



Changing dairy farming structure in the EU

Results of latest Farm Structure Survey (2020)

CDG Animal Production

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Outline

FARMS

- Number of dairy farms
- Average dairy farm size
- Farms by economic sizes

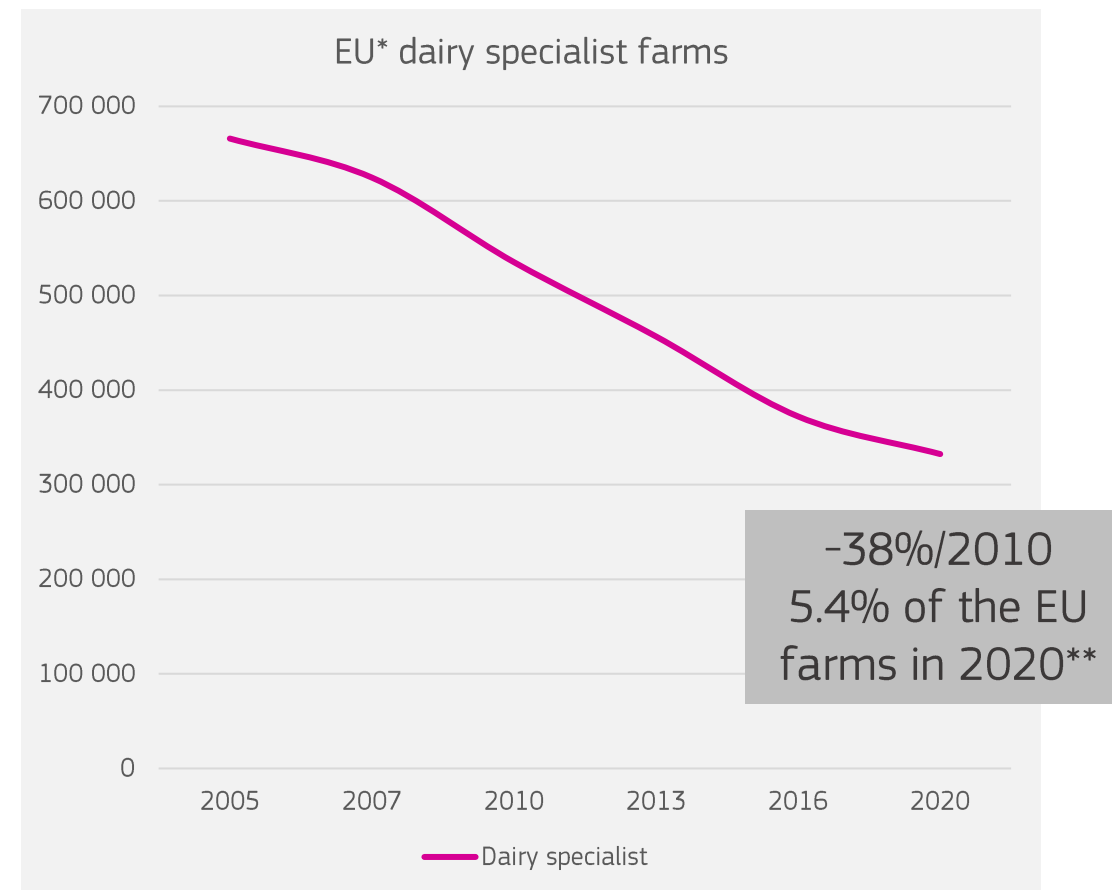
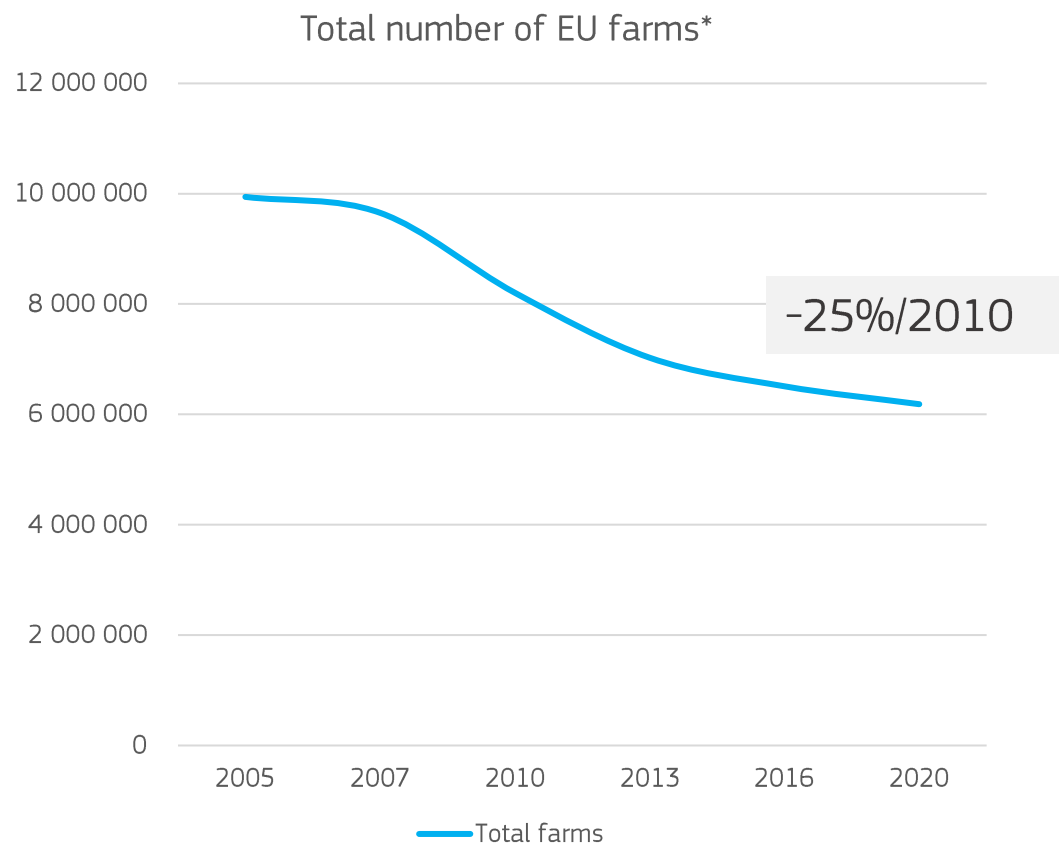
FARMERS

- Age categories

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Number of dairy farms

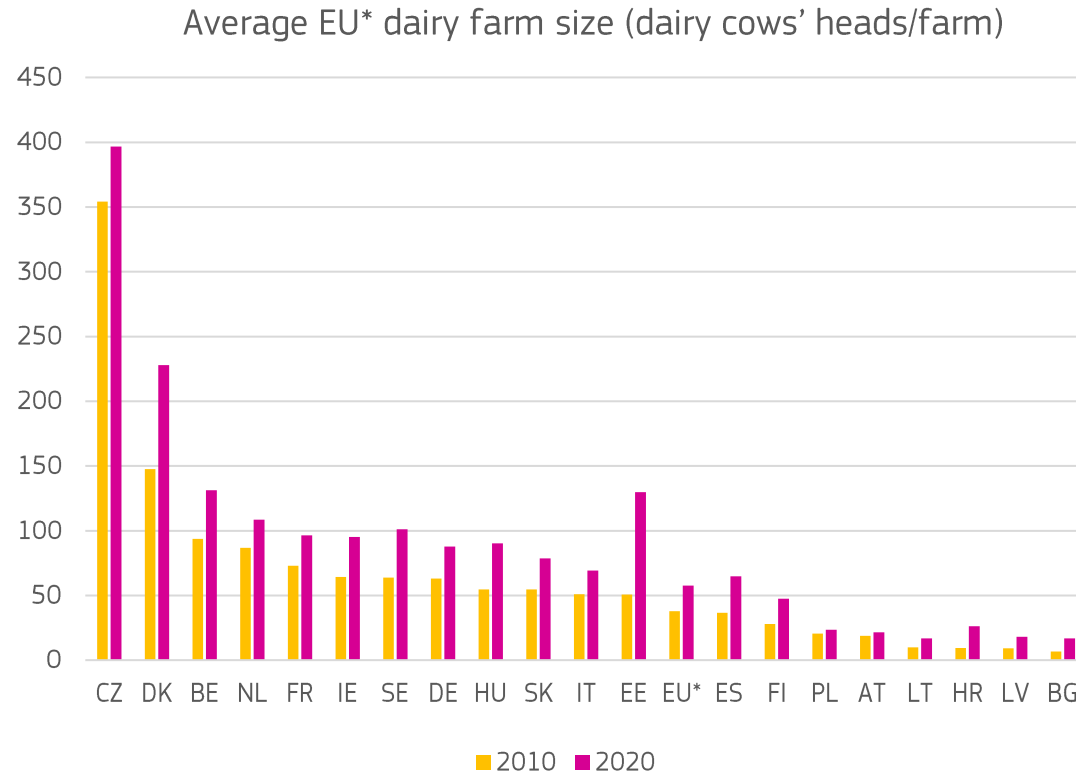


**for comparison reasons, RO is excluded from the sample (also in following graphs where EU* is displayed)*

***5.1% including RO*

Source: DG Agriculture and Rural Developments, based on Eurostat (FSS)

Average dairy farm size

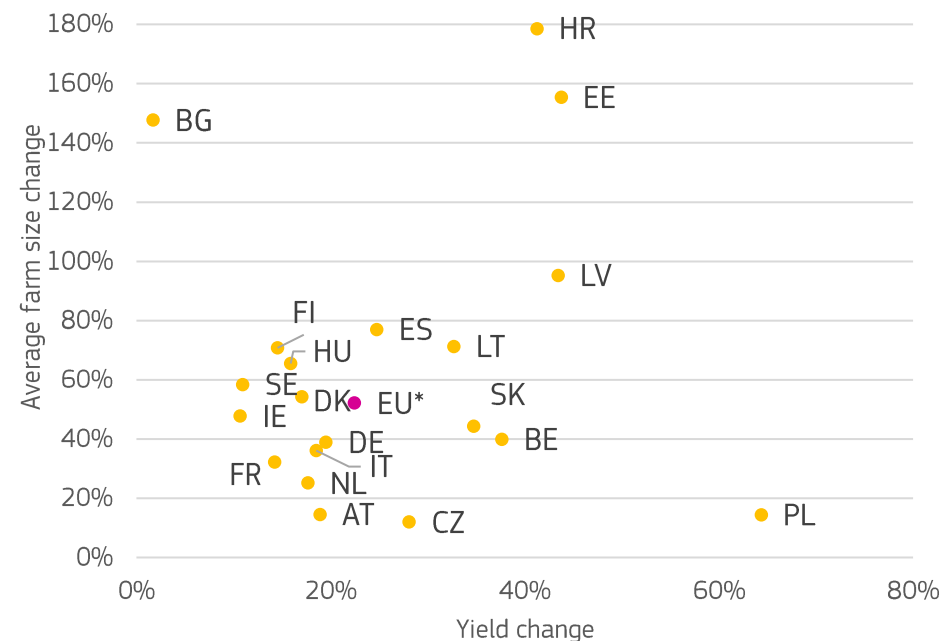


- 4 MS (BG, EE, LV, HR) at least **doubled** their average farm size
- Changes in AT, CZ, MT, PL and NL **below 25%**
- **25-50%** increase in BE, DE, DK, FR, IE, IT, LU, SK
- **50-75%** increase in CY, DK, FI, HU, LT, SE, SI
- **75-100%** increase in ES, PT

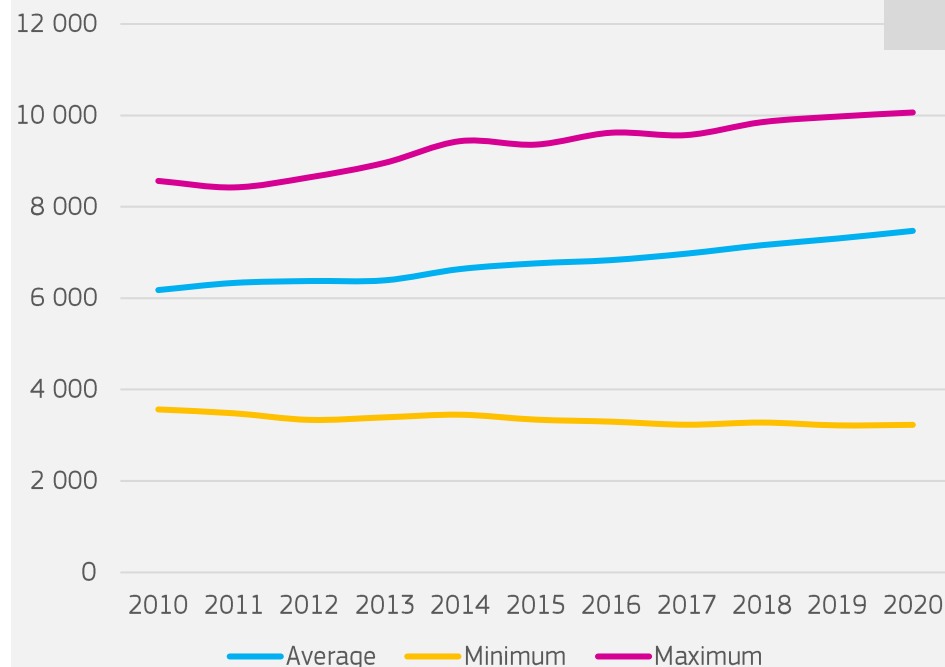
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Bigger and more productive?

2020/2010 milk yield and farm size change



Dispersion of milk yields in the EU (kg/dairy cow)

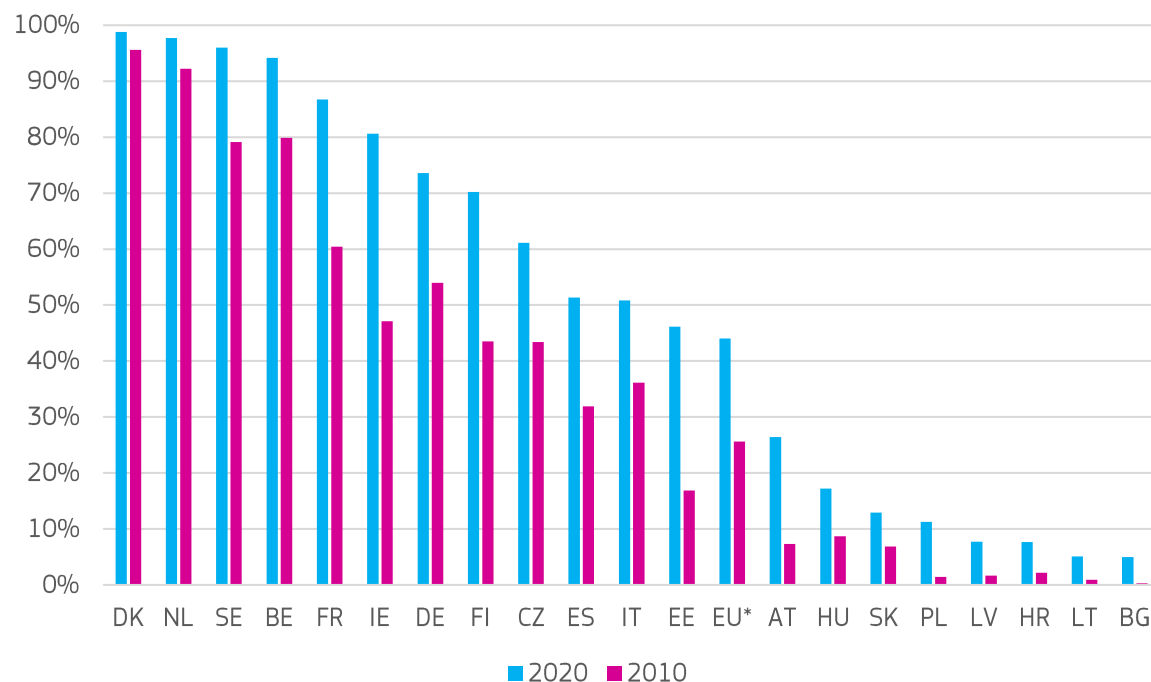


61% of EU milk produced in MS with yields higher than the average in 2020 (incl. RO)

Source: DG Agriculture and Rural Developments, based on Eurostat.

Bigger also in economic terms?

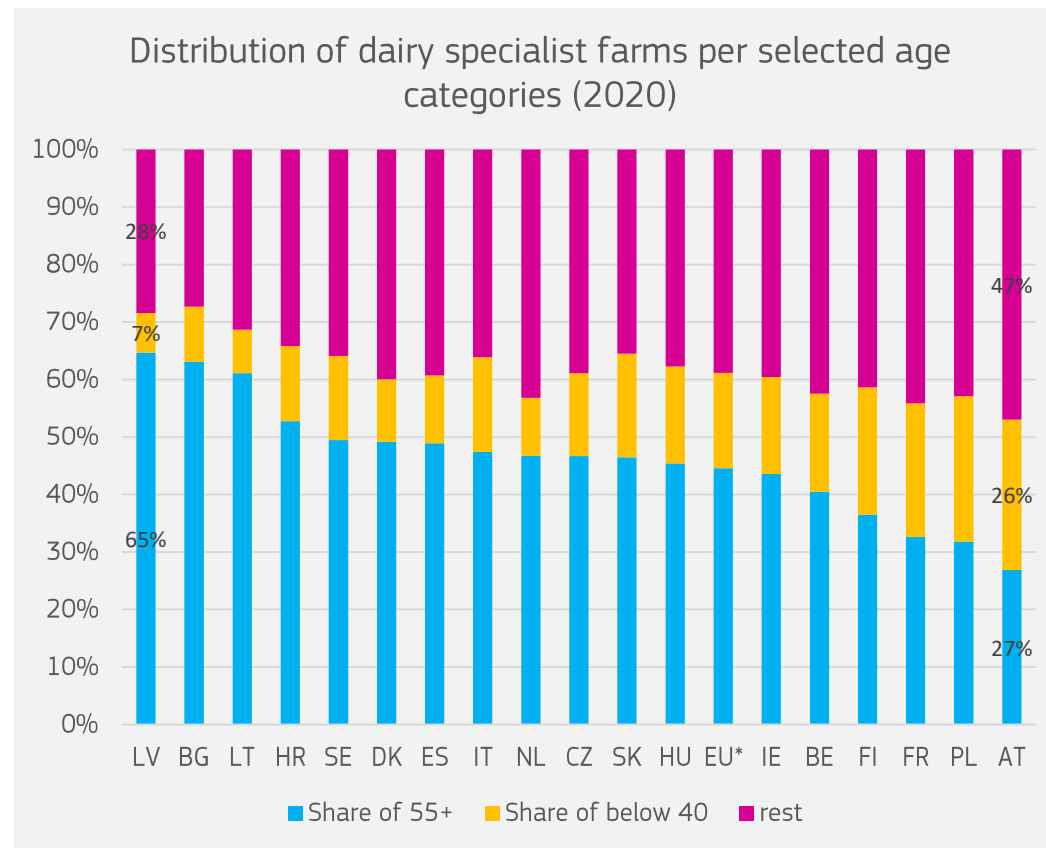
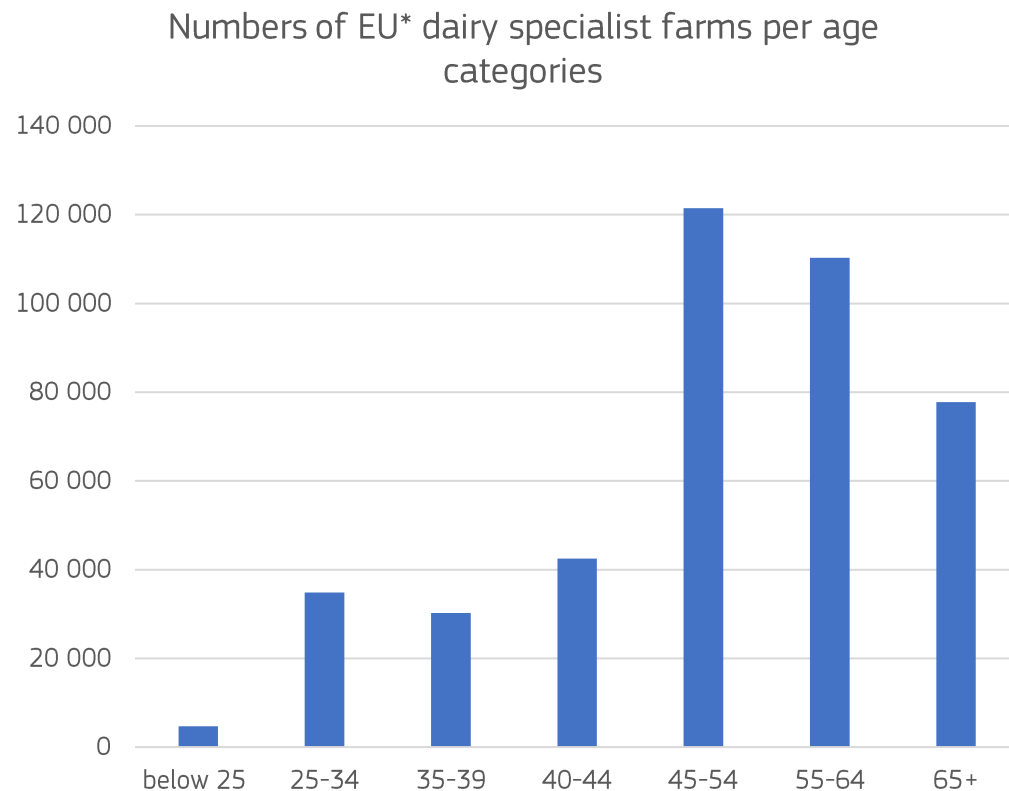
Share of EU* dairy specialist farms with standard output higher than 100 000 EUR



- In absolute terms, the number of **dairy farms larger than 100 000 EUR** increased in the EU* by 7% in 2010-2020
 - Significant increases in PL, BG, LT, LV, AT
 - A strong push for farms getting **bigger than 500 000 EUR** (for example in BE, DE, DK, IT, NL, SE)

Source: DG Agriculture and Rural Developments, based on Eurostat.

Age profile of dairy farmers



Source: DG Agriculture and Rural Developments, based on Eurostat (FSS)

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. On the left, a lush green field contains several cows of various colors (black, white, brown, and orange). In the center, a dense grid of young green trees is planted in rows. To the right of the trees is a large, golden-brown field. A dark, winding path or stream runs along the edge of the golden field. The sky is a deep blue.

THANK YOU

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