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Agriculture

The utilised agricultural area (excluding alpine meadows) accounts for about 22% of Liechtenstein's 16 050 ha. In 2008, 0.8% of all employed persons in Liechtenstein worked in agriculture and forestry.

45% of the gross agricultural return comes from the dairy industry. Some 60 dairy farms produced 13 million kg milk in 2008.

In 2007, 127 farms received agricultural subsidies in form of direct payments. 28% of these farms applied organic farming production methods.

In Liechtenstein, the cultivation of forage plants is quite important. The share of forage plants amounts to 24% of the agricultural area. 60% of the agricultural area is used as permanent grassland.

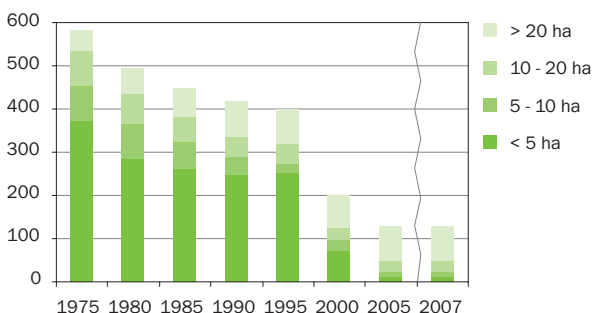
Farms by size, 1975 - 2007

Year	Total	Size in ha			
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1975	582	372	83	78	49
1980	494	286	80	70	58
1985	448	263	60	59	66
1990	417	248	43	45	81
1995	401	253	20	49	79
2000	199	73	23	29	74
2005	128	9	16	23	80
2007	127	10	14	24	79

Since 2005:

Only farms receiving agricultural subsidies in form of direct payments.

Farms by size



Livestock and milk production, 1990 - 2008

	1990	2000	2006	2007	2008
Cattle	6 328	5 054	5 826	6 029	6 047
of which cows	2 850	2 562	2 985	3 059	3 027
Equidae	239	379	426	441	494
Pigs	3 251	2 013	1 723	1 735	1 758
Sheep	2 781	3 319	3 661	3 683	3 850
Goats	171	239	358	319	425
Poultry	.	.	11 712	12 060	12 179
Bee colonies	1 058	953	854	1 079	1 082
Milk production (in 1 000 kg)	13 158	12 968	13 212	13 137	13 401

Livestock of all livestock owners (including agricultural units receiving agricultural subsidies in form of direct payments).

Milk delivery to dairy (excluding milk from the alps).