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N°	Title&hyperlink	Year of publication
1.	<a href="#">Synthesis ex-ante evaluations on rural development programmes 2014-2020</a>	2016
2.	<a href="#">Summary Report 'Synthesis of the evaluation components of the 2017 enhanced AIRs'</a>	2017
3.	<a href="#">Payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment ('greening')</a>	2018
4.	<a href="#">Forestry measures under Rural Development</a>	2019
5.	<a href="#">Summary Report 'Synthesis of the evaluation components of the 2019 enhanced AIRs'</a>	2019
6.	<a href="#">Marketing standards contained in the CMO regulation, the 'Breakfast Directives' and CMO secondary legislation</a>	2020
7.	<a href="#">CAP measures applicable to the wine sector</a>	2020
8.	<a href="#">EU agricultural promotion policy – internal and third country markets</a>	2020
9.	<a href="#">Impact of the Common Agricultural Policy on generational renewal, local development and jobs in rural areas</a>	2021
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11.	<a href="#">Impact of the CAP on climate change and greenhouse gas emissions</a>	2021
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17.	<a href="#">Geographical indications and traditional specialities guaranteed protected in the EU</a>	2021

## Visuals for Chapter 3.1.

**Table 1. CAP Pillar I EU result indicators related to the viable food production.**

Indicator	Year		Unit
	2013	2019	
<b>Share of direct support in agricultural factor income</b>	25.90	-	%
<b>Variability of gross farm income per full time equivalent</b>	1.02	1.10	ratio
<b>Variability of gross farm income per farm</b>	0.99	1.16	ratio
<b>Share of value for primary producers in the food chain</b>	26.20	-	%
<b>Share of EU agri-food exports in world's agri-food exports</b>	17.30	17.57	%
<b>Share of EU agri-primary products' exports in production values</b>	10.70	12.48	%
<b>Share of EU food industry products' exports in production values</b>	9.50	10.75	%
<b>Share of final products in EU agri-food exports</b>	43.10	47.19	%
<b>Agri-food imports from least developed countries</b>	2.72	3.34	billion EUR

Note: Selection according to the CAP results indicators for [Pillar I](#).

Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development FADN (Farm Accountancy Data Network), Eurostat, Global Trade Atlas.

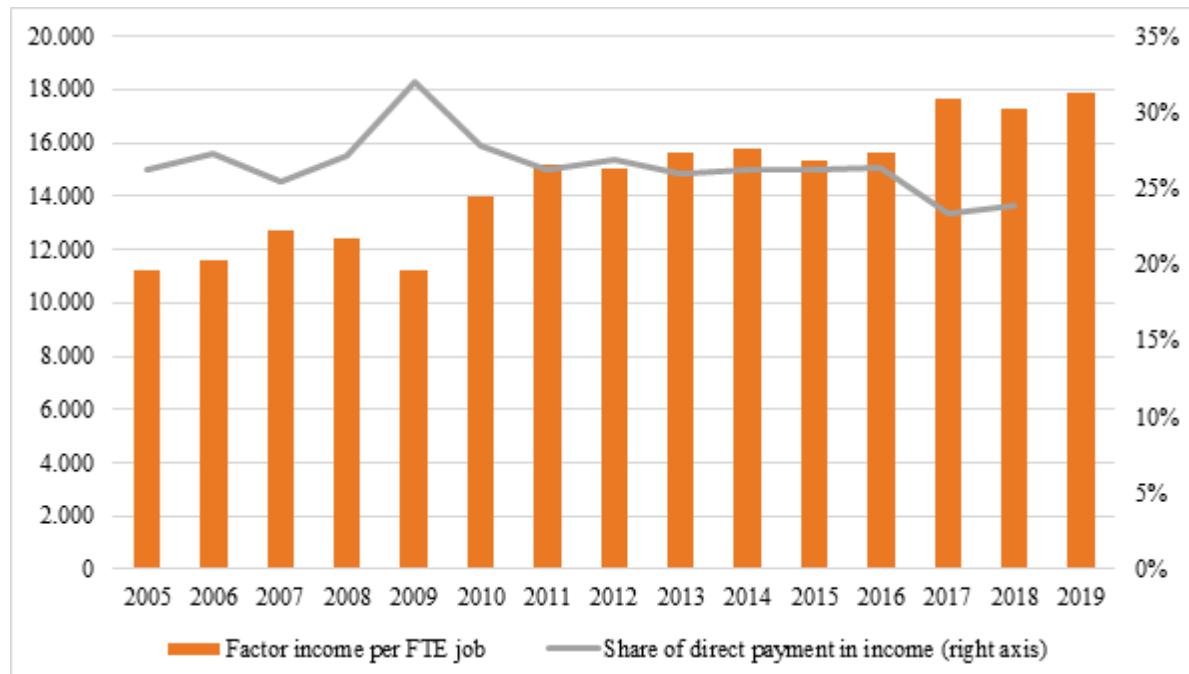
**Table 2. CAP Pillar II result indicators related to the viable food production (EU-28).**

Indicator	Year		Unit
	2015	2019	
<b>Agricultural holdings with Rural Development support for investments in restructuring or modernisation</b>	0.15	1.81	%
<b>Agricultural holdings receiving Rural Development support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations</b>	0.01	0.88	%
<b>Farms participating in risk management schemes supported by the CAP</b>	0.03	5.99	%

Note: according to the CAP results indicators for [Pillar II](#).

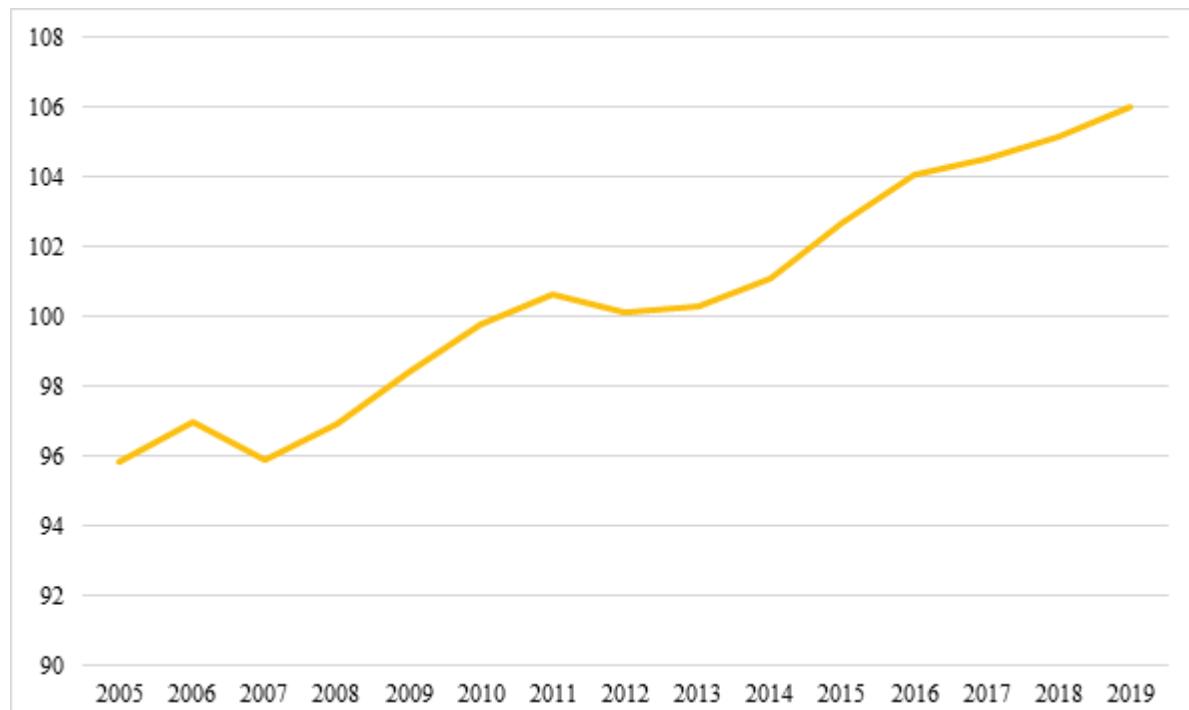
Source: [Agri-food data portal CAP Indicators](#).

**Figure 1. Level of agricultural income and share of direct support in income in the EU.**



Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, based on CAP Agrifood data portal, CAP Indicators, Data explorer (RPI\_01\_1) and on Eurostat, Economic accounts for agriculture ([aact\\_eaa04](#), [aact\\_ali01](#)).

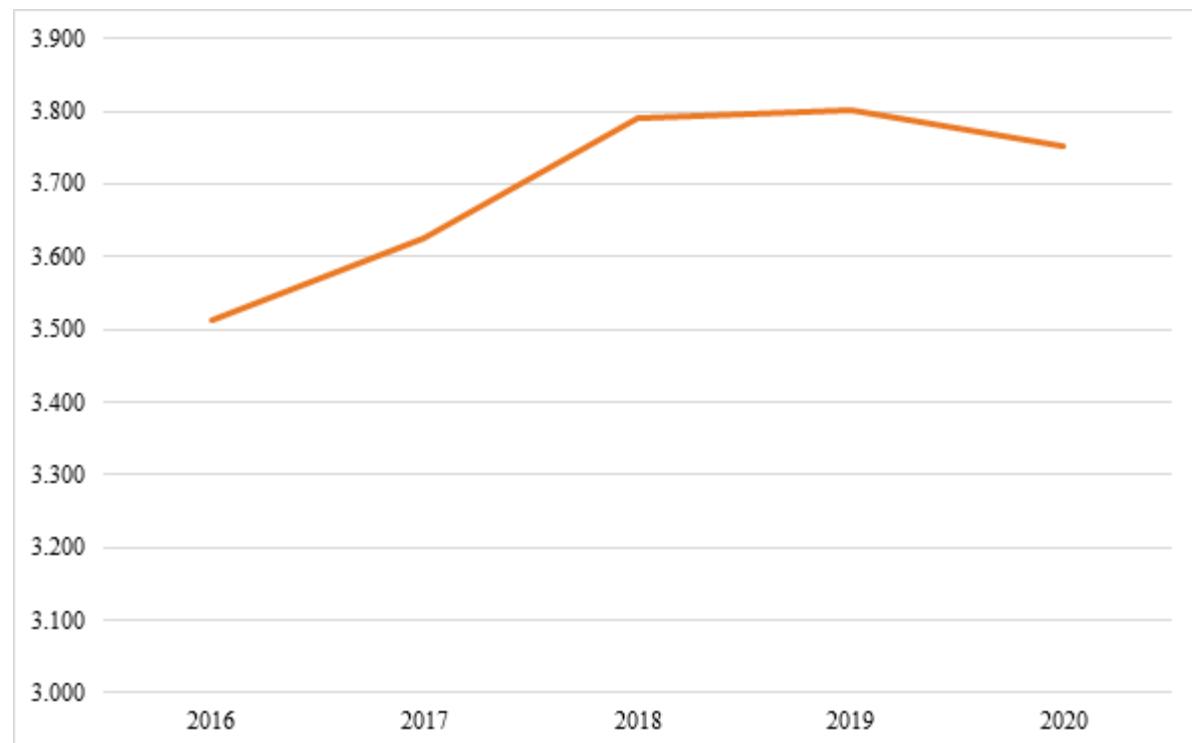
**Figure 2. Total factor productivity in agriculture in the EU-27.**



Note: Total factor productivity (TFP) compares total outputs relative to the total inputs used in production of the output. As both output and inputs are expressed in term of volume indices, the indicator measures TFP growth. The TFP is a composite indicator for land, capital and labour productivity growth. The comparison between Member States of the change over time of TFP growth is meaningful but not the comparison of the indicator as such. This is an index, in the first step 2010 is set at 100, then 3 year-averages are calculated to smooth the effect of weather e.g. on the indicator. Therefore, in the graph 2010 corresponds to the (2008-2010) average.

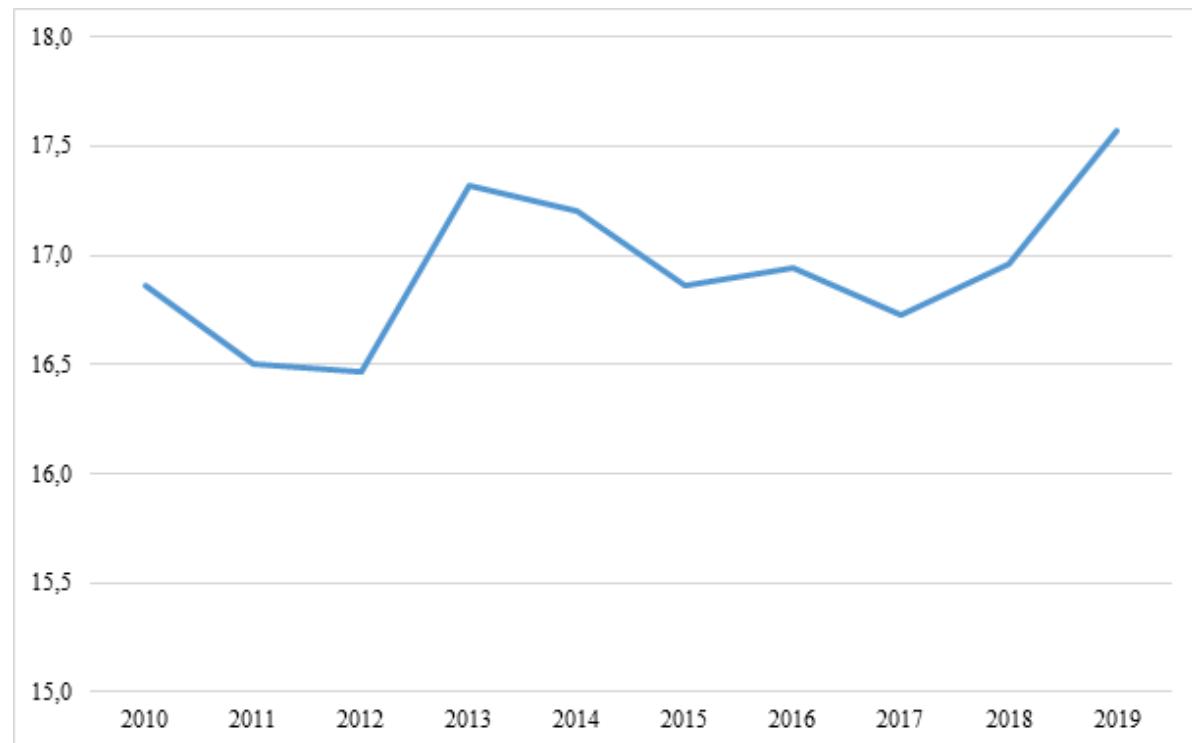
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on CAP Agrifood data portal, CAP Indicators, Data explorer ([CTX\\_SEC\\_27\\_1](#)).

**Figure 3. Number of recognised producer organisations in the EU.**



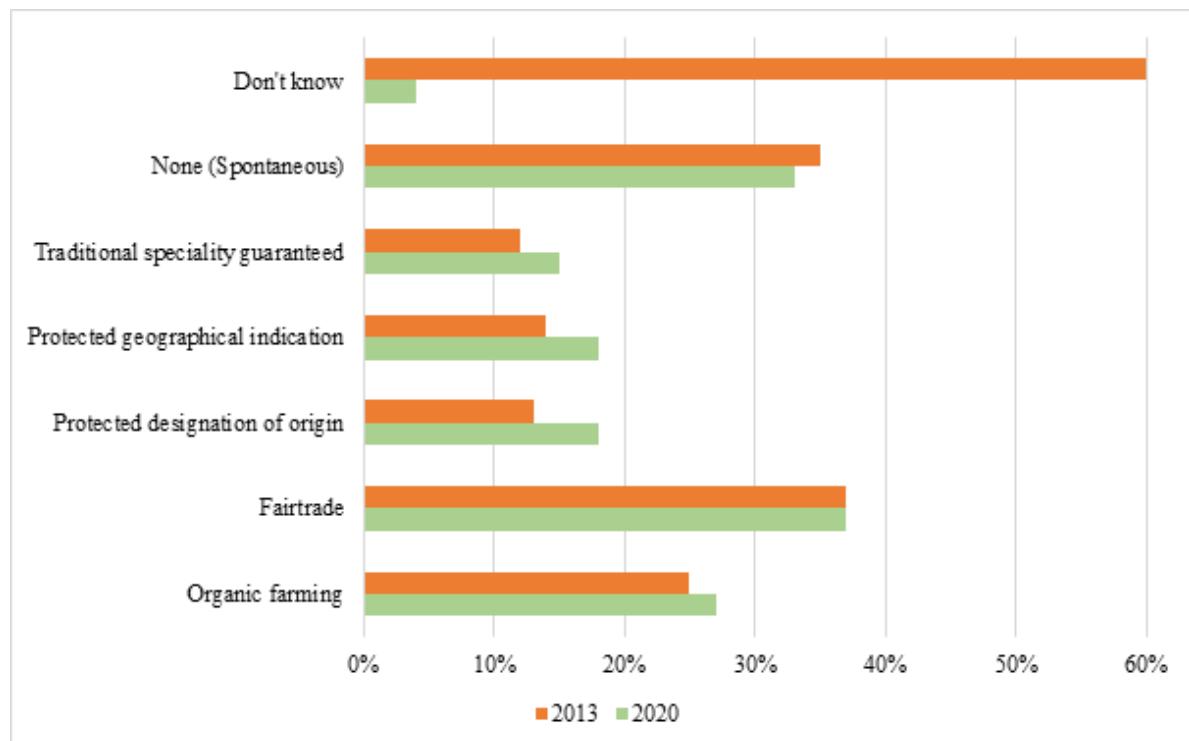
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on CAP Agrifood data portal, CAP Indicators, Data explorer ([OIM\\_05\\_2](#)).

**Figure 4. Share of EU in global agri-food exports (%).**



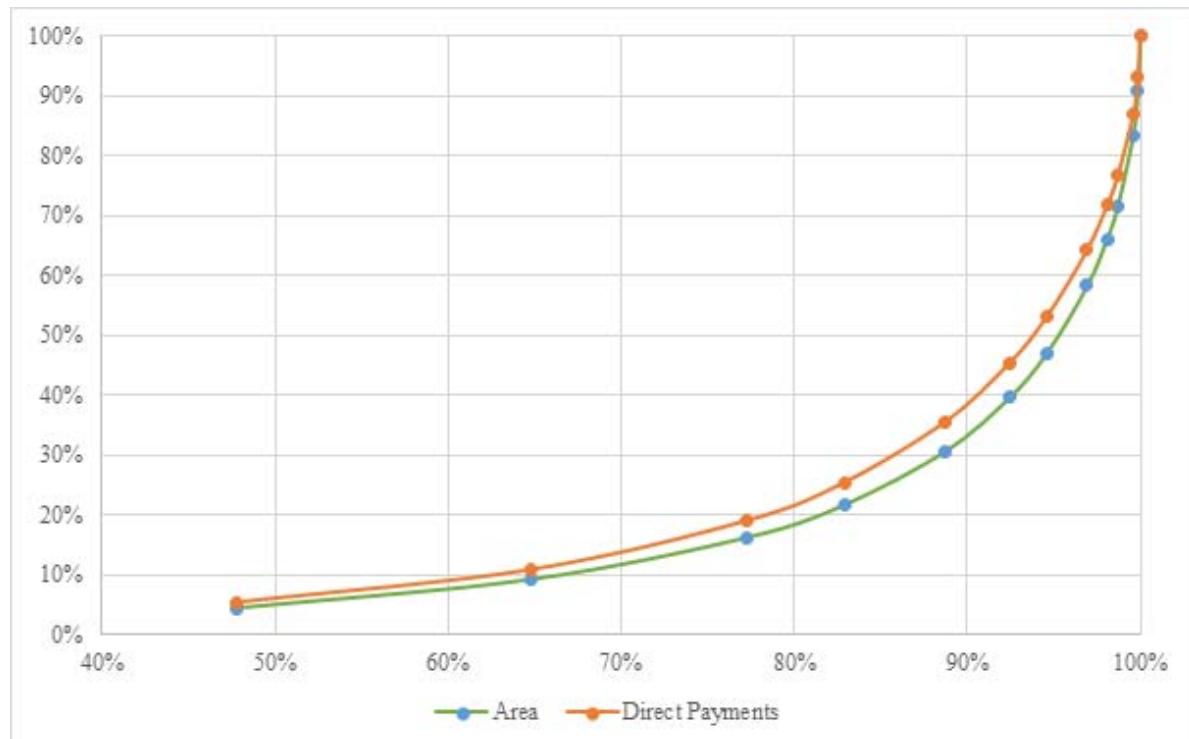
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on CAP Agrifood data portal, CAP Indicators, Data explorer (RPI\_04).

**Figure 5. EU citizens' awareness of the EU quality labels (%).**



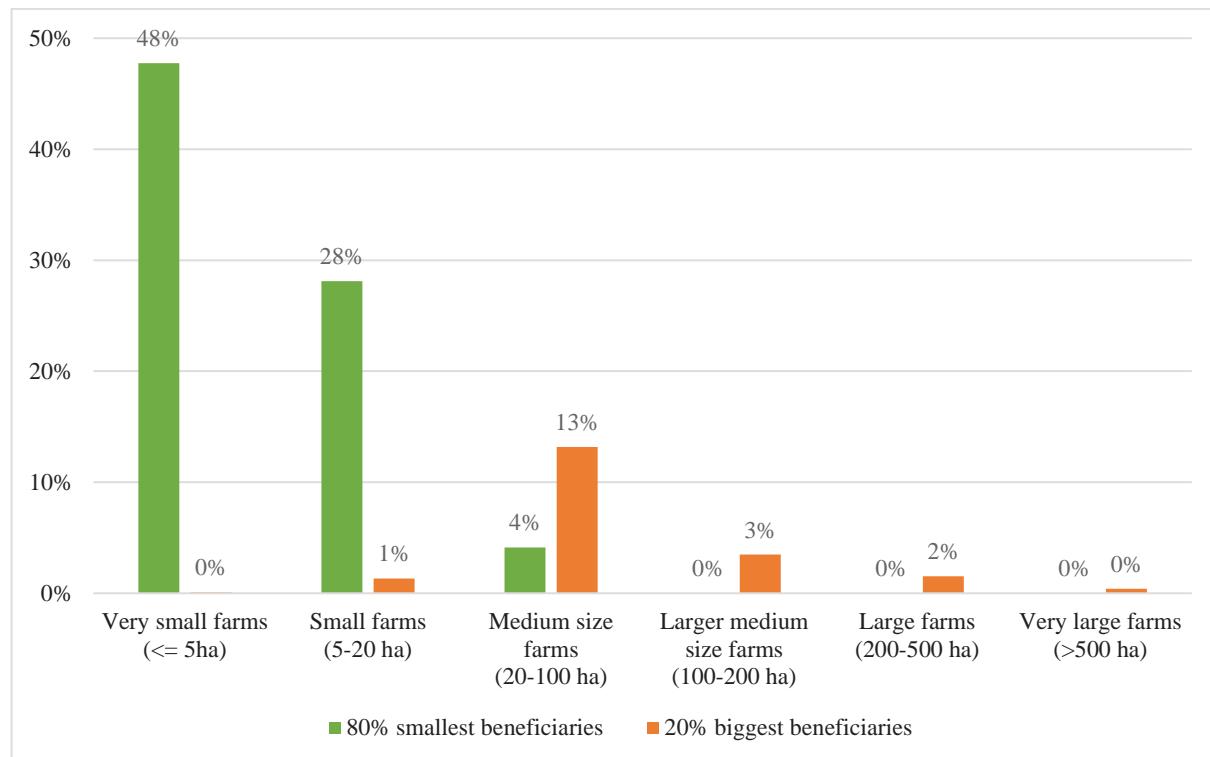
Source: [Special Eurobarometer 504](#) and [Special Eurobarometer 410](#).

**Figure 6. Distribution of direct payments and land in the EU, 2019.**



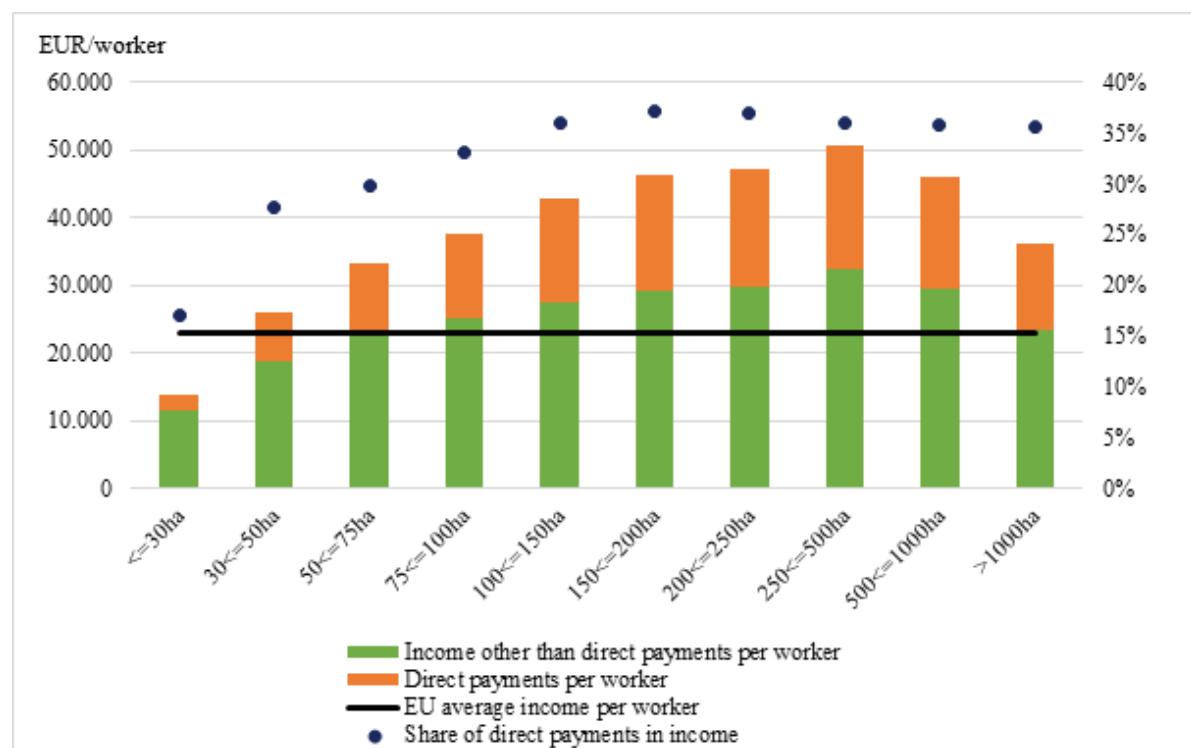
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on CATS (Clearance Audit Trail System) data.

**Figure 7. Distribution of direct payments' beneficiaries by size class in the EU, 2019.**



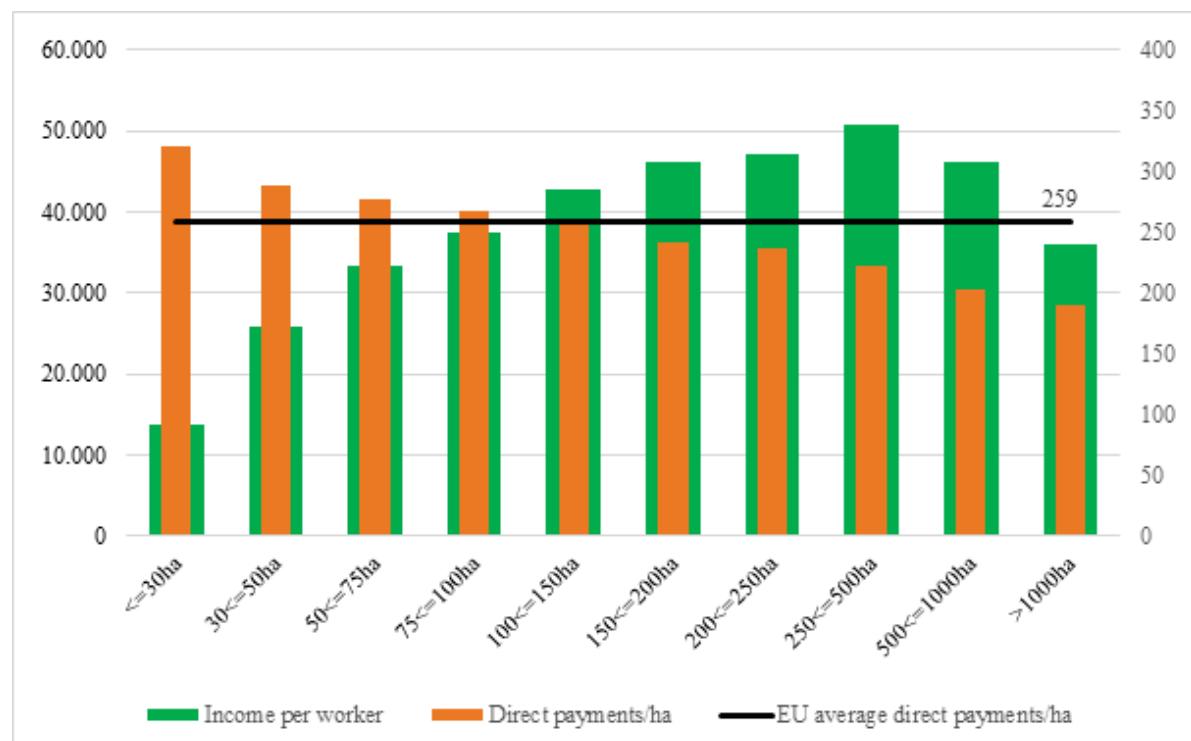
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on CATS data.

**Figure 8. EU average income and direct payments per worker by physical farm size and share of direct payments in income, 2017-2019.**



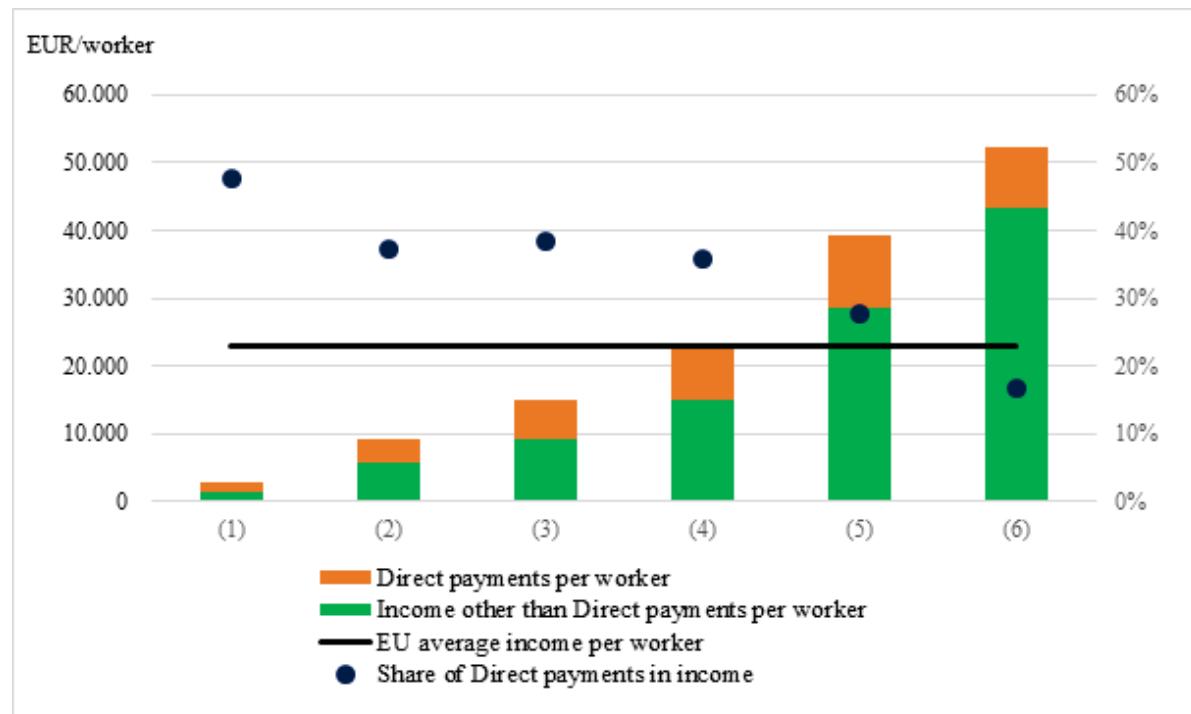
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on FADN data.

**Figure 9. EU average income and direct payments per hectare by physical farm size class, 2017-2019.**



Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on FADN data.

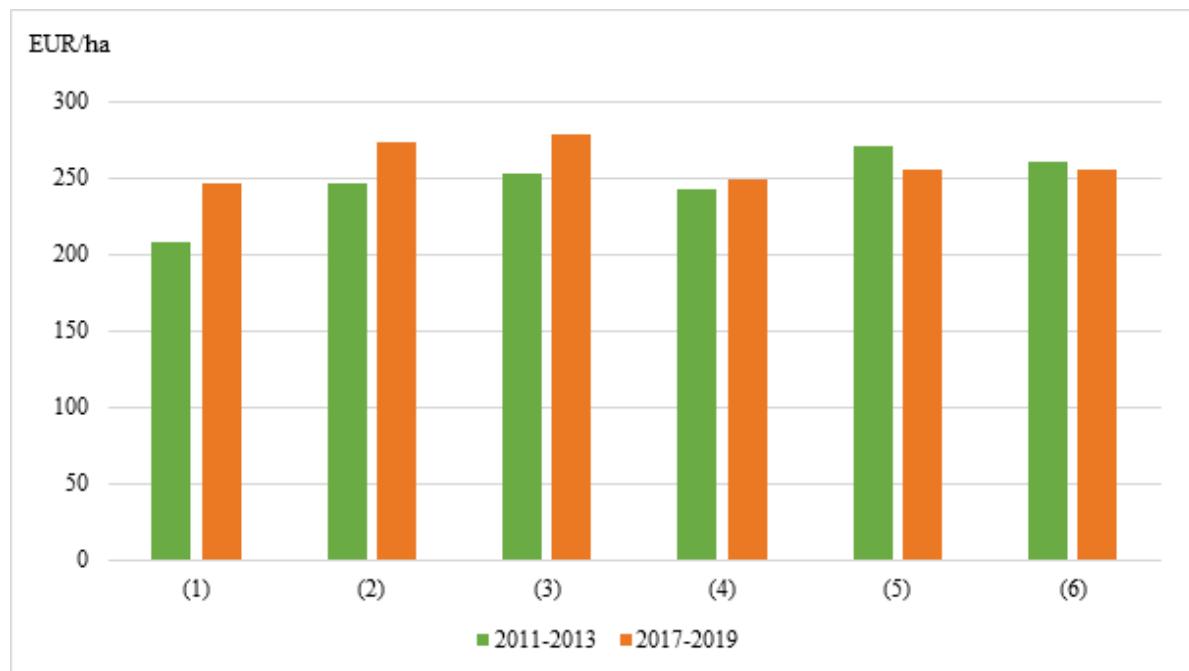
**Figure 10. EU average income per worker (EUR) and share of direct payments (DP) in income (%) by economic size class, 2017-2019.**



Note: Economic size classes: (1) EUR 2 000 – < 8 000; (2) EUR 8 000 – < 25 000; (3) EUR 25 000 – < 50 000; (4) EUR 50 000 – < 100 000; (5) EUR 100 000 – < 500 000; (6) > EUR 500 000. From 2018, the first economic size class includes only farms from EUR 4 000 to EUR 8 000. The income indicator used is the farm net value added per full time equivalent.

Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on FADN data.

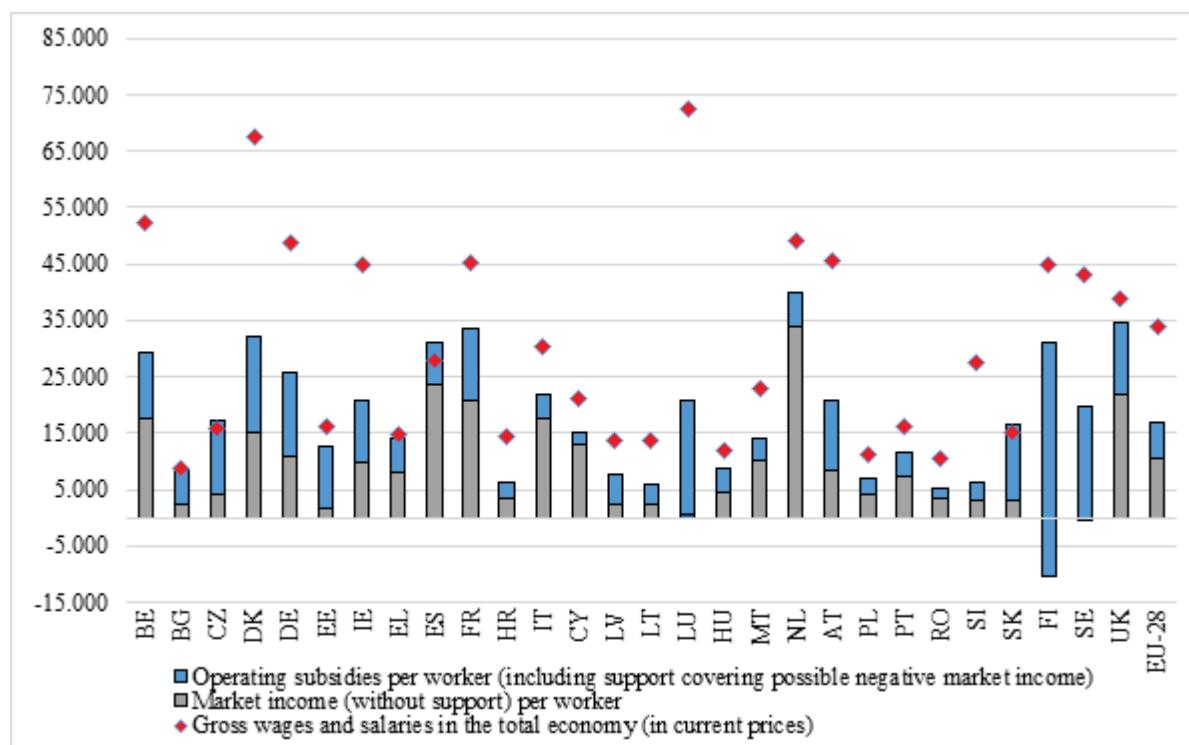
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Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on FADN data.

**Figure 12. Income gap between farming and the overall economy (EUR/worker), 2017-2019.**



Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on Eurostat (online tables [aact\\_eaa01](#), [aact\\_ali01](#), [nama\\_10\\_a10](#), [nama\\_10\\_a10\\_e](#)).

## Visuals for Chapter 3.2.

Table 3. CAP Pillar I EU result indicators related to the natural resources and climate change.

Indicator	Year			Unit
	2013	2016	2019	
<b>Share of organic area in total agricultural area</b>	5.70	6.70	7.90	%
<b>Share of organic cattle in total cattle herd</b>	4.10	4.50	5.60	%
<b>Share of organic pig in total pig herd</b>	1.30	1.40	2.00	%
<b>Share of organic sheep in total sheep flock</b>	5.10	5.10	6.00	%
<b>Share of organic goat in total goat herd</b>	5.90	6.30	8.00	%
<b>Share of permanent grassland in total agricultural area</b>	33.40	33.80	34.50	%
<b>Share of temporary grassland in total agricultural area</b>	-	5.00	5.00	%
<b>Share of Ecological Focus Areas in arable land</b>	-	10.50	9.20	%
<b>Share of Ecological Focus Areas in arable land: afforested areas</b>	-	0.10	0.00	%
<b>Share of Ecological Focus Areas in arable land: buffer strips</b>	-	0.10	-	%
<b>Share of Ecological Focus Areas in arable land: catch crops, or green cover</b>	-	4.80	5.90	%
<b>Share of Ecological Focus Areas in arable land: land lying fallow</b>	-	2.50	1.90	%
<b>Share of Ecological Focus Areas in arable land: landscape features</b>	-	0.50	0.20	%
<b>Share of Ecological Focus Areas in arable land: nitrogen-fixing crops</b>	-	6.40	2.10	%
<b>Share of Ecological Focus Areas in arable land: short rotation coppice</b>	-	0.00	0.00	%
<b>Share of Ecological Focus Areas in arable land: strips along forest edges</b>	-	0.00	0.00	%
<b>Share of agricultural area under greening practices</b>	-	77.30	76.80	%
<b>Share of farms specialised in field cropping</b>	30.00	32.00	-	%
<b>Share of farms specialised in pigs and poultry</b>	9.00	9.00	-	%
<b>Share of farms specialised in grazing livestock</b>	17.00	17.00	-	%
<b>Share of farms specialised in horticulture</b>	2.00	2.00	-	%
<b>Share of farms specialised in permanent crops</b>	17.00	19.00	-	%
<b>Share of mixed farms</b>	25.00	22.00	-	%
<b>Structural diversity of EU farms</b>	0.78	0.78	-	index

Note: Selection according to the CAP results indicators for [Pillar I](#).

Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development FADN and Eurostat.

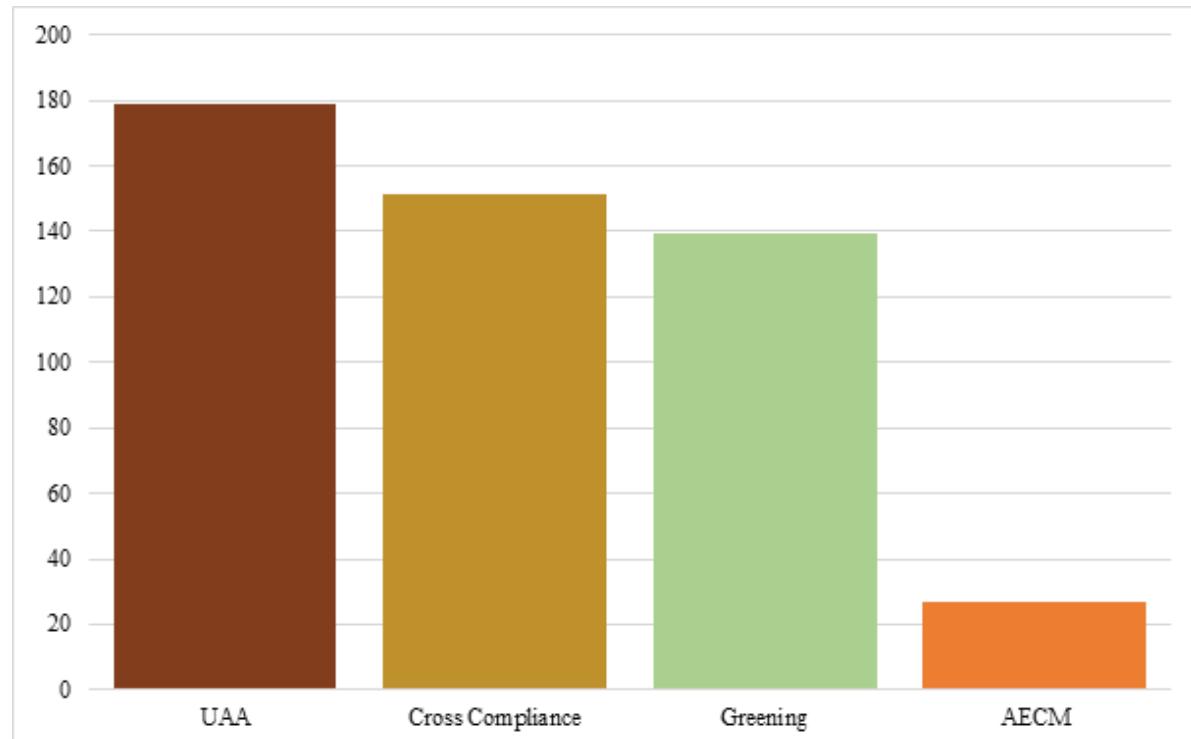
**Table 4. CAP Pillar II EU result indicators related to the natural resources and climate change.**

Indicator	Year		Unit
	2015	2019	
Forest or other wooded area under management contracts supporting biodiversity	0.06	0.51	%
Agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes	5.63	17.37	%
Agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management	4.42	13.96	%
Forestry land under management contracts to improve water management	0.04	0.25	%
Agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	4.45	13.81	%
Forestry land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion	0.04	0.36	%
Irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation systems	0.01	0.44	%
Livestock Unit concerned by investments in live-stock management in view of reducing GHG (Green House Gas) and/or ammonia emissions	0.08	0.93	%
Agricultural land under management contracts targeting reduction of GHG and/or ammonia emissions	0.68	2.84	%
Agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration or conservation	0.30	1.06	%

Note: according to the CAP results indicators for [Pilar II](#).

Source: [Agri-food data portal CAP Indicators](#).

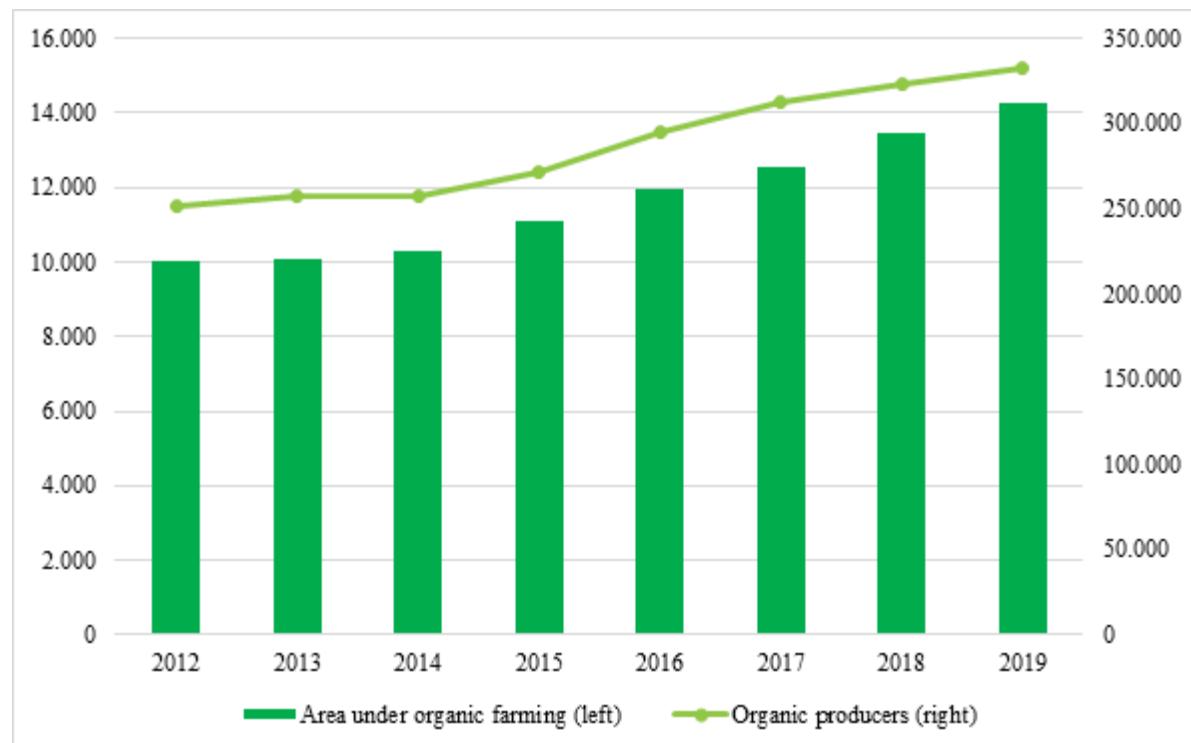
**Figure 13. EU agricultural areas subject to environmental requirements, 2019 (million ha).**



Note: [UAA](#)-Utilised Agricultural Area; AECM- Agri-Environment-Climate Measures.

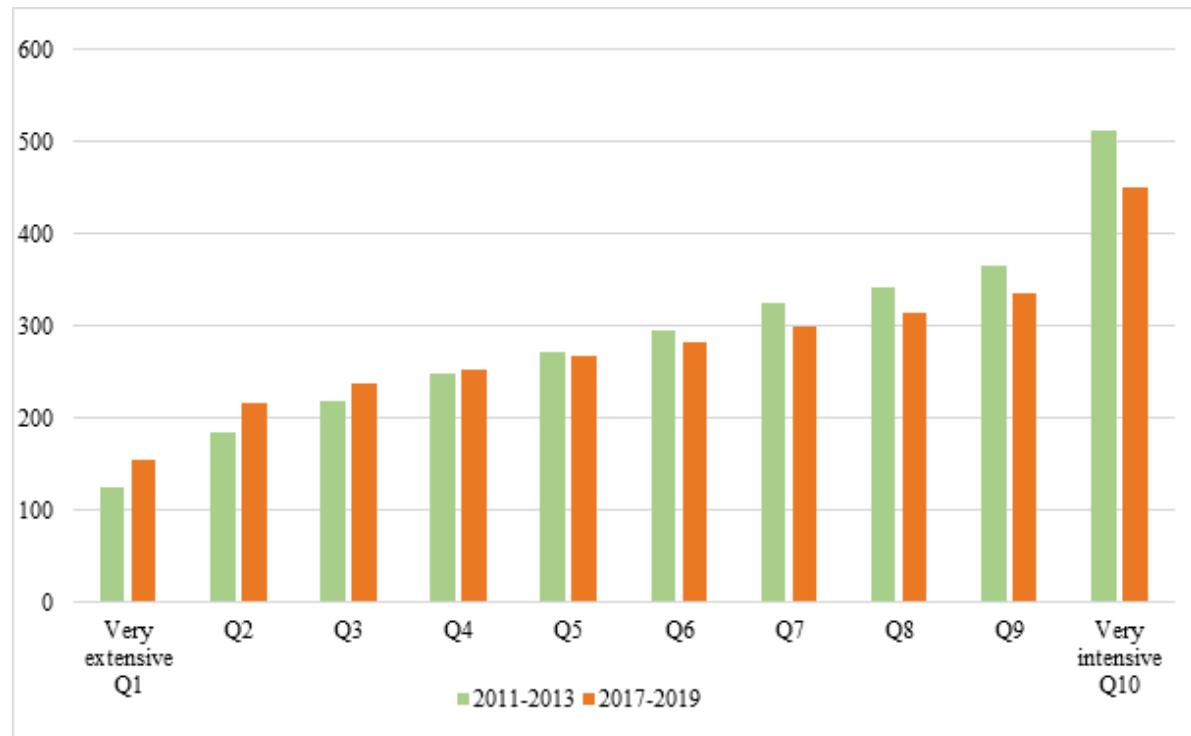
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, [CAP dashboard Environment and climate action \(CTX\\_SEC\\_18\\_1, OID\\_05\\_3, OIH\\_01\\_1a, OIR\\_06\\_1.1\)](#).

**Figure 14. Organic areas (1 000 ha) and number of producers.**



Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, [CAP dashboard Organic \(CTX\\_SEC\\_19\\_1c & OIH\\_03\\_02b\)](#).

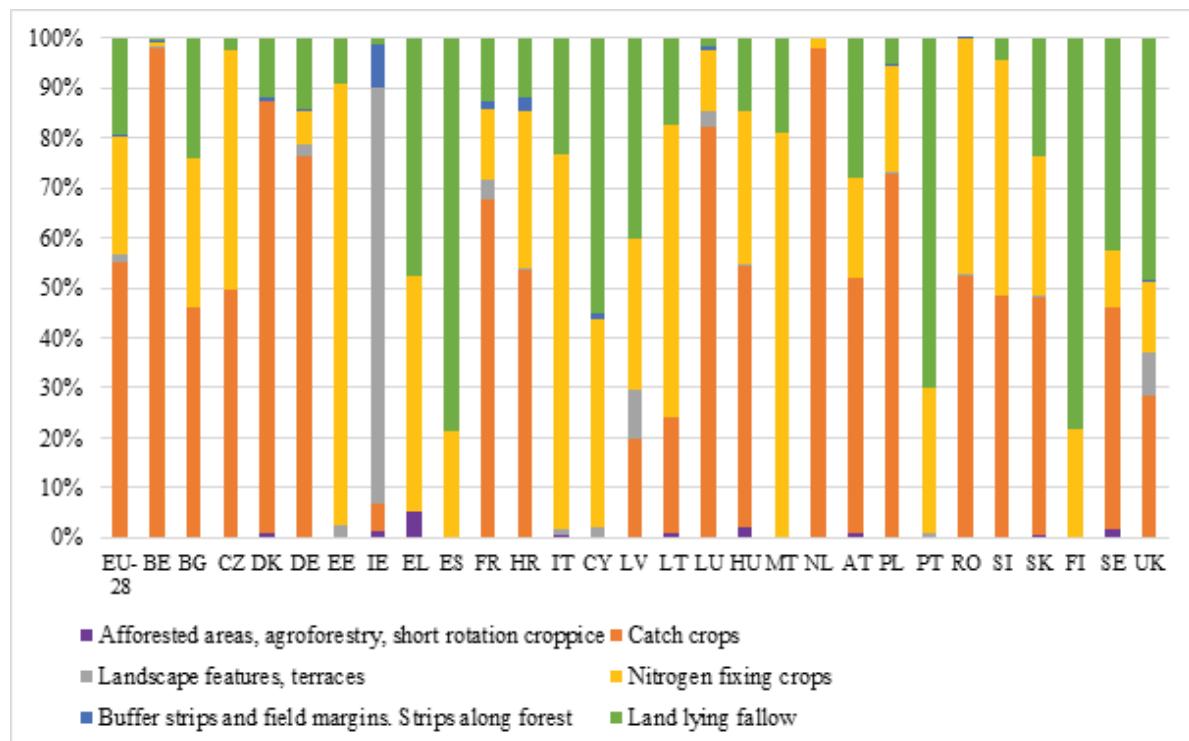
**Figure 15. Level of direct payment per hectare by class of intensification in the EU (EUR/ha), 2017-2019.**



Note: Farms are classified according to their level of intermediate costs\* per hectare. The deciles are determined based on the population in such a way that there are equal numbers of represented farms in each decile. \* Intermediate costs covers total specific costs (fertilizers, plant protection products, seeds, feed for livestock, other specific crop and livestock costs) and farming overheads not linked to a specific agricultural activity such as energy, contract work, machinery and buildings maintenance, water, insurance and other farming overheads.

Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on FADN data.

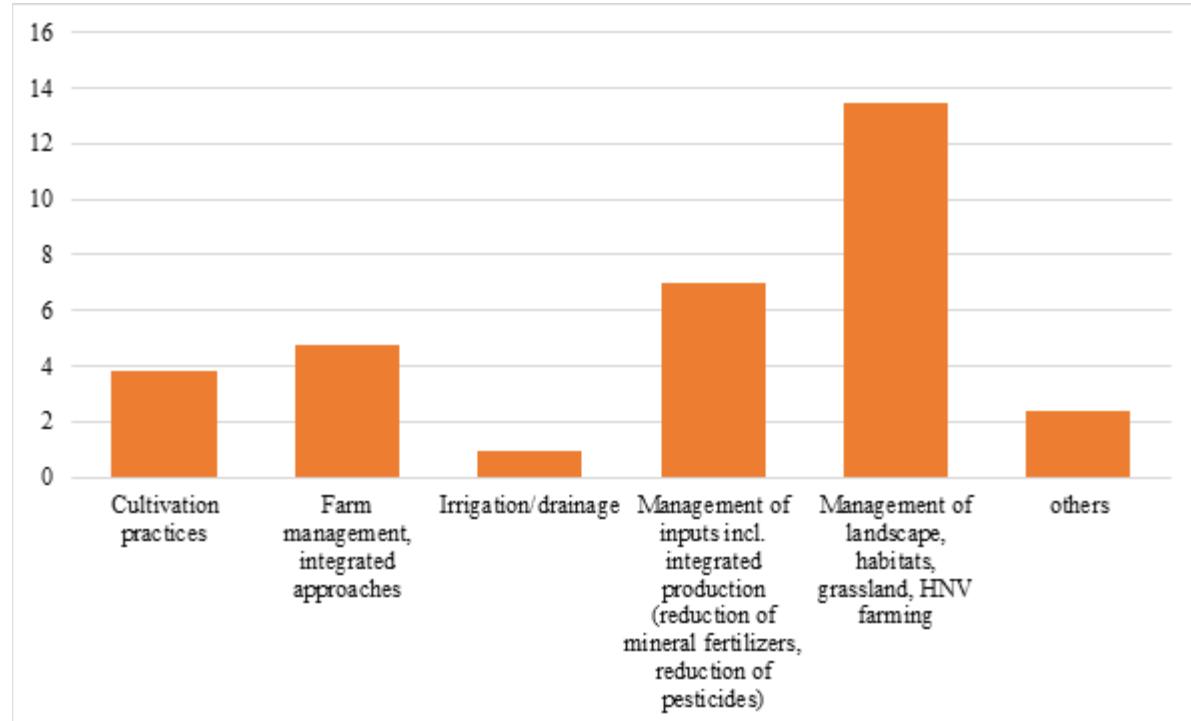
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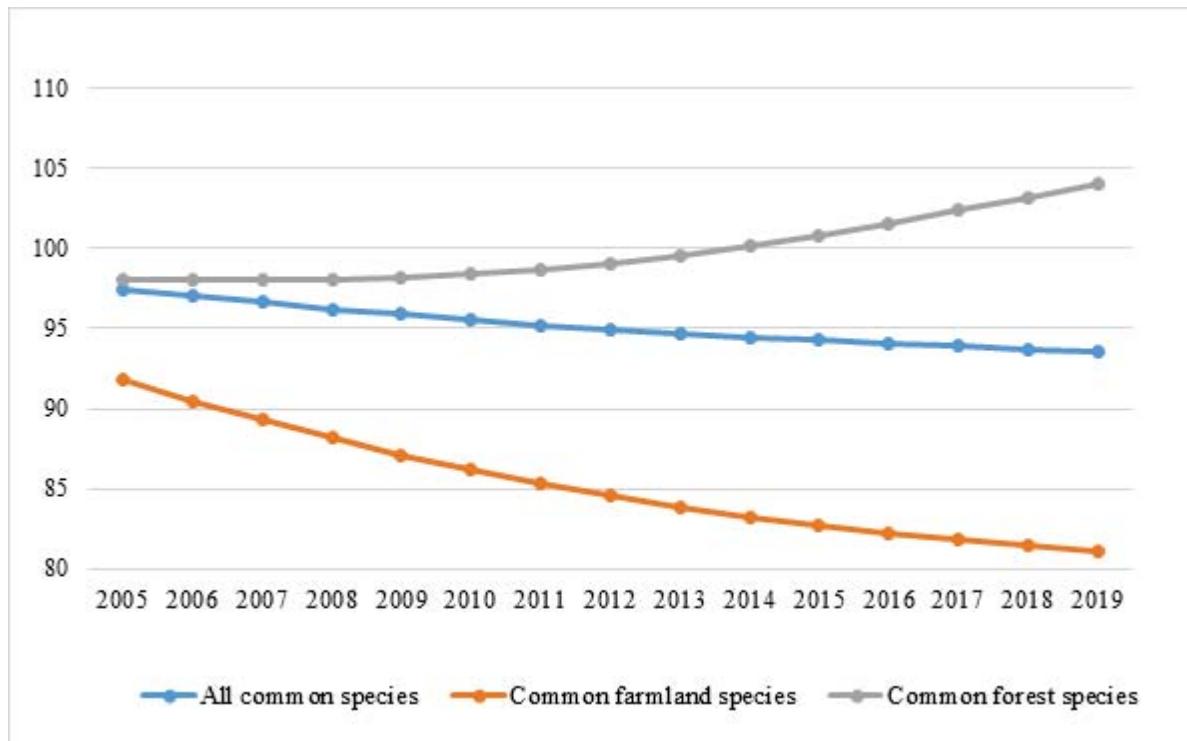
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on CAP dashboard, [Biodiversity \(RPI\\_13\\_4a, RPI\\_13\\_4b, RPI\\_13\\_4c, RPI\\_13\\_4d, RPI\\_13\\_4e, RPI\\_13\\_4f, RPI\\_13\\_4g, RPI\\_13\\_4h, RPI\\_13\\_4i, RPI\\_13\\_4j\)](#).

**Figure 17. Evolution of areas funded under AECM sub-measure 10.1 'Payment for Agri-Environment -Climate Commitments' (million ha).**



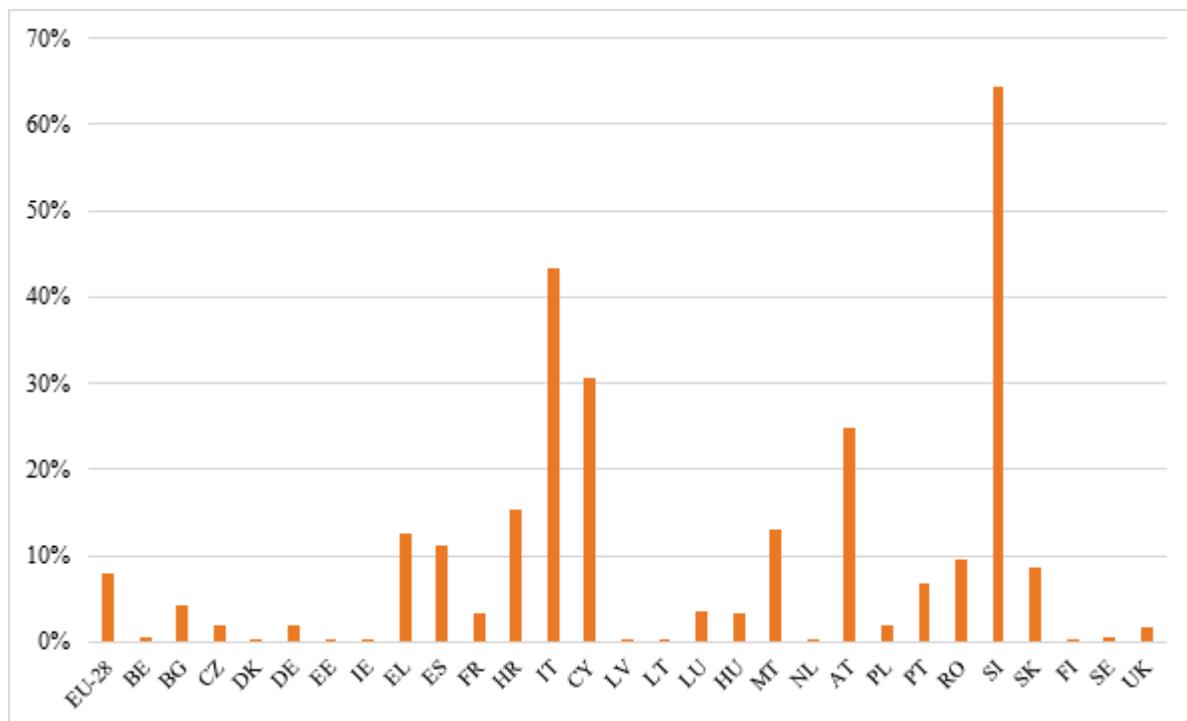
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on CAP Agrifood data portal, CAP Indicators, Data explorer, ([OIR\\_06\\_1.1](#)).

**Figure 18. Farmland birds indices in the EU (population index 2000=100), 2005-2019.**



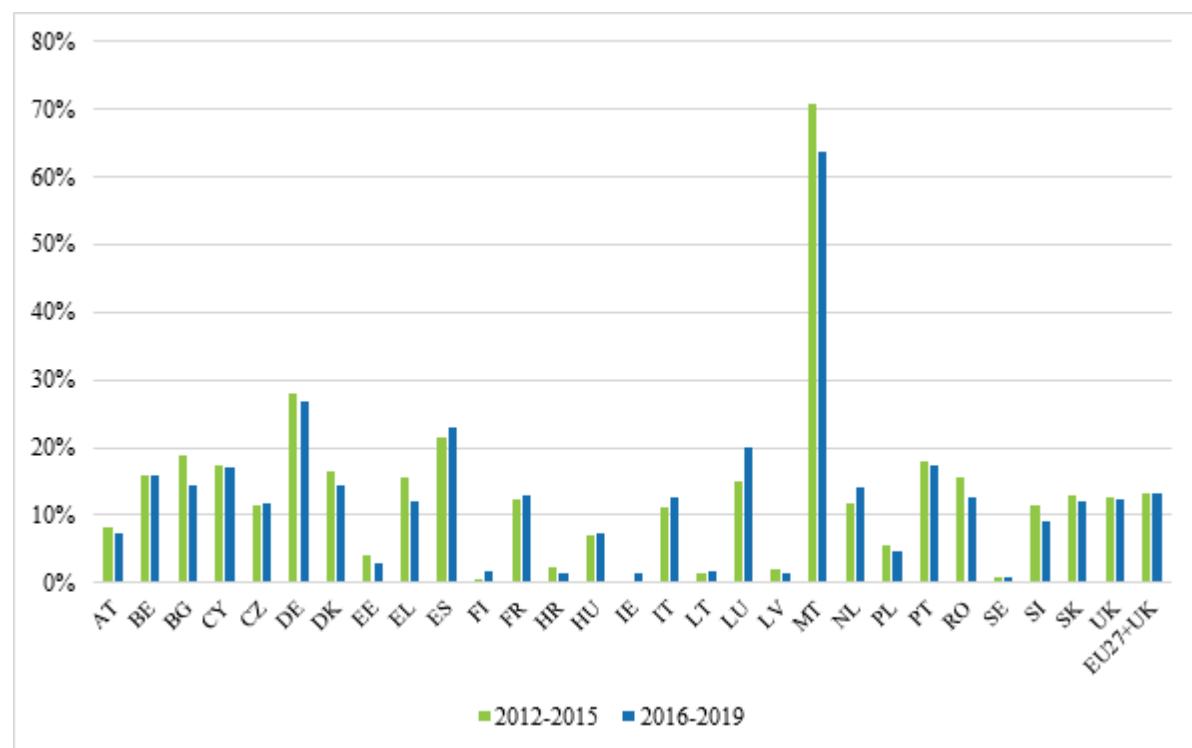
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, based on Eurostat, Environment statistics, Biodiversity ([online table env\\_bio3](#)).

**Figure 19. Share of agricultural land in moderate to severe risk of soil erosion by water, 2016 (%).**



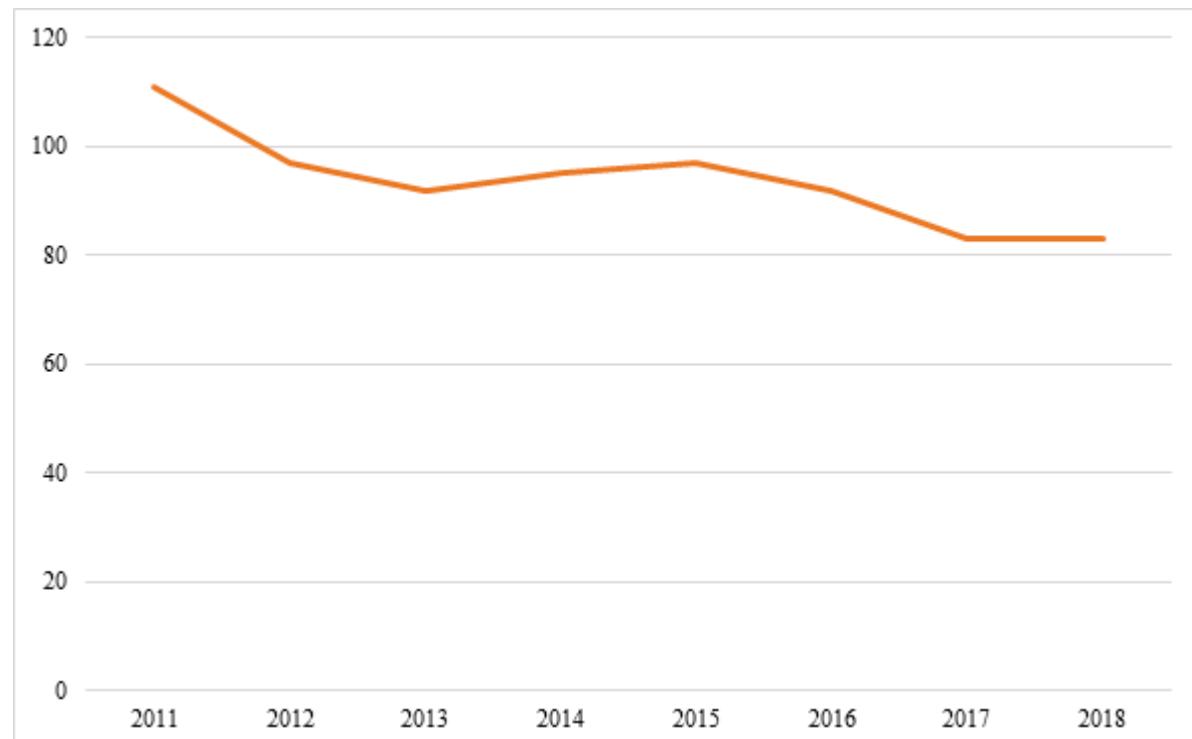
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on CAP Agrifood data portal, CAP Indicators, Data explorer ([CTX\\_ENV\\_42\\_2b](#)).

**Figure 20. Percentage of groundwater stations in the EU exceeding 50mg nitrates per litre, 2012-2016 and 2016-2019.**



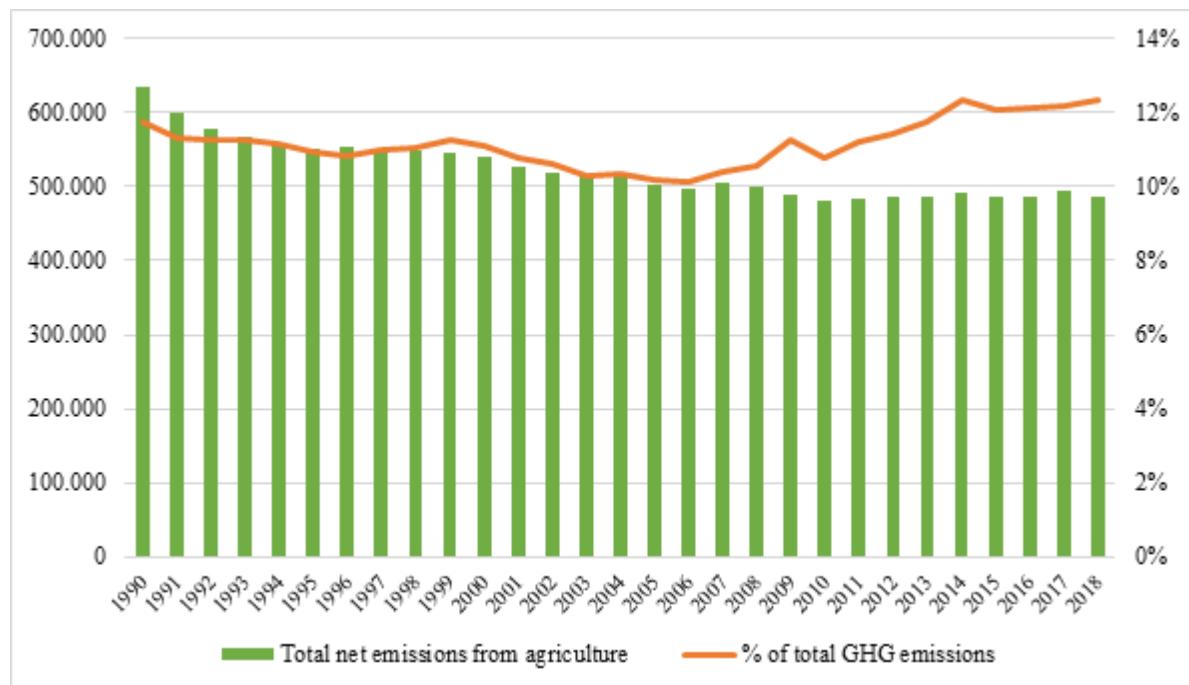
Source: European Commission, Report on the implementation of Council Directive 91/676/EEC concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources based on Member State reports for the period 2016–2019 ([COM\(2021\)1000 final](#)).

**Figure 21. Harmonised plant protection products.**



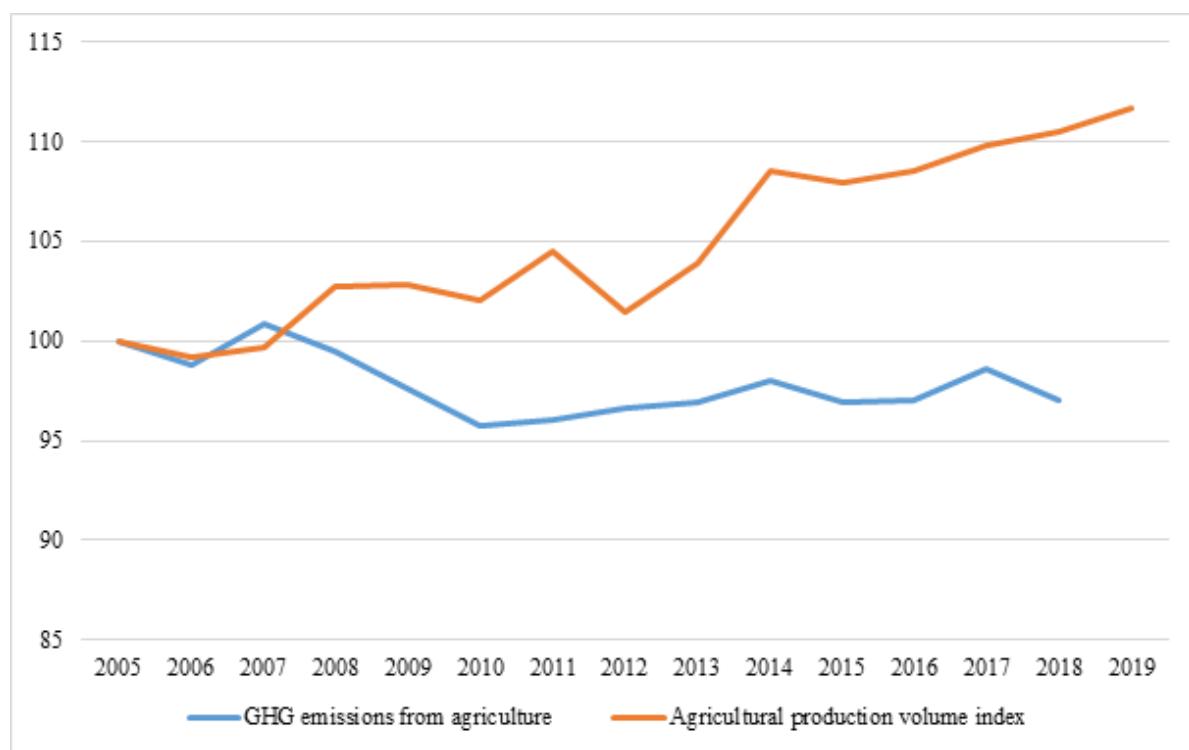
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on CAP dashboard, [Food and Health Quality Protection \(CTX\\_ENV\\_48\\_1\)](#).

**Figure 22. Development of GHG emissions from agriculture in the EU.**



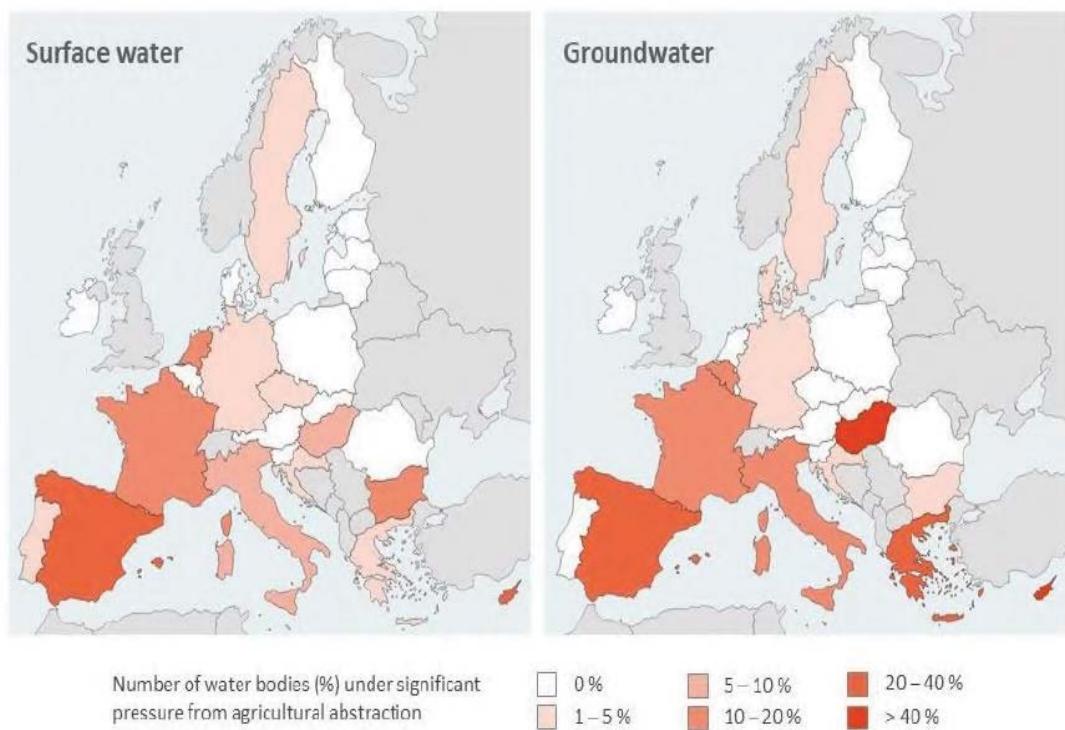
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on CAP Agrifood data portal, CAP Indicators, Data explorer ([IMP\\_07\\_2](#) and [IMP\\_07\\_1](#)).

**Figure 23. Development of GHG emissions and agricultural production (2005 = 100).**



Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on [European Environmental Agency data](#) and on CAP Agrifood data portal, CAP Indicators, Data explorer ([CTX\\_ENV\\_45\\_1a](#)).

**Figure 24. Number of water bodies under significant pressure from agricultural water abstraction, 2018.**



Source: [European Court of Auditors](#), based on '[WISE Water Framework Directive \(data viewer\)](#)', European Environment Agency, 2018.

**Table 5. Examples of positive effects on the environment and the climate of farming practices supported with the CAP.**

Impact	General effect	Meta-analysis reference	Result
<b>Agroforestry</b>			
Agroforestry has a positive effect on several environmental and climate impacts <u>compared to agricultural land without trees</u> . Agroforestry increased soil organic carbon stock by 18% (Shi et al, 2018), and was estimated to mitigate CO <sub>2</sub> emissions with $27.2 \pm 13.5$ t CO <sub>2</sub> equivalents ha <sup>-1</sup> y <sup>-1</sup> , at least for the first 14 years after establishment (Kim et al, 2016). It was also found to increase significantly biodiversity (Torralba et al. 2016).			
<b>Biodiversity</b>	2 out of 2 meta-analyses showing positive results	Torralba, M., Fagerholm, N., Burgess, P. J., Moreno, G., & Plieninger, T. (2016). Do European agroforestry systems enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services? A meta-analysis. <i>Agriculture, ecosystems &amp; environment</i> , 230, 150-161. doi.org/10.1016/j.agee.2016.06.002	Agroforestry, compared to land without trees, resulted in a significant mean increase of biodiversity.
<b>Carbon sequestration</b>	5 out of 5 meta-analyses showing positive results	Shi, L., Feng, W., Xu, J., & Kuzyakov, Y. (2018). Agroforestry systems: Meta-analysis of soil carbon stocks, sequestration processes, and future potentials. <i>Land degradation &amp; development</i> , 29(11), 3886-3897.https://doi.org/10.1002/ldr.3136	Agroforestry, compared to land without trees, resulted in a mean increase of +18% in soil organic carbon stock
<b>GHG</b>	1 out of 1	Kim, D. G., Kirschbaum, M. U., & Beedy, T.	Agroforestry, compared with

<b>emissions</b>	meta-analysis showing positive results	L. (2016). Carbon sequestration and net emissions of CH <sub>4</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> O under agroforestry: Synthesizing available data and suggestions for future studies. <i>Agriculture, Ecosystems &amp; Environment</i> , 226, 65-78. doi.org/10.1016/j.agee.2016.04.011	agricultural land, was estimated to contribute to mitigating $27.2 \pm 13.5$ t CO <sub>2</sub> equivalents ha <sup>-1</sup> y <sup>-1</sup> at least for the first 14 years after establishment.
<b>Organic farming</b>			
<b>Biodiversity</b>	11 out of 13 meta-analysis showing positive results	Smith, O.M., Cohen, A.L., Reganold, J.P., Jones, M.S., Orpet, R.J., Taylor, J.M., Thurman, J.H., Cornell, K.A., Olsson, R.L., Ge, Y., Kennedy, C.M., Crowder, D.W., 2020. Landscape context affects the sustainability of organic farming systems. <i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.</i> 117, 2870–2878. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1906909117">https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1906909117</a>	Organic farming systems, compared to conventional farming systems, resulted in a mean increase of 34% in both biotic (all species) abundance and biotic richness.
<b>Carbon sequestration</b>	8 out of 8 meta-analysis showing positive results	Aguilera, E; Lassaletta, L; Gattinger, A; Gimeno, B.S., 2013. Managing soil carbon for climate change mitigation and adaptation in Mediterranean cropping systems: A meta-analysis. <i>AGRICULTURE ECOSYSTEMS &amp; ENVIRONMENT</i> 168, 25-36. doi.org/10.1016/j.agee.2013.02.003	Organic farming, compared to conventional farming in croplands (including arable crops, orchards and horticulture, but excluding permanent grassland), resulted in a mean increase by 23.5% in soil carbon stocks (kgC/ha).

Note: The above examples were chosen among a large set of farming practices proposed and/or implemented by the Member States with CAP support (both commitments and investments), with the aim to reduce the environmental and/or climate change impacts of agriculture in the EU. These farming practices were analysed in several high-quality meta-analyses of large number of experimental trials assessing the practices effects on environment and climate outcomes. Therefore, the positive effects reported here are supported by robust scientific evidence. Note that these practices can have negative effects on production (e.g., there is very strong evidence that organic systems can lead to lower yield compared to conventional systems). Detailed results can be found in the iMAP wiki (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/wikis/display/IMAP/Farming+practices+fiches>)

Source: Joint Research Centre.

## Visuals for Chapter 3.3.

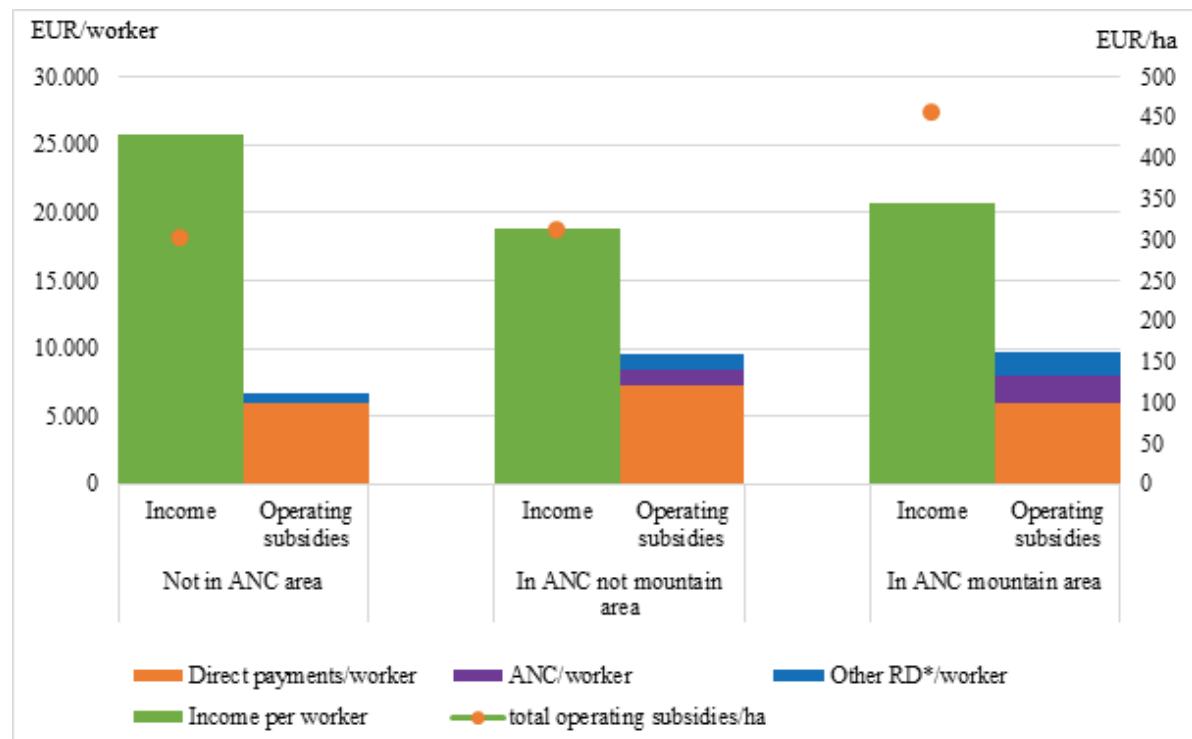
Table 6: CAP Pillar II result indicators related to balance territorial development (EU-28).

Indicator	Year		Unit
	2015	2019	
Agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers	0.06	1.21	%
Jobs created in supported projects	10	17 210	N°
Rural population covered by local development strategies	21	63	%
Rural population benefiting from improved services/infrastructures	0.68	22	%
Jobs created in supported projects (Leader)	-	24 290	N°

Note: according to the CAP results indicators for [Pilar II](#).

Source: [Agri-food data portal CAP Indicators](#).

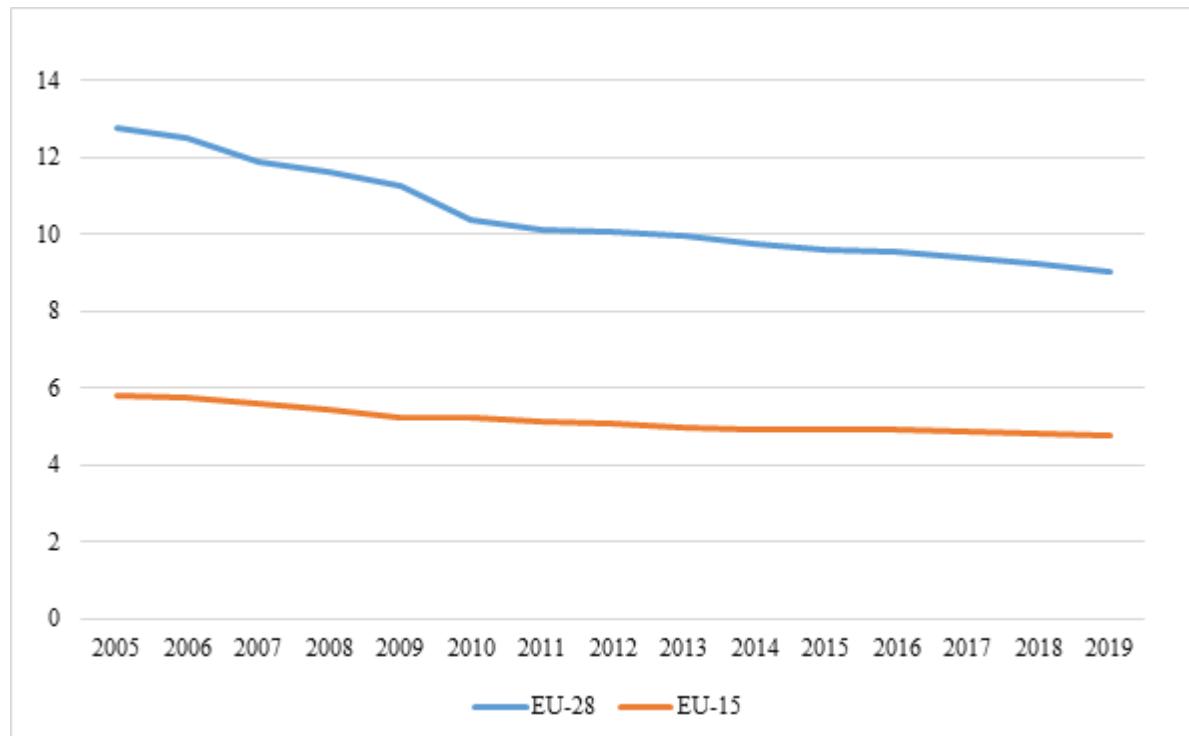
Figure 25. Average EU direct payments per hectare in areas facing constraints (EUR/ha), 2017-2019.



Note: ANC = support to farms in areas facing natural or other specific constraints; FNVA = farm net value added per full time equivalent = amount available to remunerate all factors of production (land, labour and capital, both external and own factors); other RD: rural development measures other than ANC (including national top-ups and agri-environment-climate commitments, but excluding investments supports).

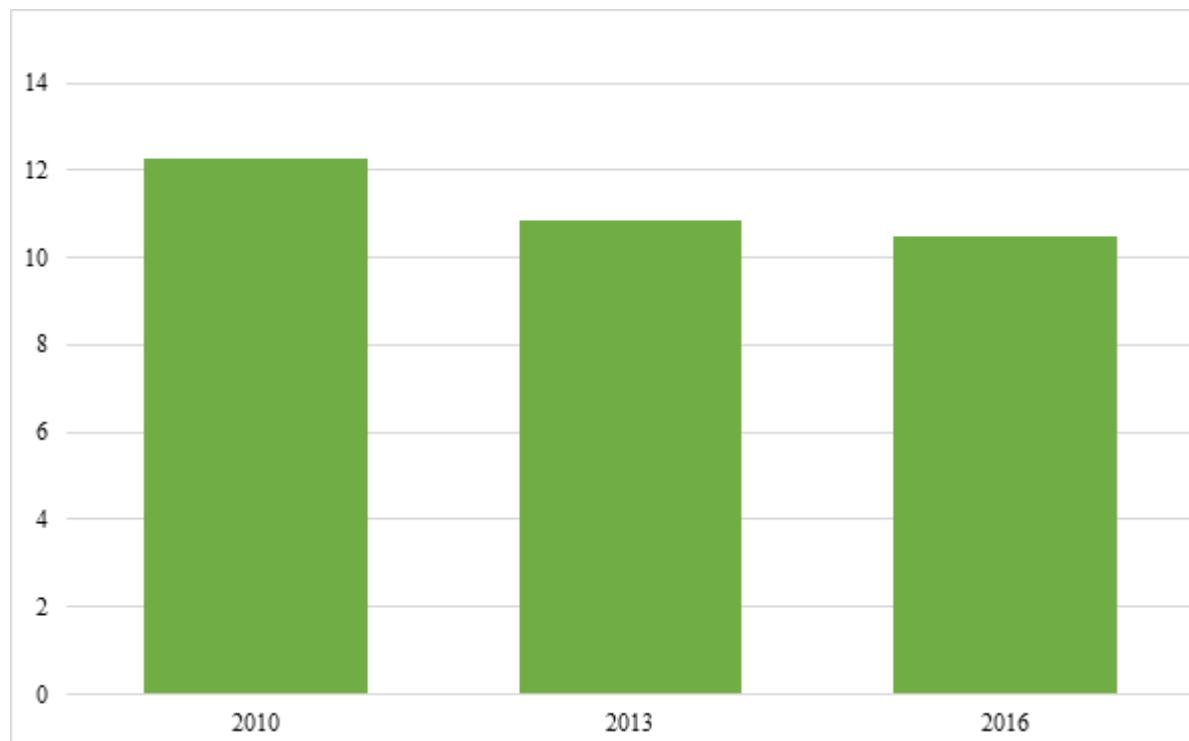
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on FADN data.

**Figure 26. Number of persons employed in agriculture (million), 2005-2019.**



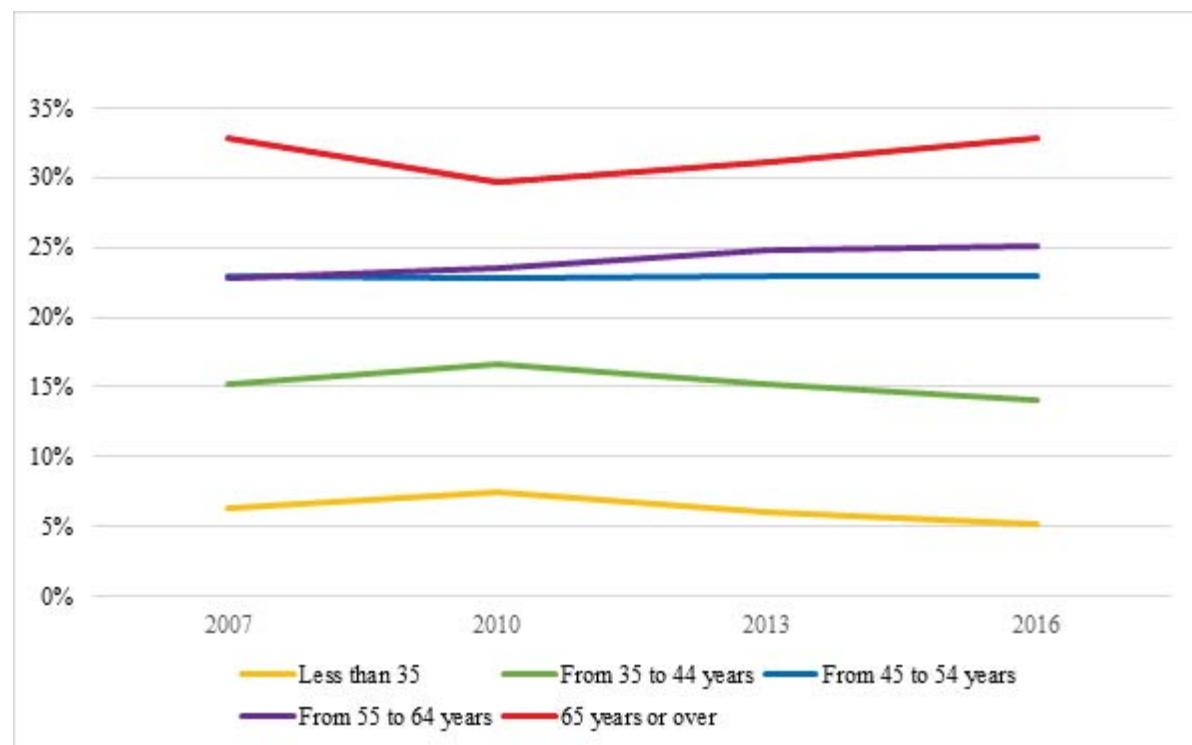
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on Eurostat ([online table aact\\_ali01](#)).

**Figure 27. Number of farms in the EU (million), 2010-2016.**



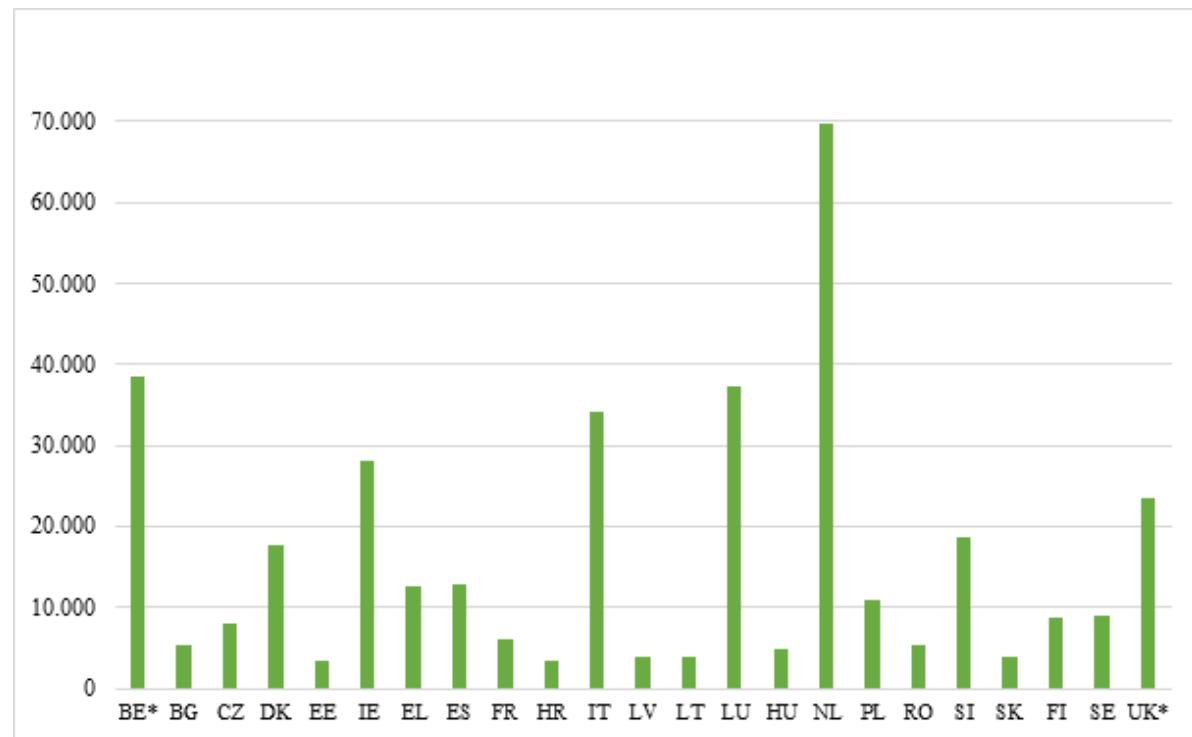
Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on Eurostat ([online table ef\\_m\\_farmang](#)).

**Figure 28. EU farming population, by age group, 2007-2016.**



Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on Eurostat ([online table ef\\_m\\_farmang](#)).

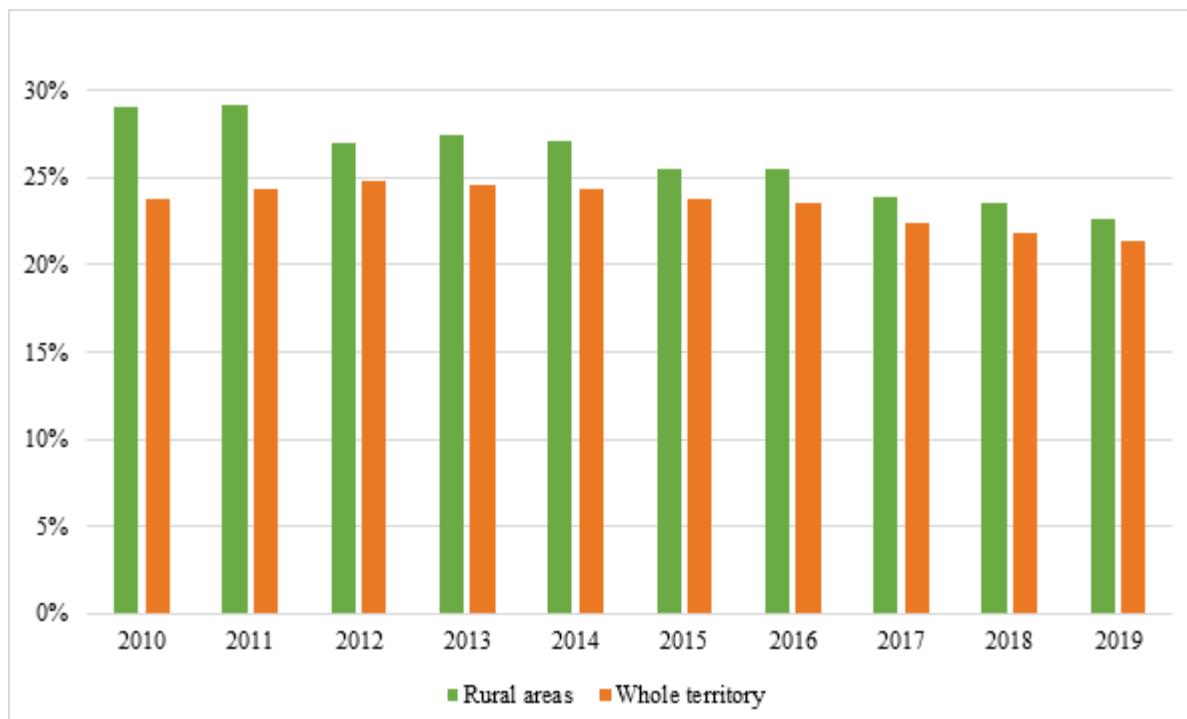
**Figure 29. Arable land prices in the EU, 2018 (EUR/ha).**



Note: BE\*: for Belgium, the value corresponds to 2014 as it is the most recent value available, and for UK it corresponds to 2018.

Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on Eurostat ([online table nama\\_10\\_a10\\_e](#)).

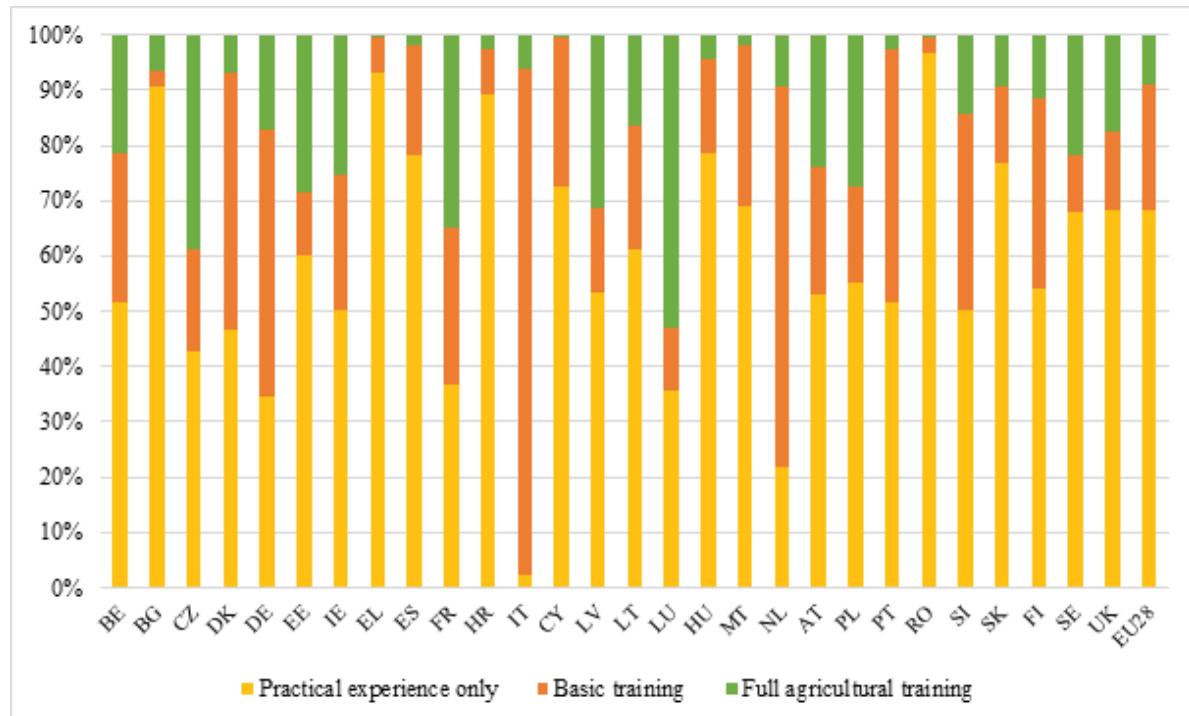
**Figure 30. Poverty rate in EU rural areas and in the whole territory.**



Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on Eurostat (online tables [ilc\\_peps13](#) and [ilc\\_peps01](#)).

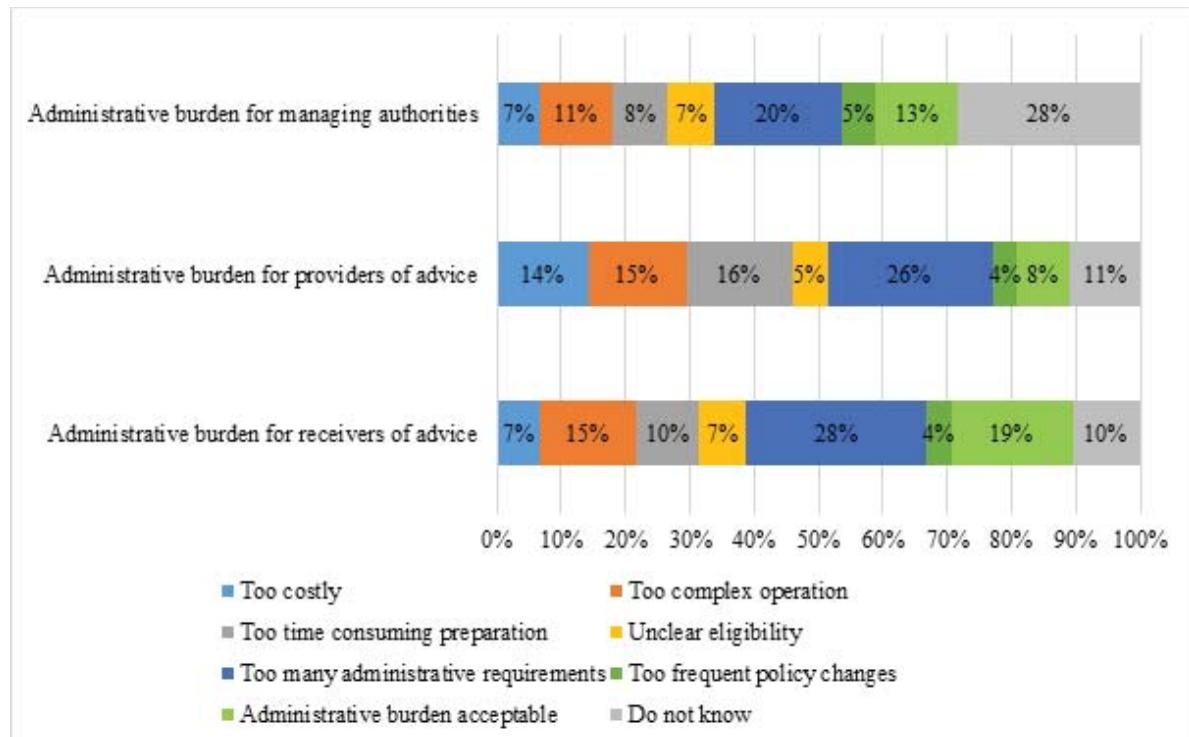
## Visuals for Chapter 3.4.

**Figure 31. Agricultural training of EU farm managers, 2016.**



Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on Eurostat ([online table of mp\\_training](#)).

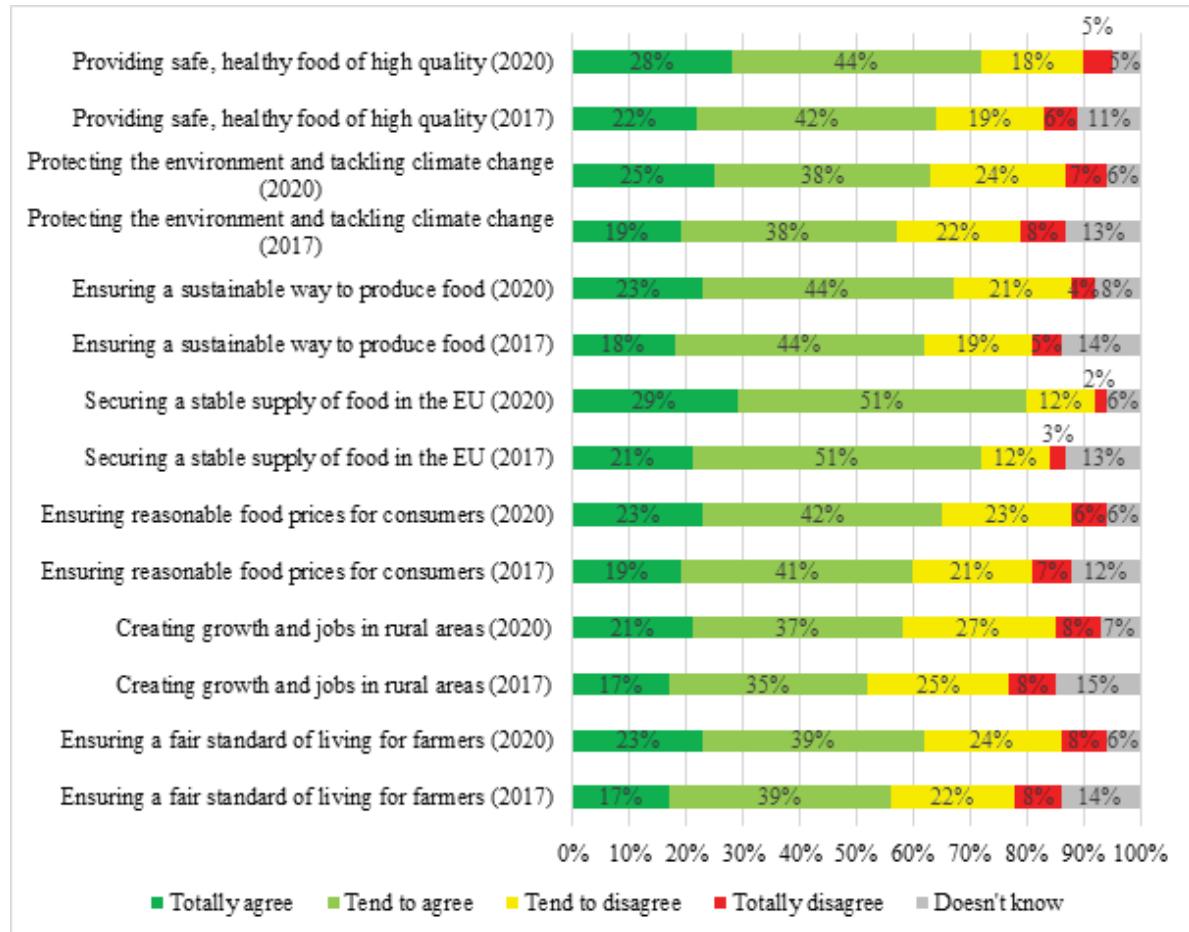
**Figure 32. Most important aspects of administrative burdens in the implementation of the CAP measures and instruments fostering knowledge exchange, advisory activities and innovation.**



Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on the results from the [public consultation in the framework of the Evaluation on the CAP's impact on knowledge exchange and advisory activities](#).

## Other visuals

Figure 33. Perceived performance of the CAP.



Source: Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development based on the [Special Eurobarometer 473](#) and [Special Eurobarometer 504](#).