# *Summary information on agricultural holdings in 2023*

*The presented outputs of the Integrated Farm Survey show summarized grossed-up data for 33 166 agricultural holdings (28 037 holdings of natural persons and 5 129 holdings of legal persons), which reached defined threshold values in 2023.*

***Table 1 Agricultural holdings in years 2000****–****2023[[1]](#footnote-1))***

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| *Holdings* | *Variable* | *2000* | *2023* | *Index (%) 2023/2000* |
| *Agricultural  holdings,  total* | *Number* | *39 082* | *33 166* | *84,9* |
| *Utilised agricultural area (ha)* | *3 623 929* | *3 521 180* | *97,2* |
| *Average utilised agricultural area per holding* | *93* | *106* | *114,3* |
| *Labour force, total (persons)* | *241 743* | *173 284* | *71,7* |
| *Labour force, total (AWU)* | *174 262* | *95 161* | *54,6* |
| *Holdings of  natural  persons* | *Number* | *36 198* | *28 037* | *77,5* |
| *Utilised agricultural area (ha)* | *943 182* | *1 080 368* | *114,5* |
| *Average utilised agricultural area per holding* | *26* | *39* | *149,7* |
| *Labour force, total (persons)* | *81 359* | *65 258* | *80,2* |
| *Labour force, total (AWU)* | *45 887* | *31 542* | *68,7* |
| *Holdings of  legal  persons* | *Number* | *2 884* | *5 129* | *177,8* |
| *Utilised agricultural area (ha)* | *2 680 746* | *2 440 813* | *91,0* |
| *Average utilised agricultural area per holding* | *930* | *476* | *51,2* |
| *Labour force, total (persons)* | *160 384* | *108 026* | *67,4* |
| *Labour force, total (AWU)* | *128 375* | *63 619* | *49,6* |

*The number of agricultural holdings decreased by 15.1% compared to the 2000 survey. The number of holdings of legal persons increased almost by three quarters (+77.8%) and the number of holdings of natural persons decreased almost by one quarter (−22.5%).*

*In total 3 521 thousand hectares of agricultural area were utilised in 2023, i.e. 44.6% of the total area of the Czech Republic, compared to 46.0% in 2000. The total UAA decreased by 121 thousand hectares during the last 23 years. The possession of the agricultural land changes in the course of time: since 2000 holdings of natural persons gained (+14.5%) while holdings of legal persons lost (−9.0%) a certain part of the UAA. Holdings of natural persons held 30.7% of the UAA in 2023 compared to 26.0% in 2000.*

*There was also a major change in the ownership type: while in 2000 almost all utilised agricultural land was rented (92.0%), in 2023 agricultural holdings owned 28.2% of the UAA. Holdings of natural persons owned one quarter of the UAA in 2000 (27.1%) and more than two fifths (42.4%) in 2023; the share of own land in holdings of legal persons rose from 1.3% in 2000 to 21.9% in 2023.*

*The average area utilised by one holding in the Czech Republic in 2023 accounted for 106 ha. The average area of a holding of natural person grew by 16 ha to 39 ha (+49.7%) since 2000. The average area of a holding of legal person dropped by 454 ha to 476 ha (−48.8%) during the same period.*

*The labour force totals decreased by 68 thousand persons (−28.3%) to 173 thousands persons during the period 2000-2023. Expressed in Annual Work Units, the labour force decline was even more significant, by 79 thousands to 95 thousands AWU (−45.4%). Labour force loss occurred both in holdings of natural persons (−16 thous. persons) and in the holdings of legal persons (−52 thous. persons). The labour force irregularly employed on the basis of contracts for work or contracts for services slightly increased in 2023 by 3.1% to 42 thous. persons, but expressed in Annual Work Units, there was a significant decline from 9 thous. AWU to 4 thous. AWU (−43.6%).*

1. *) Results of 2000 survey were recalculated according to threshold levels used in the Integrated Farm Structure Survey 2023.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)