‘’Simplification – the farmers’ point of view’’

First insights into the results of the survey running March 7 – April 8, 2024

October 2024

“Simplification – the farmers' point of view”

- Commissions' **online survey** addressed to farmers
- Running from March 7 to April 8, 2024 – **26 886 replies received**
  - To understand the **burden placed on farmers** by procedures and rules linked to financial support under the common agricultural policy (CAP), as well as other EU rules for food and agriculture in the EU;
  - To help in identifying **sources of concern and complexity** in the way these policies and schemes are applied in the EU countries;
  - To help in identifying **areas where improvements** could be made.

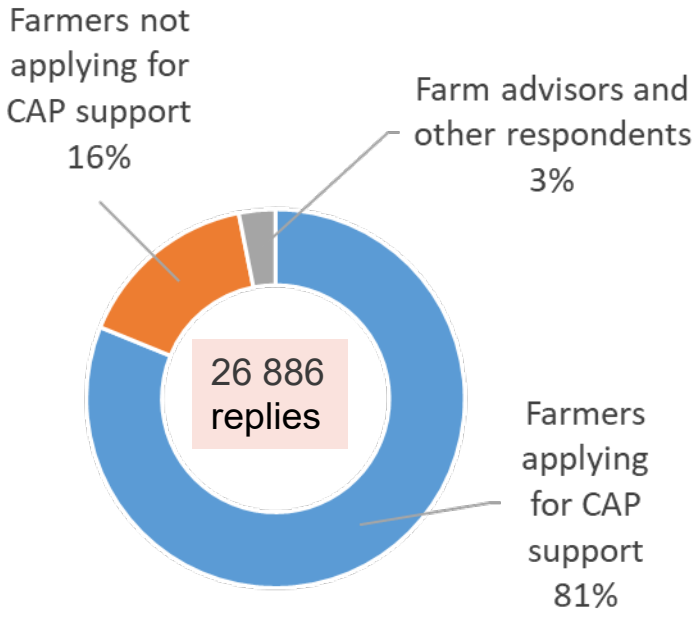
Methodological points

- Survey relied on self-selection of respondents
- Some categories of respondents and countries are underrepresented
- First insights focus on answers given by farmers to several closed questions
- Due to rounding, some totals may not correspond with the sum of the separate figures

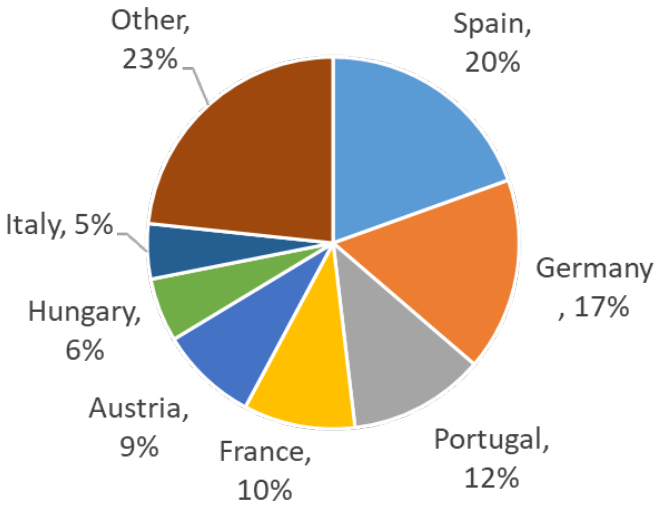
Note: Compared to the version shared in April 2024, these first insights incorporate new charts (slides 6-9). Visualisation of some charts was changed. A few slides / charts were edited to indicate the values.

Respondents (1)

All respondents by profession

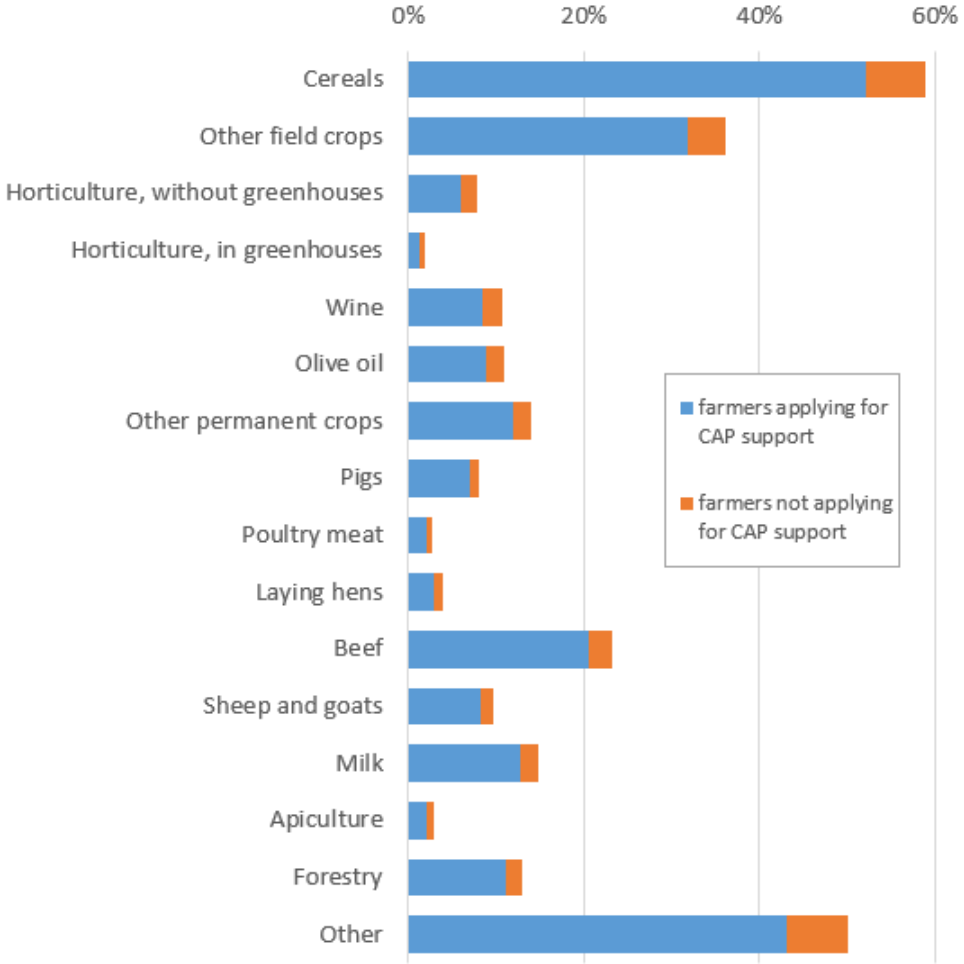


All respondents by country/region



Responding farmers by type of production (% of all responding farmers)

Multiple replies were possible



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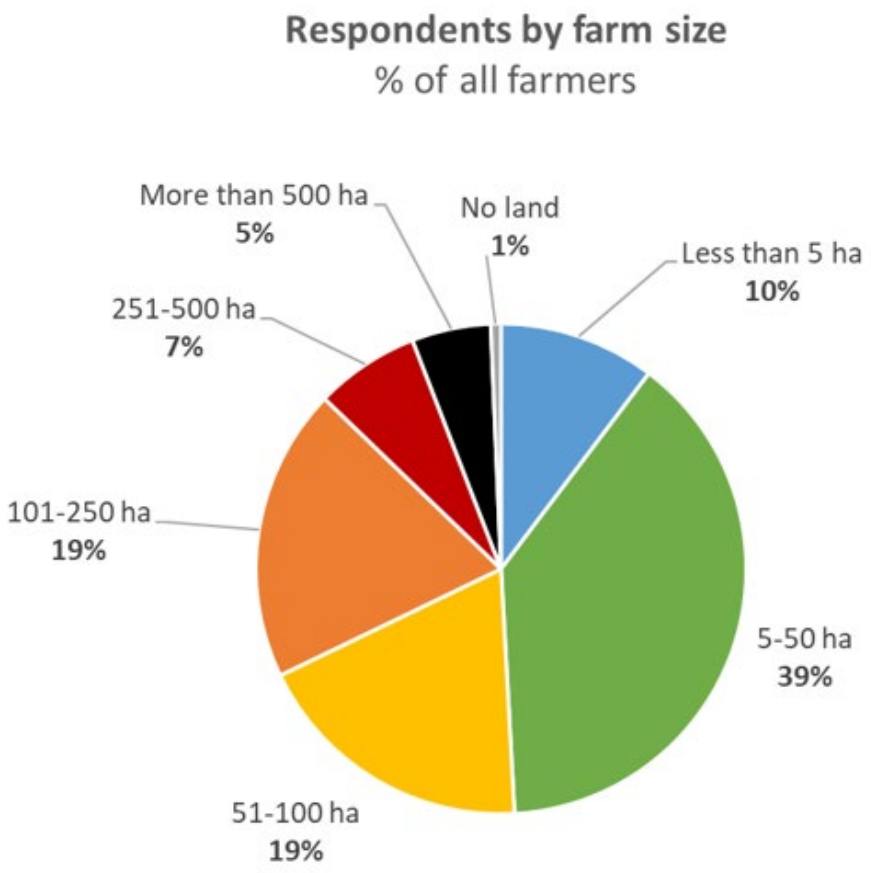
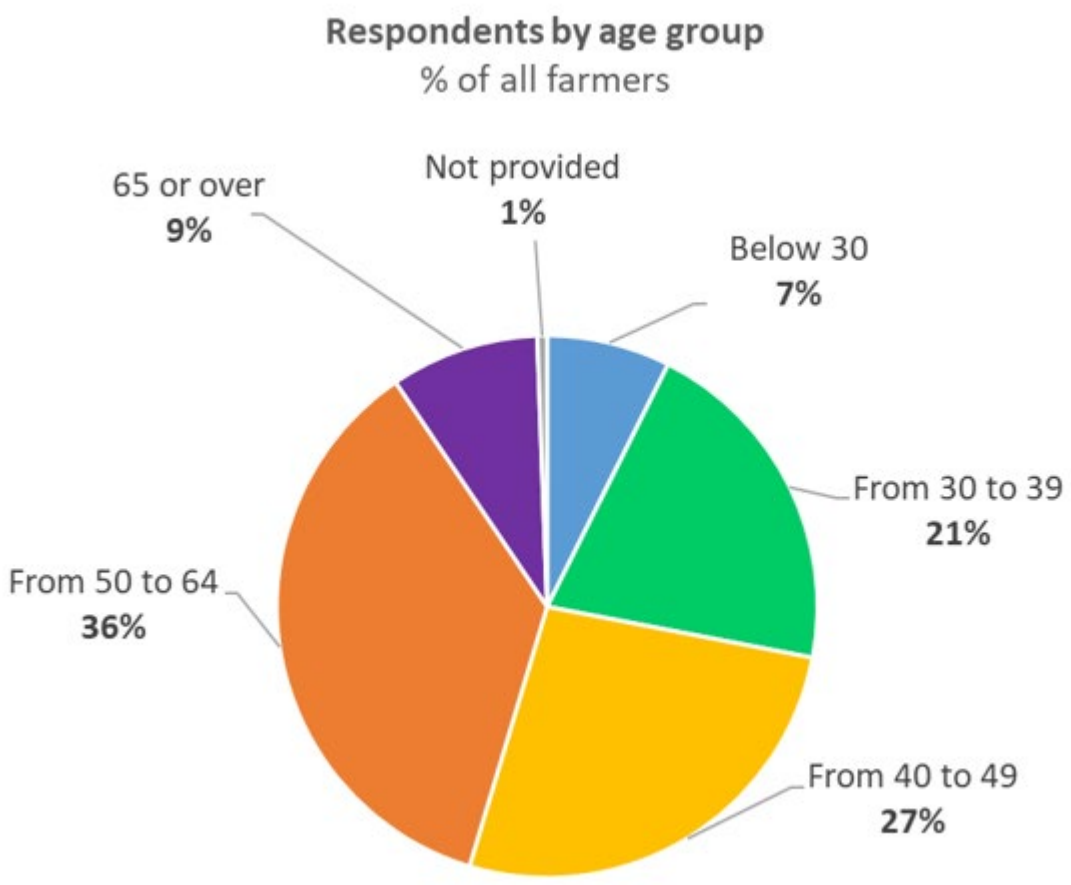
Respondents (2)





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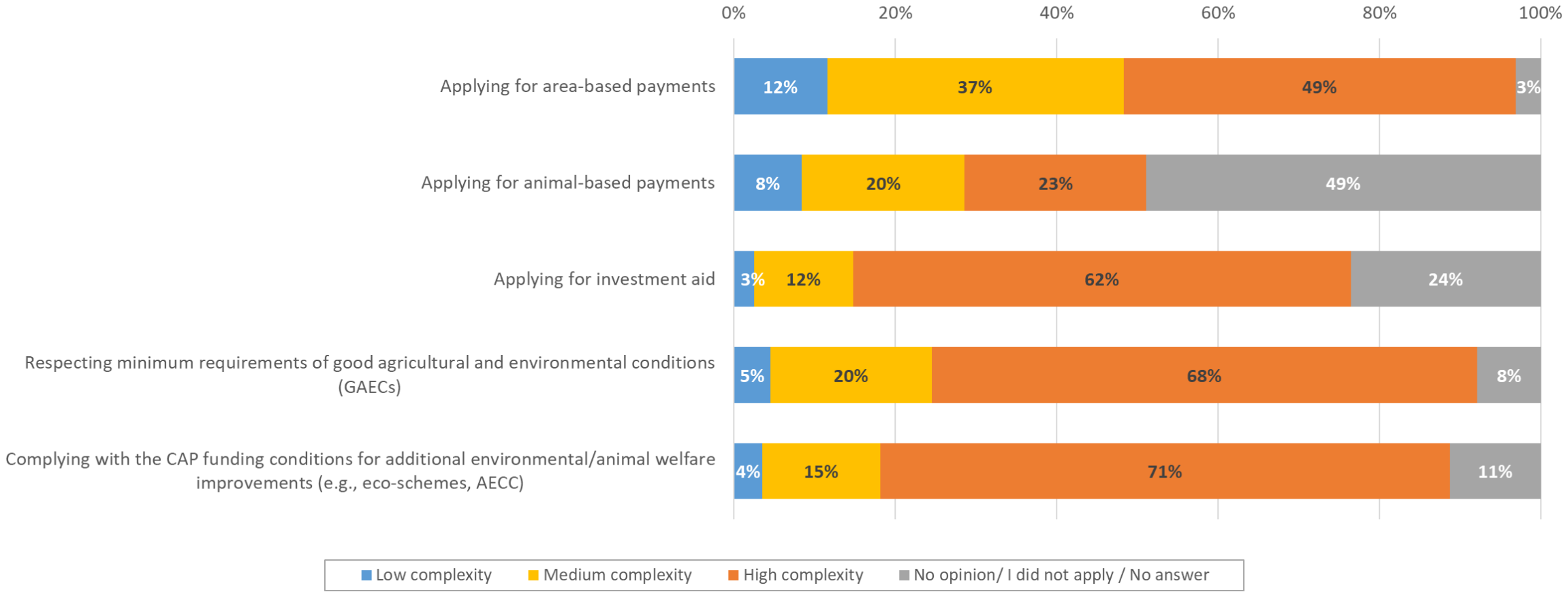
First insights: Perceptions of complexity linked to CAP procedures and rules and to other requirements (1)

Perceptions of complexity* linked to aid applications and CAP related requirements and conditions

% of farmers applying for CAP support



** Complexity may be linked to understanding, clarity of rules, length of the process/operation, technical difficulties...*

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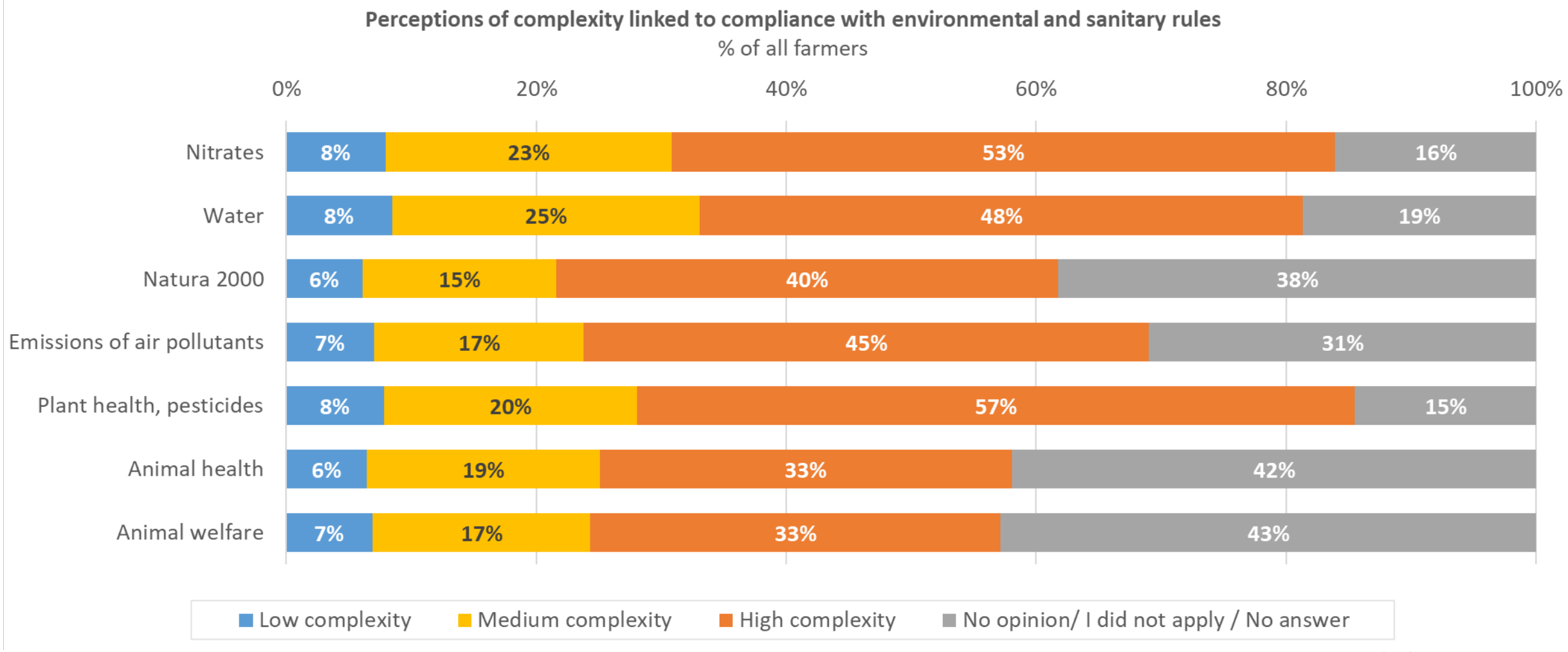
First insights: Perceptions of complexity linked to CAP procedures and rules and to other requirements (2)



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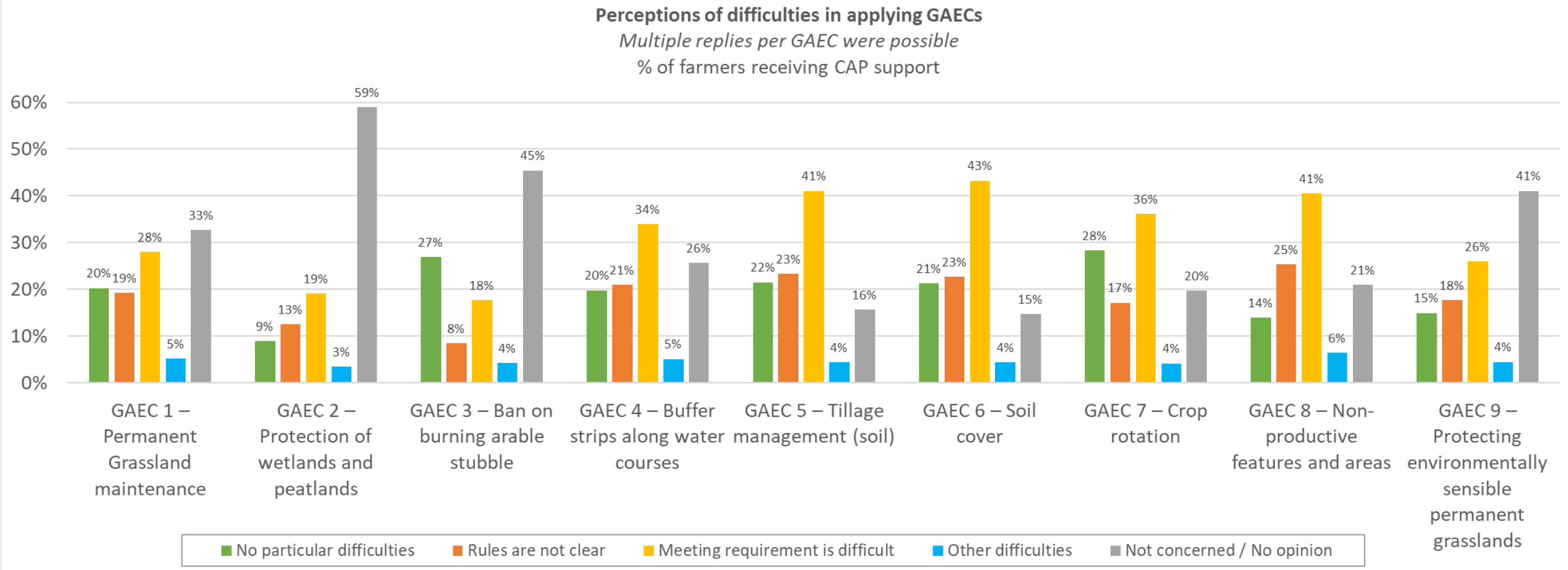
First insights: Perceptions of complexity linked to CAP procedures and rules and to other requirements (3)



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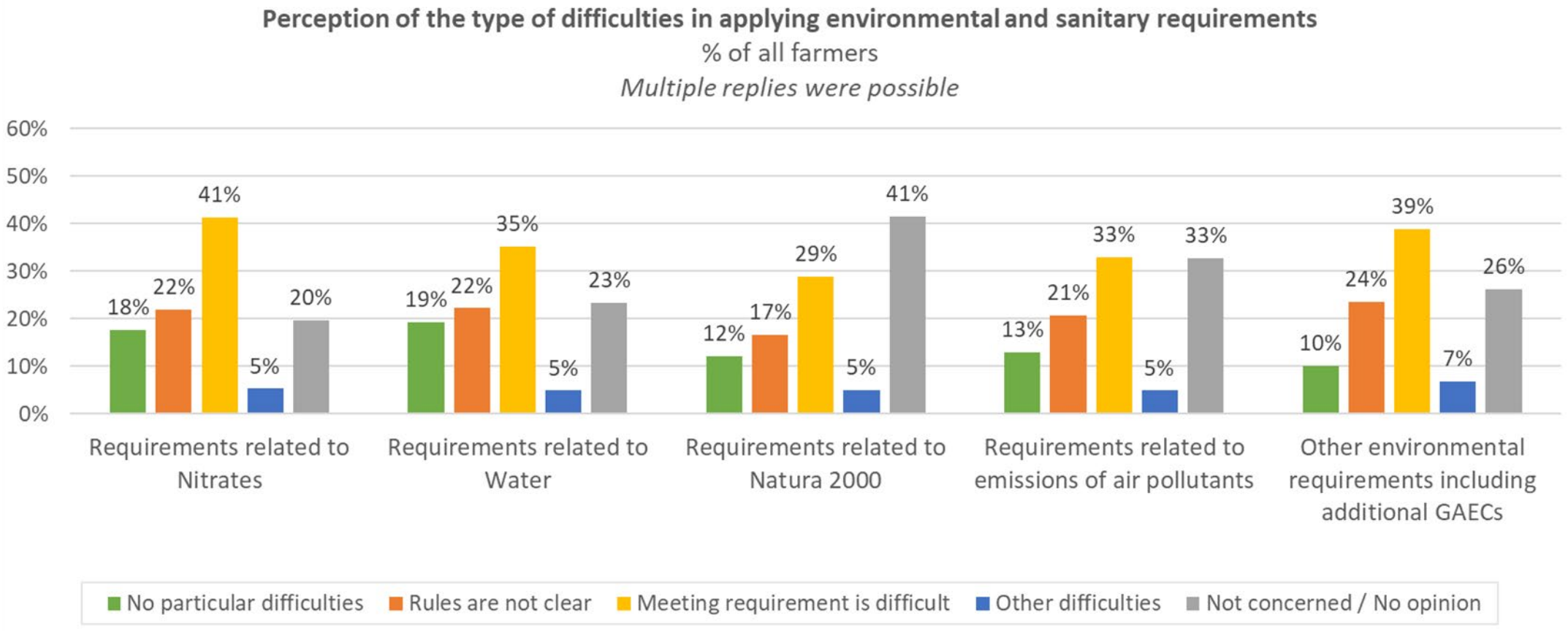
First insights: Perceptions of complexity linked to CAP procedures and rules and to other requirements (4)



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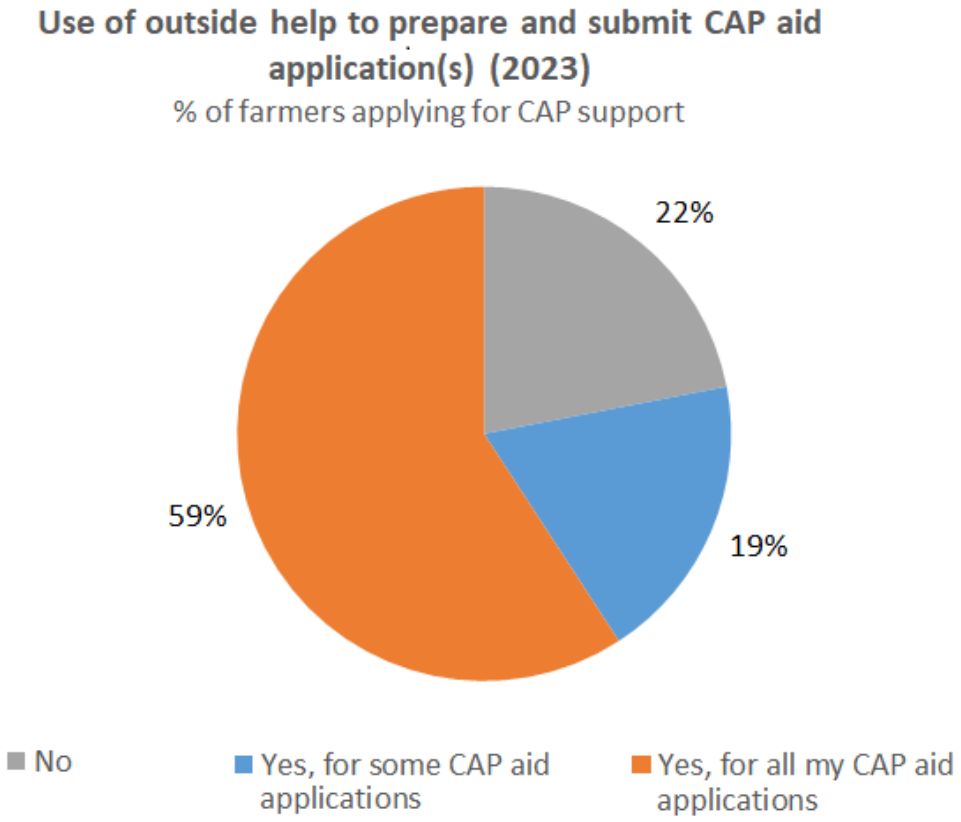
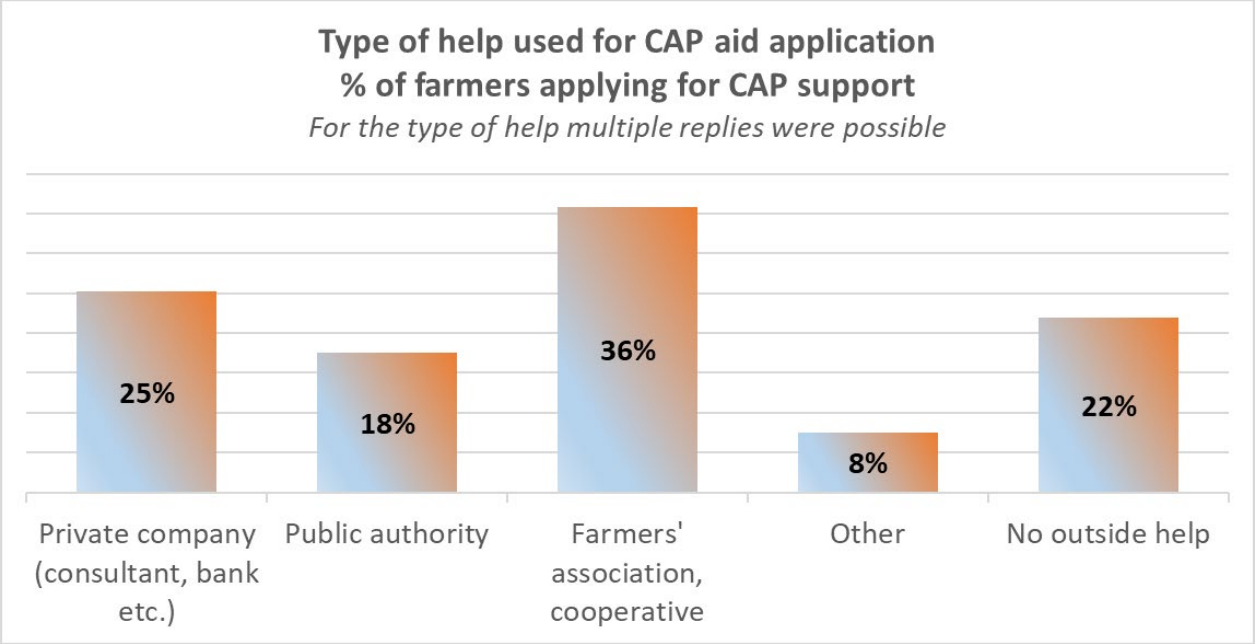
First insights: Experience with CAP aid applications (1)





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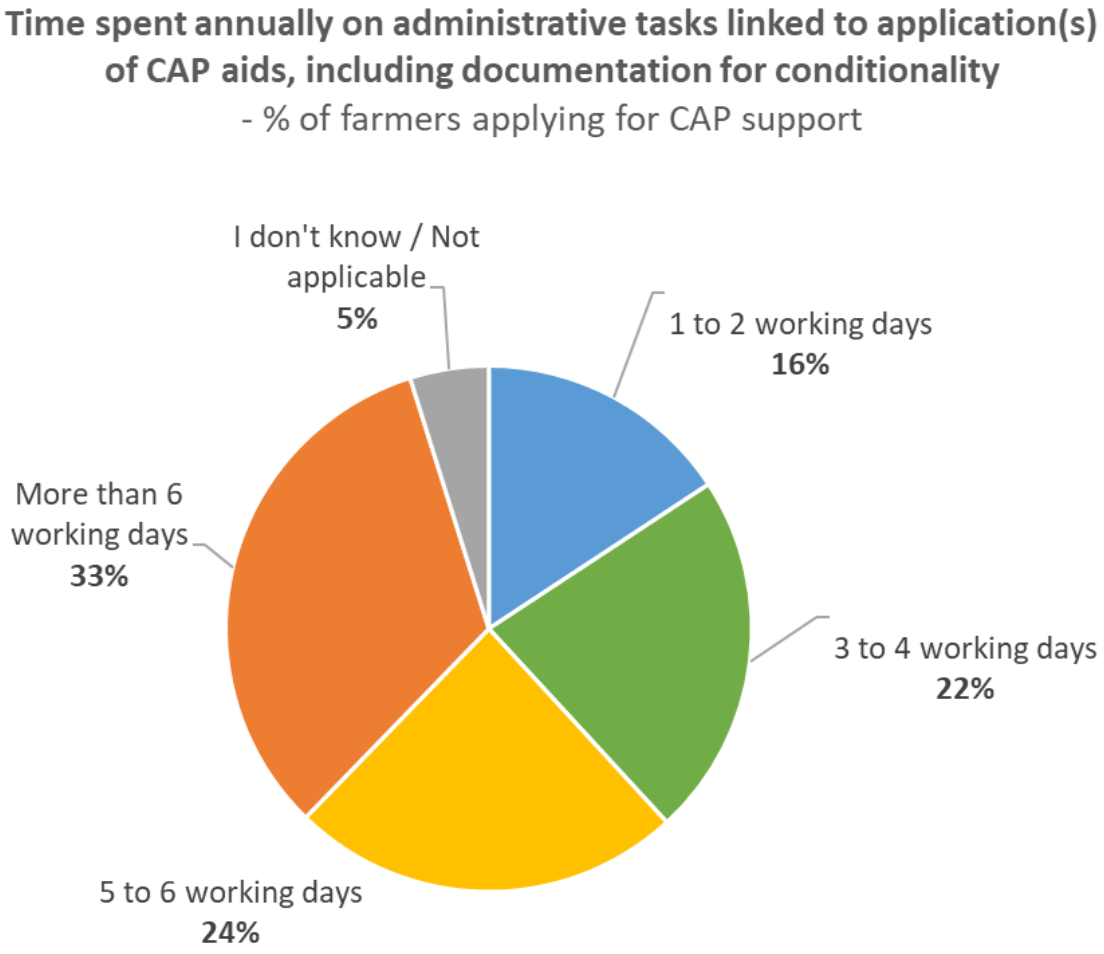

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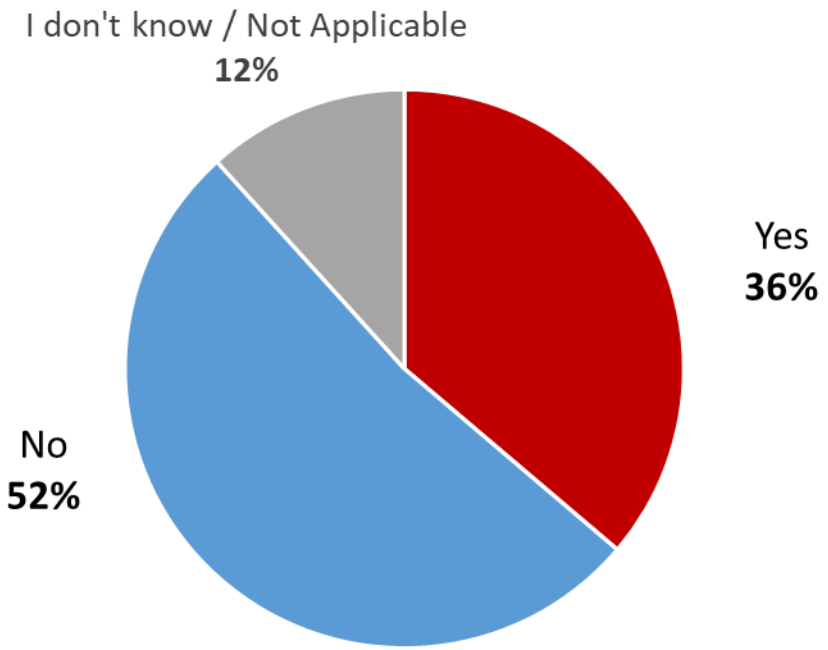
First insights: Experience with CAP aid applications (3)

Received information by the authorities of a possible error in the CAP aid application or of the need to amend the CAP application to avoid penalties (2023)

% of farmers applying for CAP support



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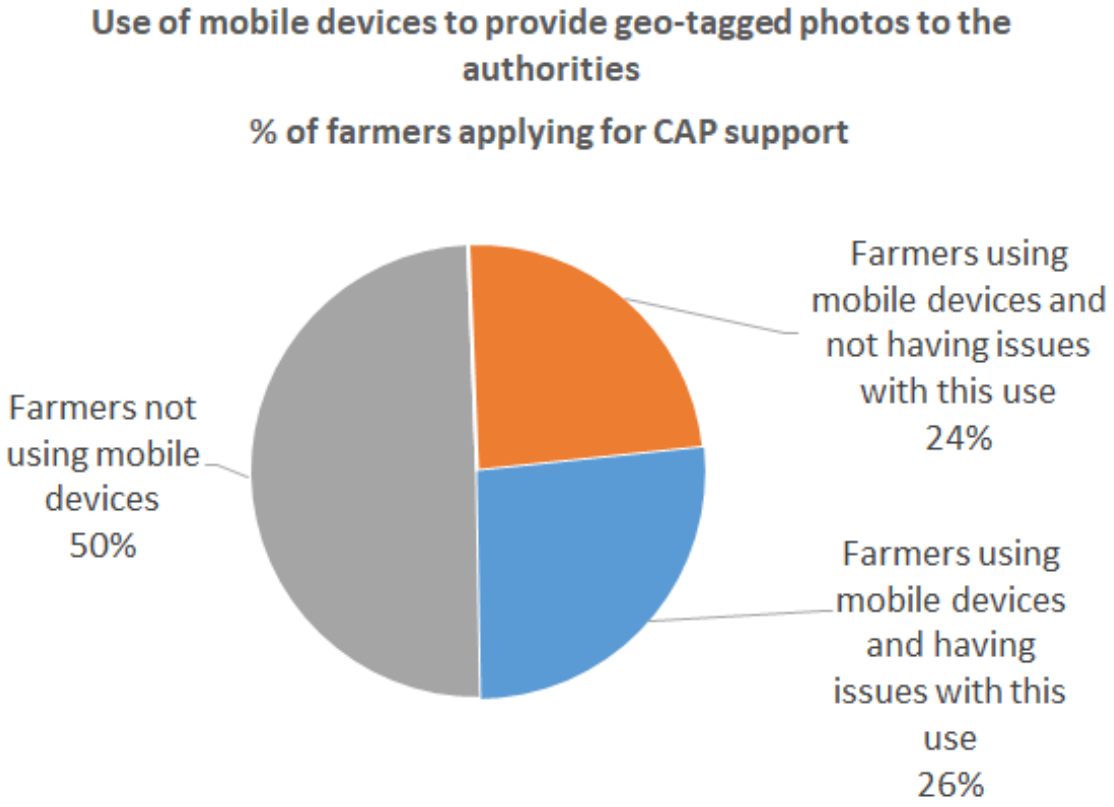
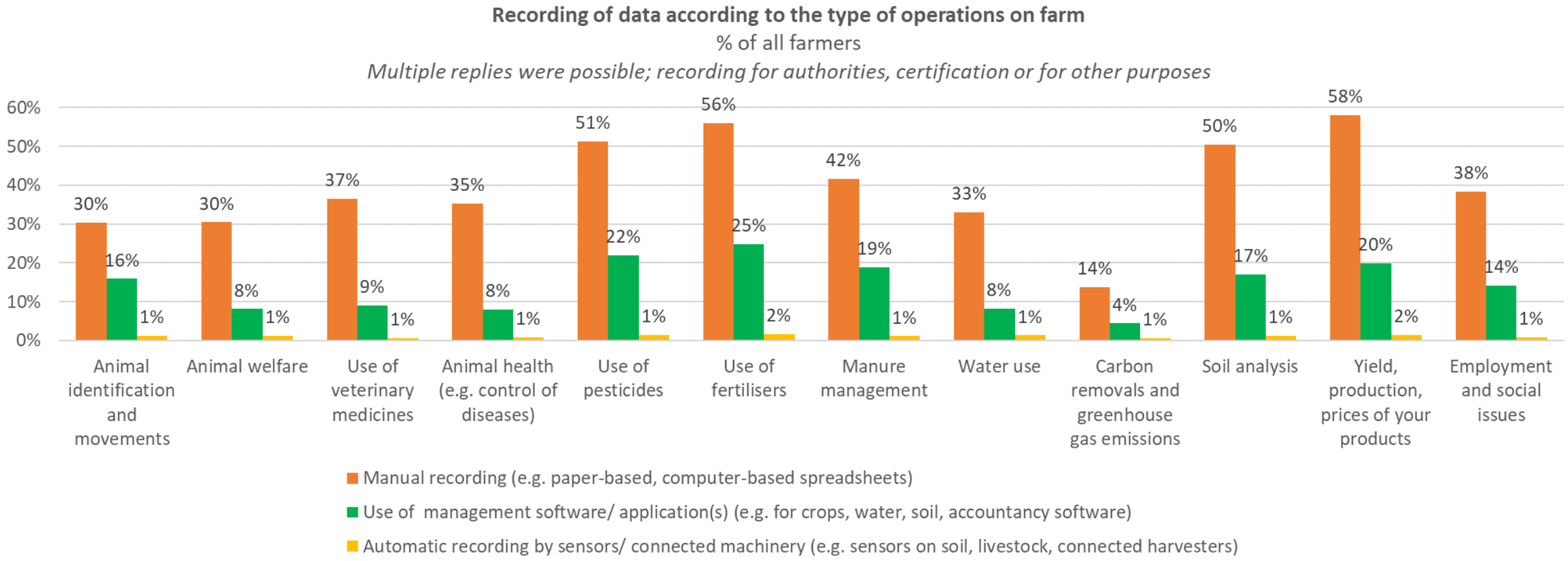


Issues raised by farmers using mobile devices to provide geo-tagged photos to the authorities (in descending order)

Multiple replies were possible

1. Not easy to use / Time consuming
2. Application does not work properly
3. Lack of immediate feedback on the accuracy of the picture provided
4. The number of pictures I have to send is too high
5. Not possible to explain the context
6. Privacy concerns
7. Other

First insights: recording data



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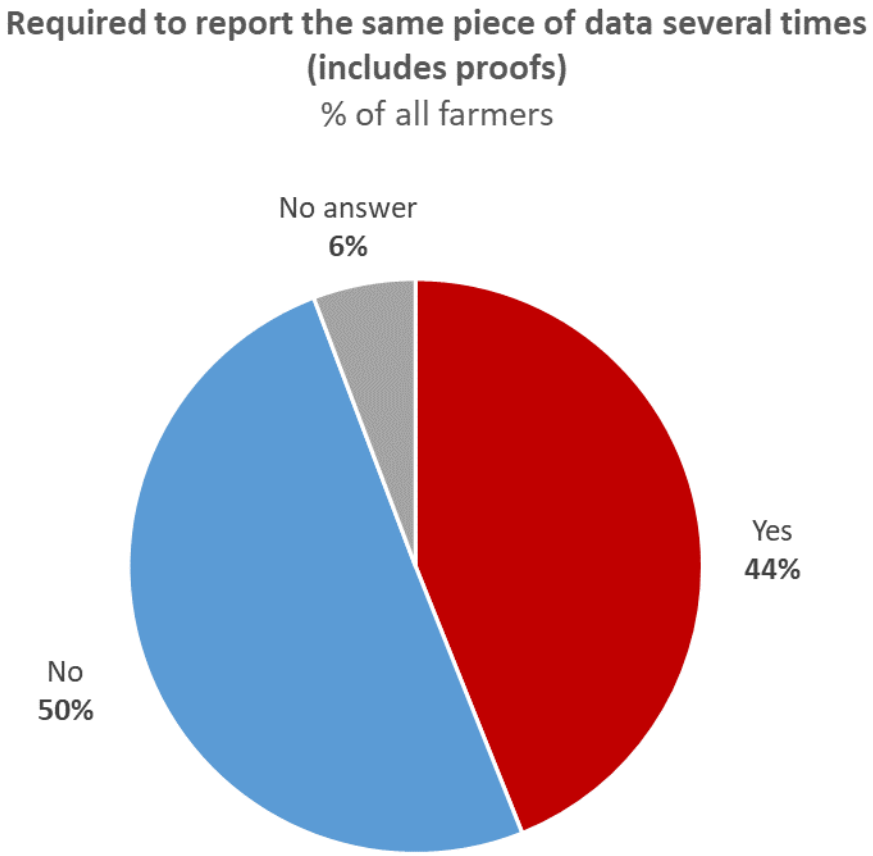
First insights: reporting obligations (1)



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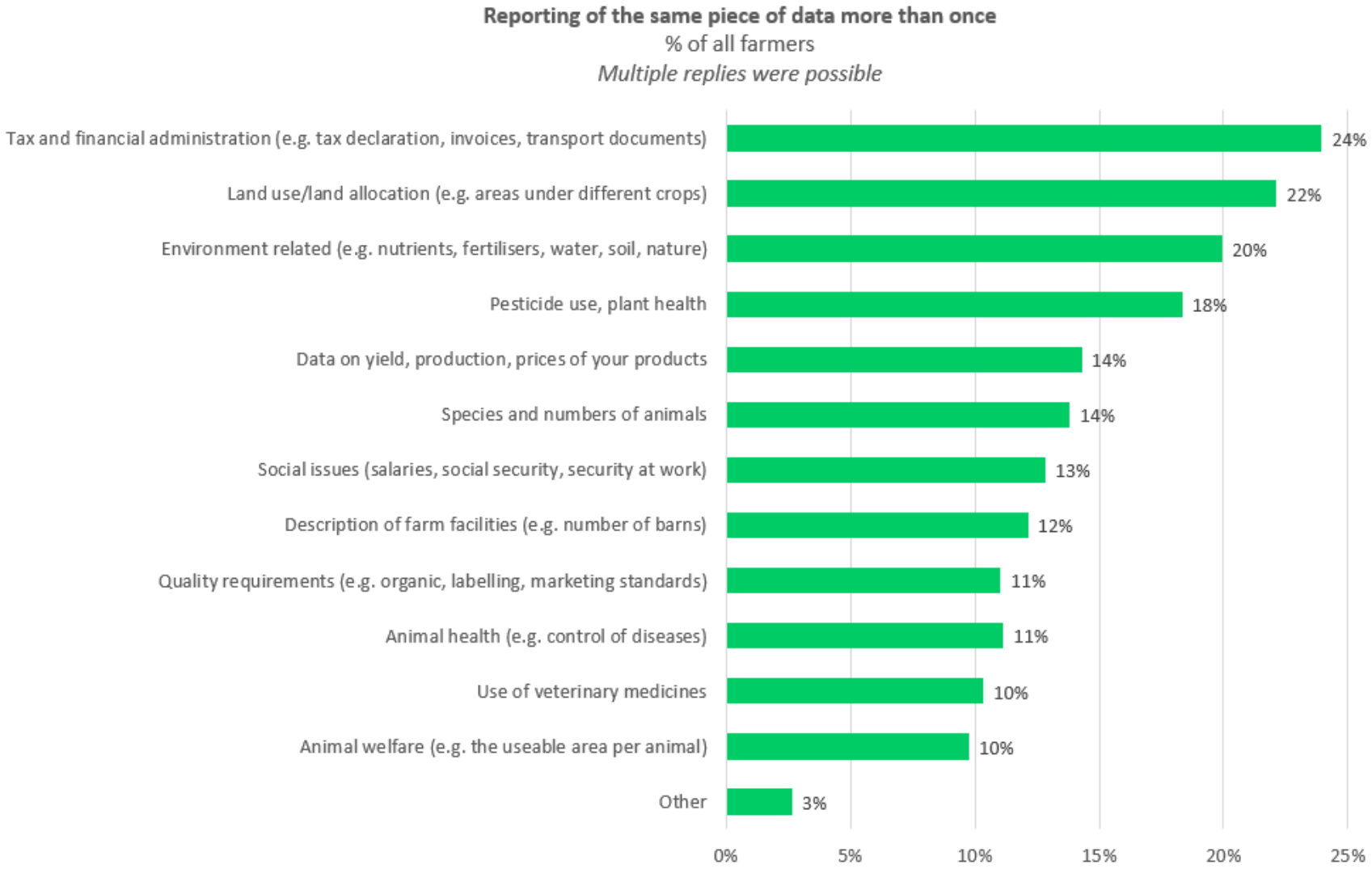

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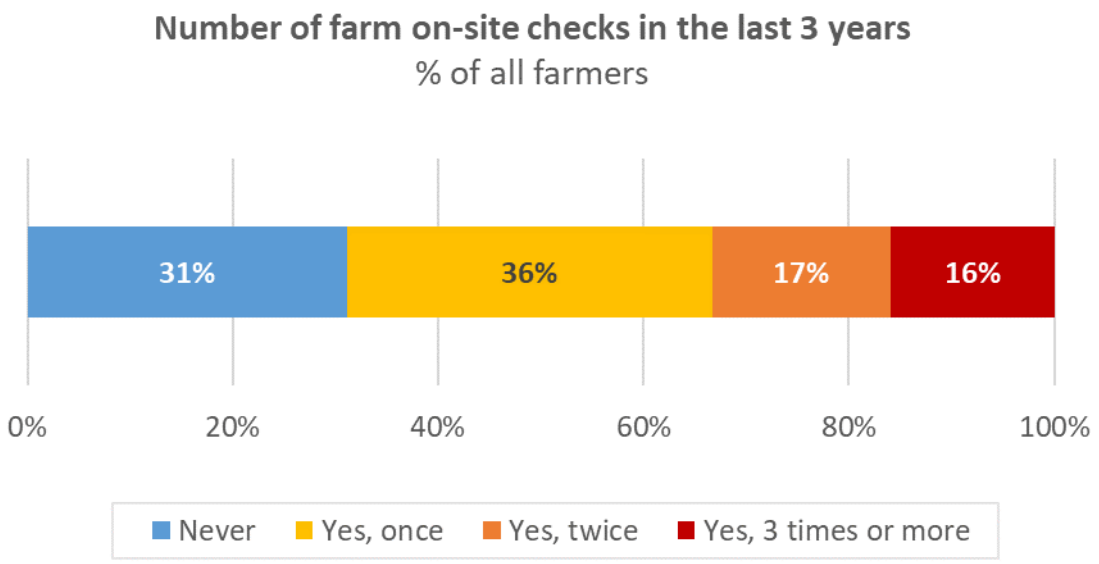
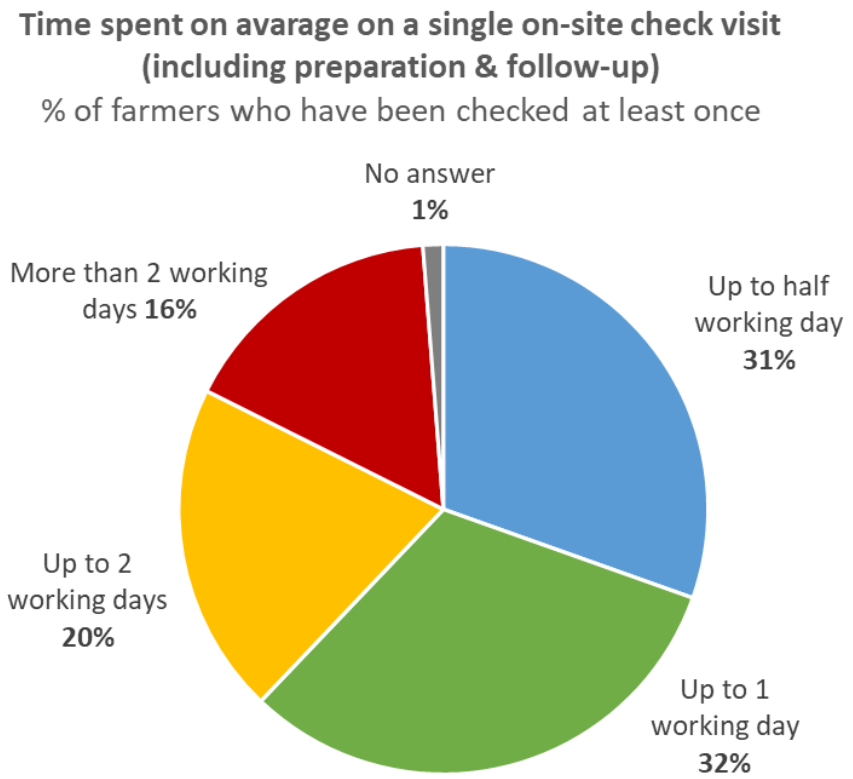
First insights: on-site checks





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Next steps

- Further in-depth analysis of the replies to the survey is ongoing.
- In-depth follow-up interviews with selected participants who had given their consent took place in May 2024.
- The in-depth results of the survey (closed and open questions) will be published in autumn 2024.
- All elements will feed a study on simplification and administrative burden for farmers under the CAP expected by the end of 2024 / early 2025.
- Separate study will cover the New Delivery Model of the CAP. It is expected in Q4 2025.

Thank you