

5 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 2000–2023⁵⁾

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

⁵⁾ Results of 2000 survey were recalculated according to threshold levels used in the Integrated Farm Structure Survey 2023.

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