

Agriculture



The utilised agricultural area (excluding alpine meadows) accounts for about 22% of Liechtenstein's 16 050 ha. In 2007, 1.0% of all employees in Liechtenstein worked in agriculture and horticulture, while 0.2% were employed in forestry and hunting.

45% of the gross agricultural return comes from the dairy industry. Some 60 dairy farms produced 13 million kg milk in 2007.

In 2005, 128 farms received agricultural subsidies in form of direct payments. 27% of these farms applied organic farming production methods.

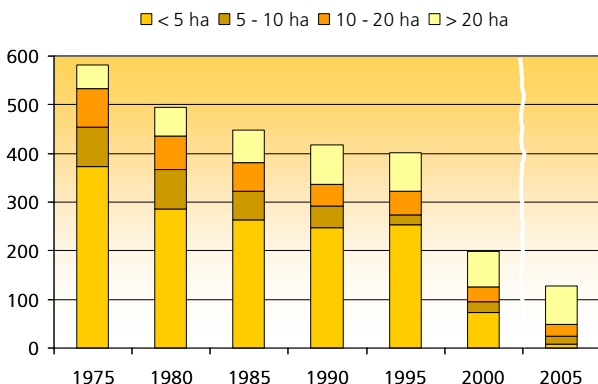
In Liechtenstein, the cultivation of forage plants is quite important. The share of forage plants amounts to 24% of the agricultural area. 60% of the agricultural area is used as permanent grassland.

Agricultural units by size

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 ¹	128	9	16	23	80

¹ Agricultural units receiving agricultural subsidies in form of direct payments.

Agricultural units by size



Livestock and milk production

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007
Cattle	6 328	5 862	5 054	5 564	5 826	6 037
of which cows	2 850	2 643	2 562	2 851	2 985	3 052
Equidae	239	295	379	409	426	441
Pigs	3 251	2 429	2 013	1 703	1 723	1 735
Sheep	2 781	2 632	3 319	3 603	3 661	3 683
Goats	171	145	239	324	358	319
Poultry	.	.	.	10 362	11 712	12 224
Bee colonies	1 058	1 022	953	1 033	854	1 079
Milk production (in 1000 kg)	13 158	12 729	12 968	13 471	13 212	13 137

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).