

INTRODUCTION

Long-term time series capturing the development of agriculture in the Czech Republic during the period 1918 to 2025 are intended for professionals and the general public. Unlike the printed publication from 2018, the current edition does not contain economic results of the agricultural sector. These are available to users in the form of the Economic Account for Agriculture (starting from 1998) separately: [Agriculture - time series | Products](#).

More than 100-year time series make it possible to detect long-term development trends. If the methodological description of the indicators has been modified over the years, the change is explained in the notes below the table. A detailed up-to-date methodological explanation for crop and animal production statistics is available in the links: [Crop production statistics – Methodology | Statistics](#), [Animal production statistics – Methodology | Statistics](#).

In addition to partial methodological changes in individual variables, it is necessary to draw attention to the transition from surveying the agriculture as a whole to surveying the agricultural sector only, which occurred between 2001 and 2002 (it is marked in the tables). The transition was part of the preparation for the membership in the European Union that included the harmonisation of national and EU methodologies. For selected variables, where the break in the time series between 2001 and 2002 is not marked in the tables, data for the agricultural sector and for the household sector are published together. The household sector contributes to the total agricultural production mainly with growing fruits and vegetables, potatoes, small-scale animal rearing and egg production.

Unless otherwise stated, statistical surveys of the Czech Statistical Office are the source of data. The land use is taken from the Czech State Administration of Land and Cadastre, which registers agricultural land on the basis of ownership rights, in some cases regardless of its current use. In contrast to it, the Czech Statistical Office monitors and reports utilized agricultural area.

The proportion of administrative data sources used has been increasing in the last few years due to the modernization of procedures for compiling agricultural statistics. The use of administrative data sources, maintained primarily for purposes other than statistical ones, has had certain positive effects for reporting units. However, it has also introduced certain restrictions, for example in the established publication deadlines or the termination of time series for variables whose data cannot be obtained from administrative sources. Therefore, any updates or additions to published time series are noted in the publication note in the Catalogue of products. Sheep and goat populations as at 31 December 2025 will be added to the time series on 15 May 2026. On the same date cattle populations will also be updated; until then, only preliminary data will be provided for cattle populations as at 31 December 2025. Due to the transition to administrative sources, the time series of some indicators for ruminants (breakdown of bulls into breeding and others, heifers into mated and not mated, more detailed breakdown of sheep and goats) are terminated starting from 2025 onwards. Sown areas of agricultural crops as at 31 May 2026 will be added to the publication on 8 July 2026.

Agricultural sector

Since 2002, the basic unit in agricultural statistics is an agricultural holding defined by at least one of the thresholds as follows:

Area -	<i>more than 1 ha of utilised agricultural area</i> <i>1 500 m² of grown intensive crops (orchards, vegetables, flowers)</i> <i>1 000 m² of vineyards</i> <i>300 m² of greenhouses and/or hotbeds</i>
Rearing of animals –	<i>from 1 head of cattle</i> <i>or 2 head of pigs</i> <i>or 4 head of sheep or goats</i> <i>or 50 head of poultry</i> <i>or 100 head of rabbits</i>

List of abbreviations

ALI	<i>Agricultural Labour Input: An indicator used to measure the volume of work carried out in agriculture. The calculation is based on a standardized EU methodology and is expressed in so-called annual work units (Annual Work Unit, abbreviated as AWU)</i>
AWU	<i>Annual Work Unit (1 800 hours per year)</i>
CZ-NACE	<i>Statistical Classification of Economic Activities</i>

Symbols used in tables

-	<i>no cases registered</i>
.	<i>data unavailable or unreliable</i>

Calculations in the tables are based on non-rounded figures (incl. totals).

