

Methodological specifications

Agricultural holding – a single unit both technically and economically, which has single management and which performs agricultural work through the use of the agricultural area and/or animal breeding or activities to maintain the agricultural area in good agricultural and environmental conditions, either as main activity or as secondary activity.

Location of the agricultural holding – the place where the agricultural holding carries out its most important activity, regardless of the number of places where it utilises areas and/or owns livestock. The agricultural holding that is dispersed in several localities (regions) was fully assigned to the locality/county/development region/macro-region where it was located, with location being identified based on the importance of the activity (the utilised agricultural area and/or the livestock owned).

Utilised agricultural area (UAA) – area of agricultural land utilised by an agricultural holding, which is obtained by summing up the arable land, kitchen gardens, permanent pastures and hayfields, permanent crops and the area under glass or high accessible cover.

Arable land – area that is ploughed every year or less frequently, according to a crop rotation system, for the purpose of cultivating annual or perennial crops. The arable land also includes the land left uncultivated due to floods, silting, other temporary calamities or other causes.

Kitchen garden – area devoted to the cultivation of products which are mainly for consumption by the members of the agricultural holding without legal personality. A kitchen garden can be made up both of arable land and permanent crops. It has an area that is smaller than 15 ares.

Pastures and hayfields – land covered by grass, whether self-seeded or regenerated by means of sowing, which is devoted to animal grazing and/or haymaking.

Permanent crops – areas covered with crops that occupy the soil for a long period and yield an output several years in a row, crops for which no rotation system is used and that are other than permanent pastures. Permanent crops include areas covered with fruit tree plantations, fruit shrubs, vineyards, fruit tree nurseries, vine nurseries and nurseries of forest trees. Both nurseries (except non-commercial forest tree nurseries, which are included under wooded area) and plants used for plaiting are included.

Area under glass or high accessible cover – area cultivated with crops in fixed or mobile greenhouses or polytunnels (glass or rigid or flexible plastic) for the whole of their period of growth or for the predominant part of it.

The **annual work unit (AWU)** is the volume of work performed in the agricultural holding by a person, in full time equivalent, over 225 working days a year, 8 hours a day.