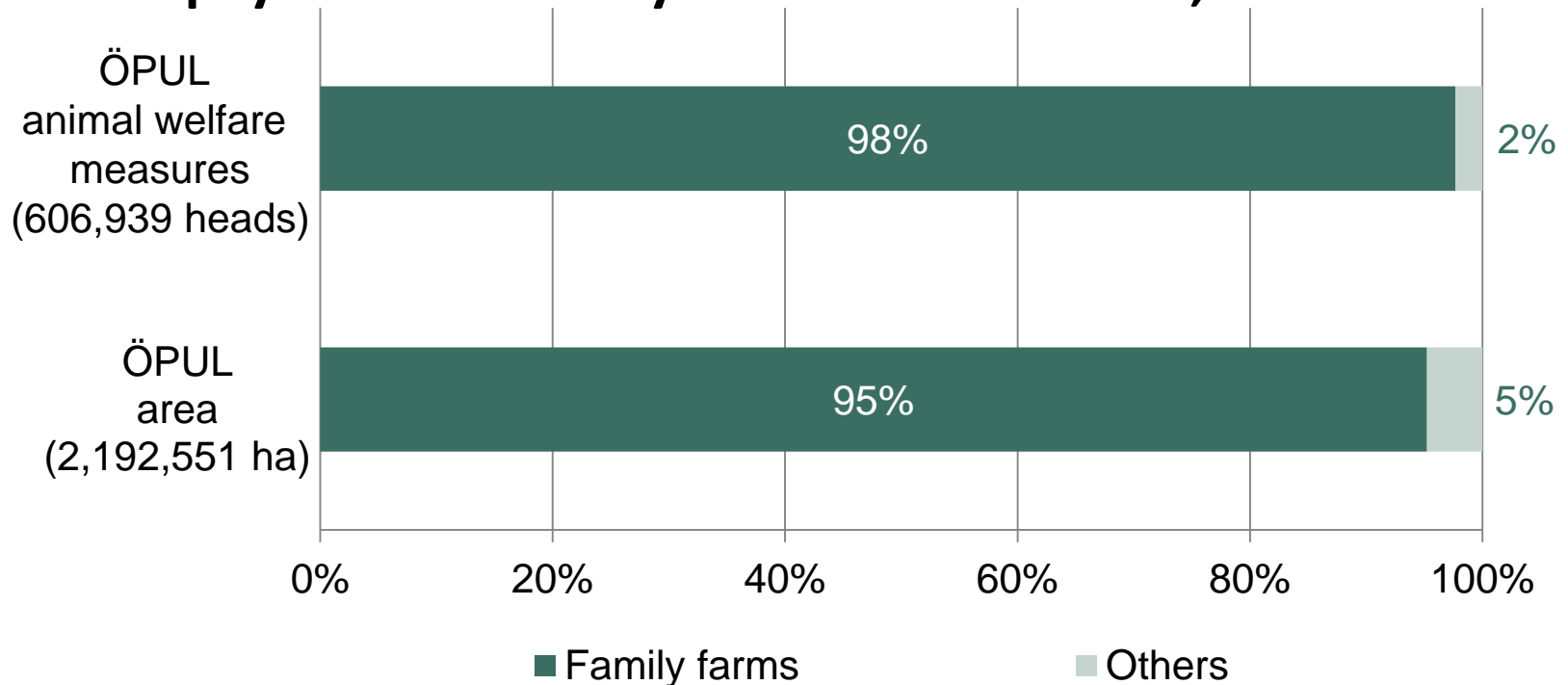


1995-2010
-40% family labour force
or
-232,296 persons

Source: STATISTIK AUSTRIA 2010

Agriculture and environment

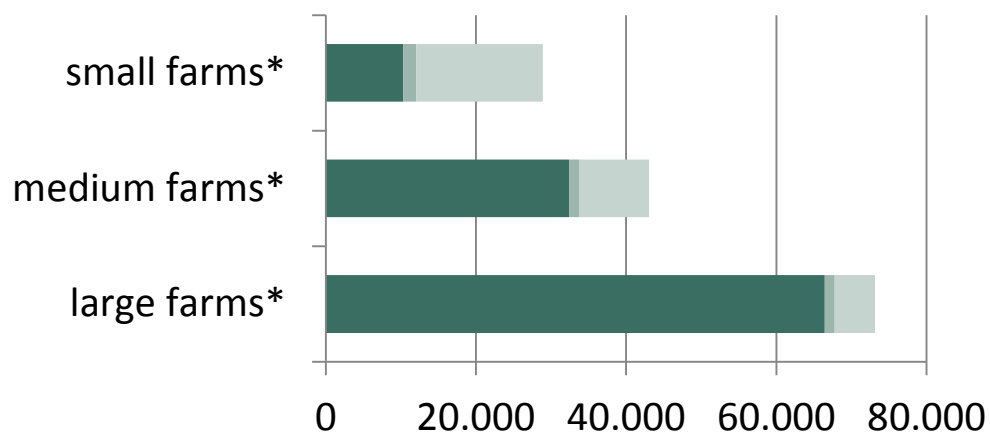
Agri-environmental Programme ÖPUL: area and animal payments of family farms versus others, 2010



Source: IACS 2010

Farm household income

Average farm household income (mean value for 2010,2011, 2012)



- Agricultural & forestry (A&F) income
- Business establishment and self-employment
- Dependent employment

Size of farms	Unpaid labour unit**	A&F income/ unpaid labour unit
Small farms	1.0	10,462
Medium farms	1.5	22,139
Large farms	1.7	38,115

Source: National Farm Accountancy Data, BMLFUW 2010a, 2011; 2012a

*Farm size: small 8,000 < 30,000 SO, medium 30,000 < 100,000 SO, large 100,000 < 350,000 SO; SO = standard output. ** One person working a minimum of 270 days per year and 8 hours per day

Diversification

- Direct marketing: 1/3 of all family farms (46,000 farms, e.g. farm gate sale, farmers markets, cooperation with gastronomy)
- “Holidays on the farm”
 - 2,650 members
 - > 10,000 family farms with tourism activities
- “School on the farm”
- “Green care”: family farms with care, education or social work services



Sources: BMLFUW 2012; pers. comm. Mrs. Kaufmann BMLFUW 2014; Wiesinger et al. 2013; KeyQuest 2010

Conclusion

Family farming in Austria

- covers a large territory
- underwent considerable restructuring processes
- new forms of family farming, i.e. “agricultural holding companies”, “community of heirs”
- Need for competitive strategies

Thank you for your attention!

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