



“Simplification – the farmers’ point of view”

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

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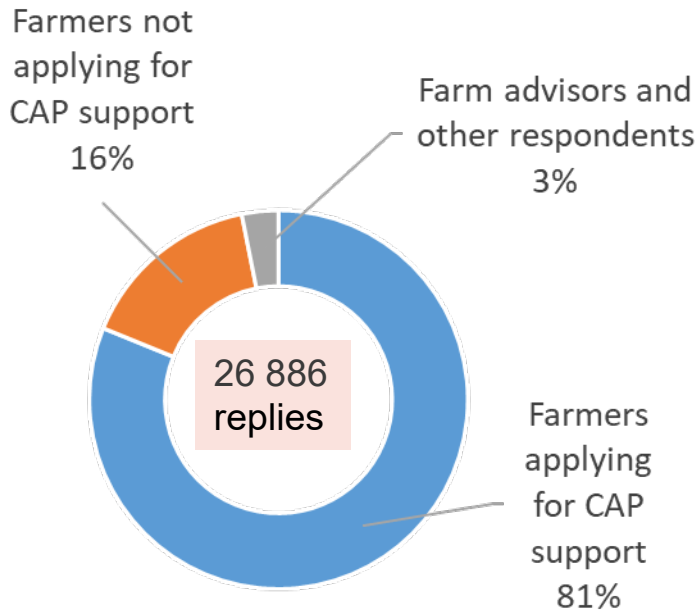
- Commissions' **online survey** addressed to farmers
- Running from March 7 to April 8, 2024 – **26 886 replies received**
 - To understand the **burden placed on farmers** by procedures and rules linked to financial support under the common agricultural policy (CAP), as well as other EU rules for food 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.
- Advertised through contacts with national authorities, farmers' organisations, and via social media

Methodological points

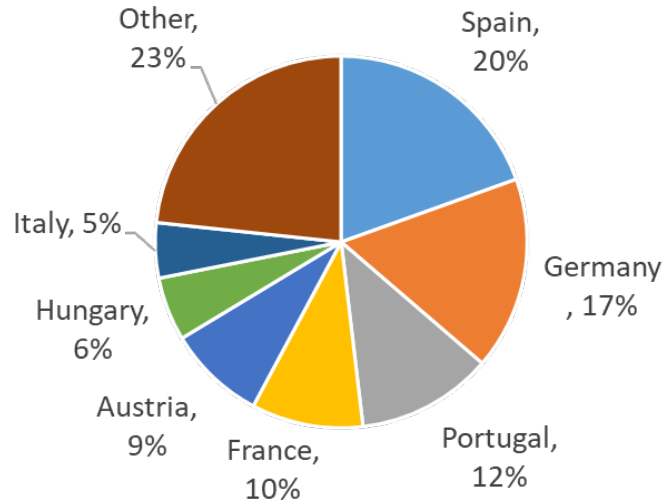
- Survey relied on self-selection of respondents
- Some categories of respondents and countries are underrepresented
- First insights focus on answers given by farmers to closed questions
- Further and in-depth analysis (closed and open questions) will be done at later stage, including for respondents other than farmers
- Due to rounding, some totals may not correspond with the sum of the separate figures

Respondents (1)

All respondents by profession

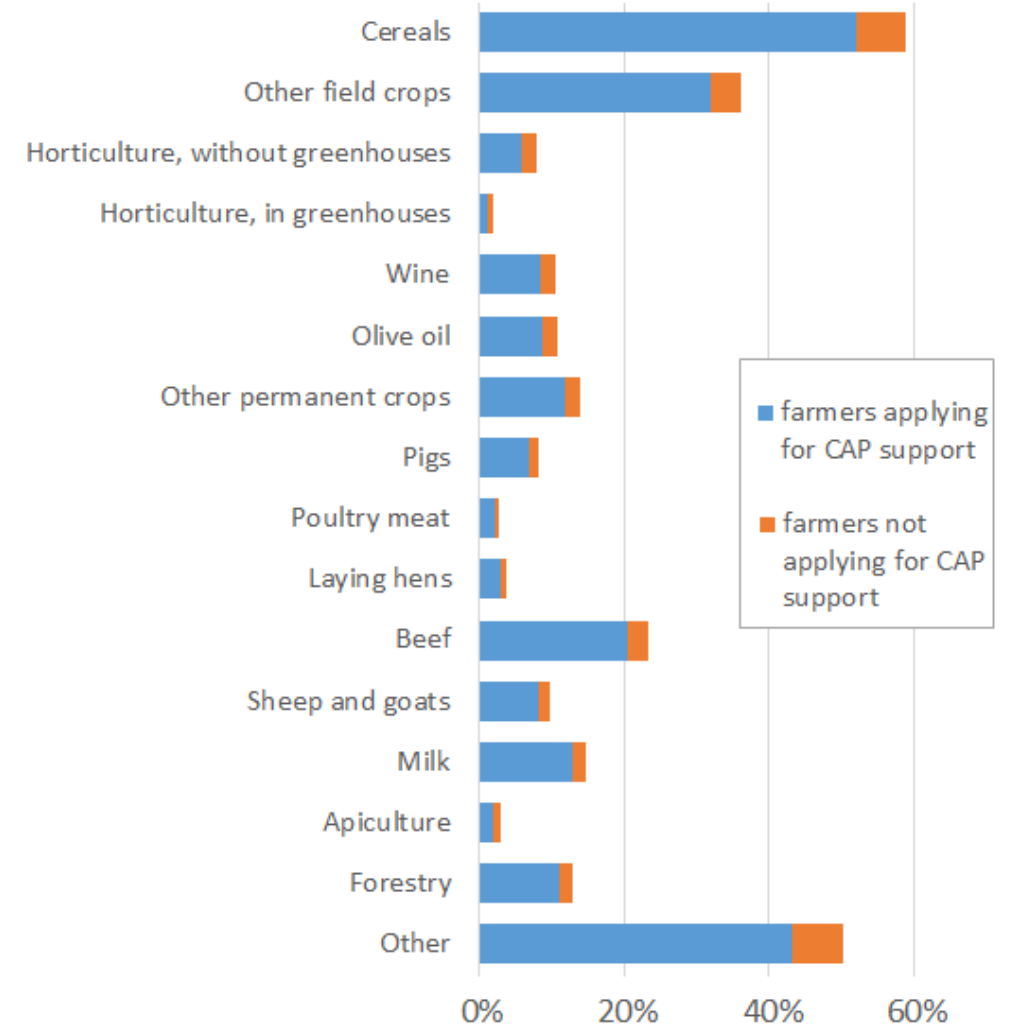


All respondents by country/region



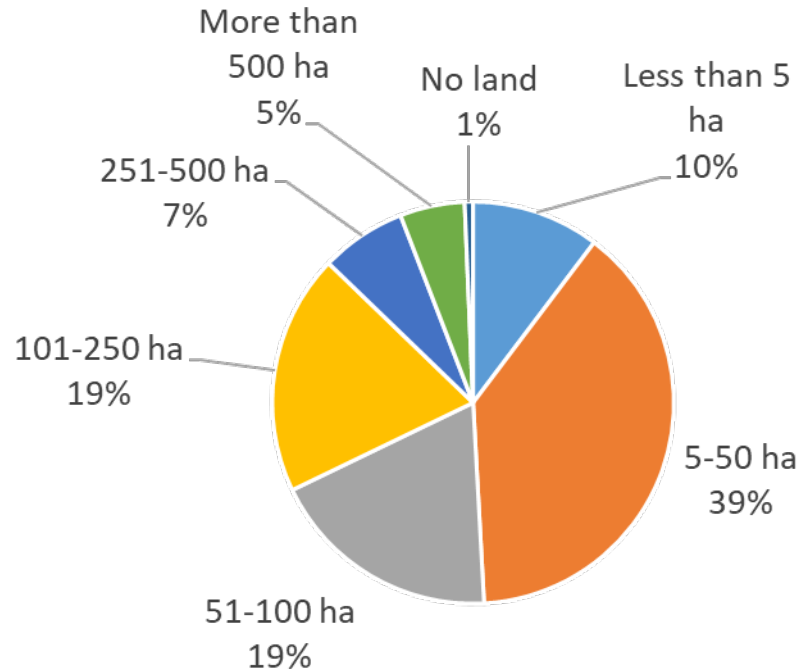
Responding farmers by type of production
(% of all responding farmers)

Multiple replies were possible

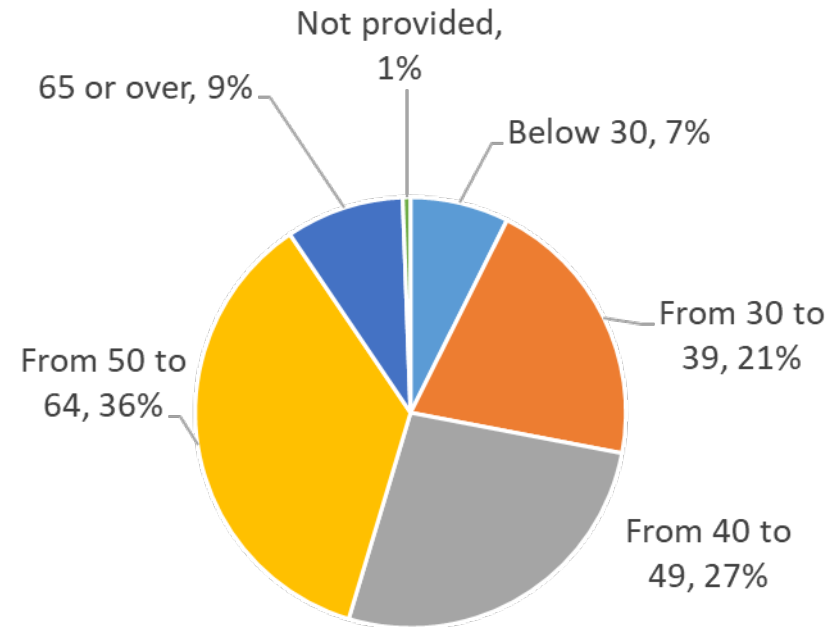


Respondents (2)

Respondents by farm size - % of all farmers



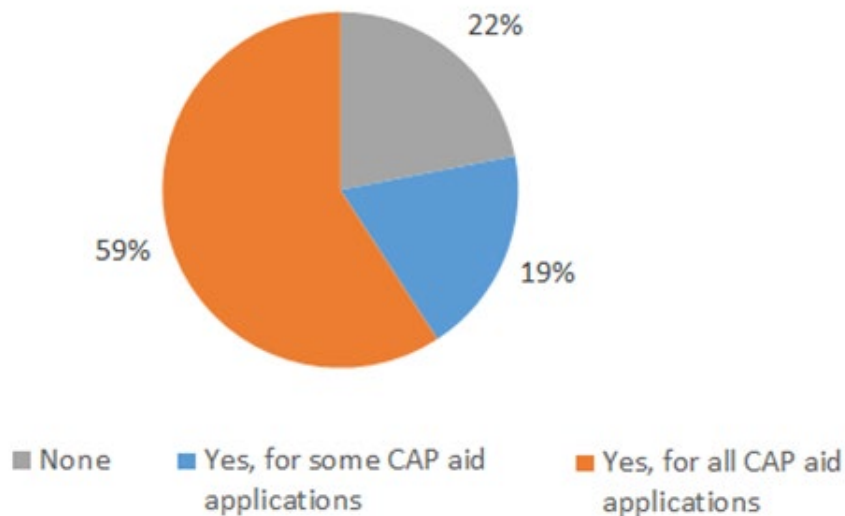
Respondents by age group - % of all farmers



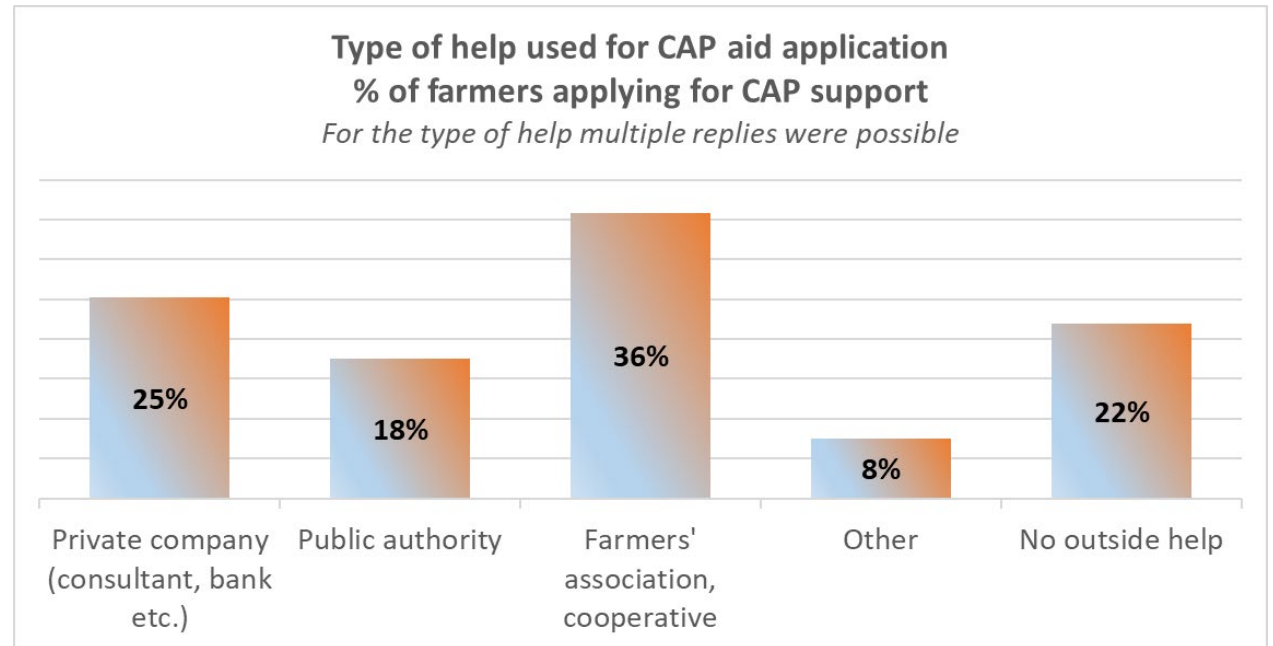
First insights: Experience with CAP aid applications (1)

Use of outside help to prepare and submit CAP aid application(s) (2023)

% of farmers applying for CAP support

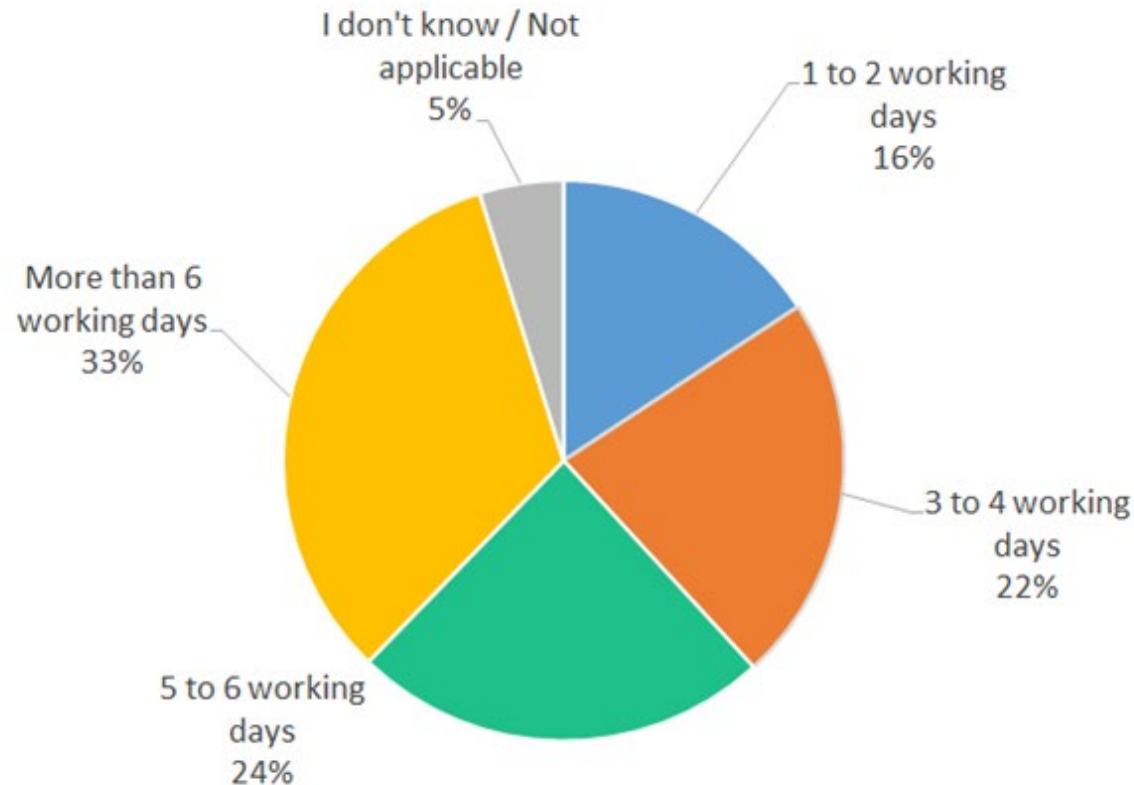


Type of help used for CAP aid application % of farmers applying for CAP support *For the type of help multiple replies were possible*

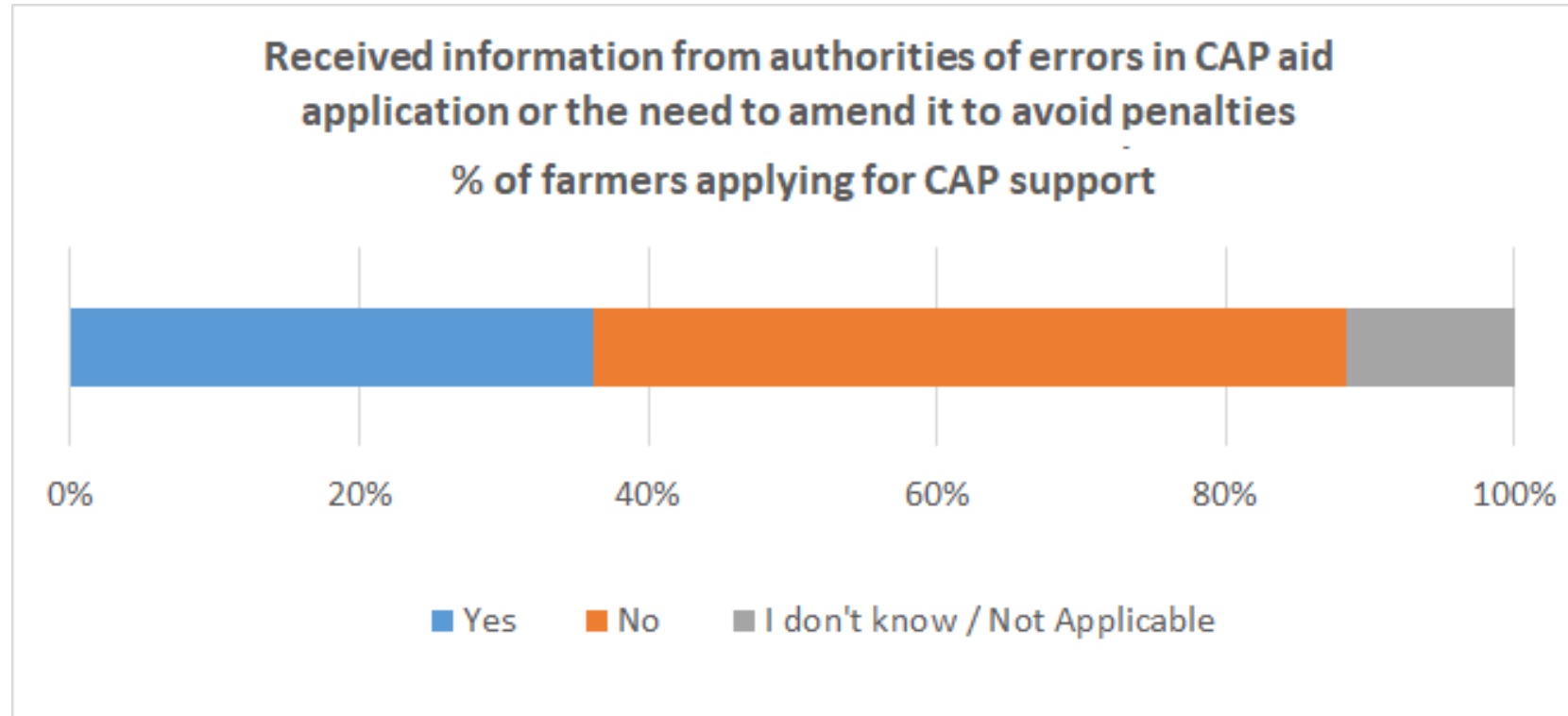


First insights: Experience with CAP aid applications (2)

Time spent annually on administrative tasks linked to application(s) of CAP aid, including documentation for conditionality
% of farmers applying for CAP support



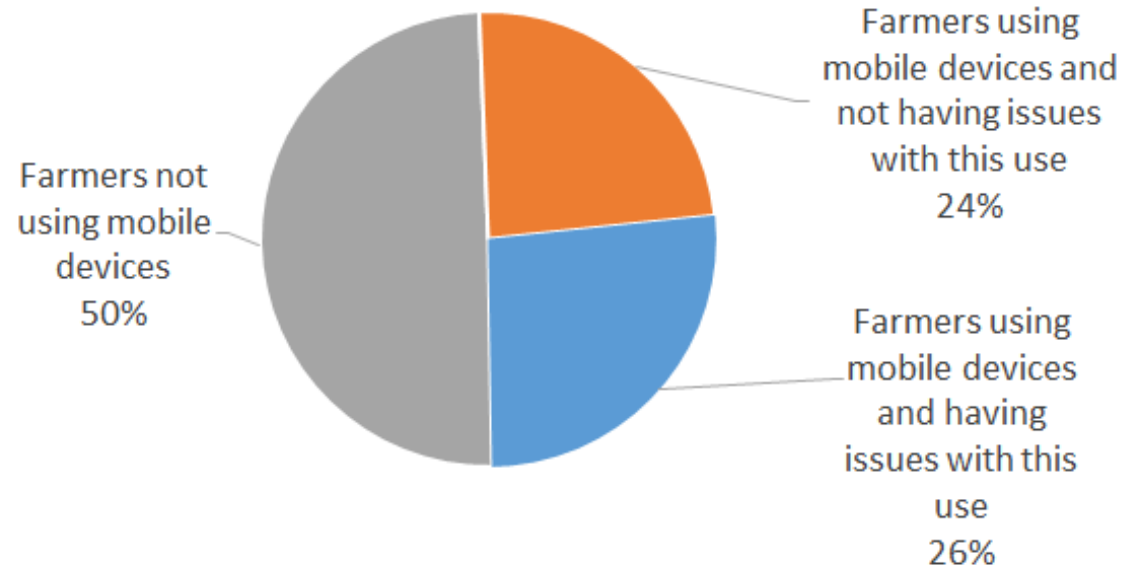
First insights: Experience with CAP aid applications (3)



First insights: Experience with CAP aid applications (4)

Use of mobile devices to provide geo-tagged photos to the authorities

% of farmers applying for CAP support

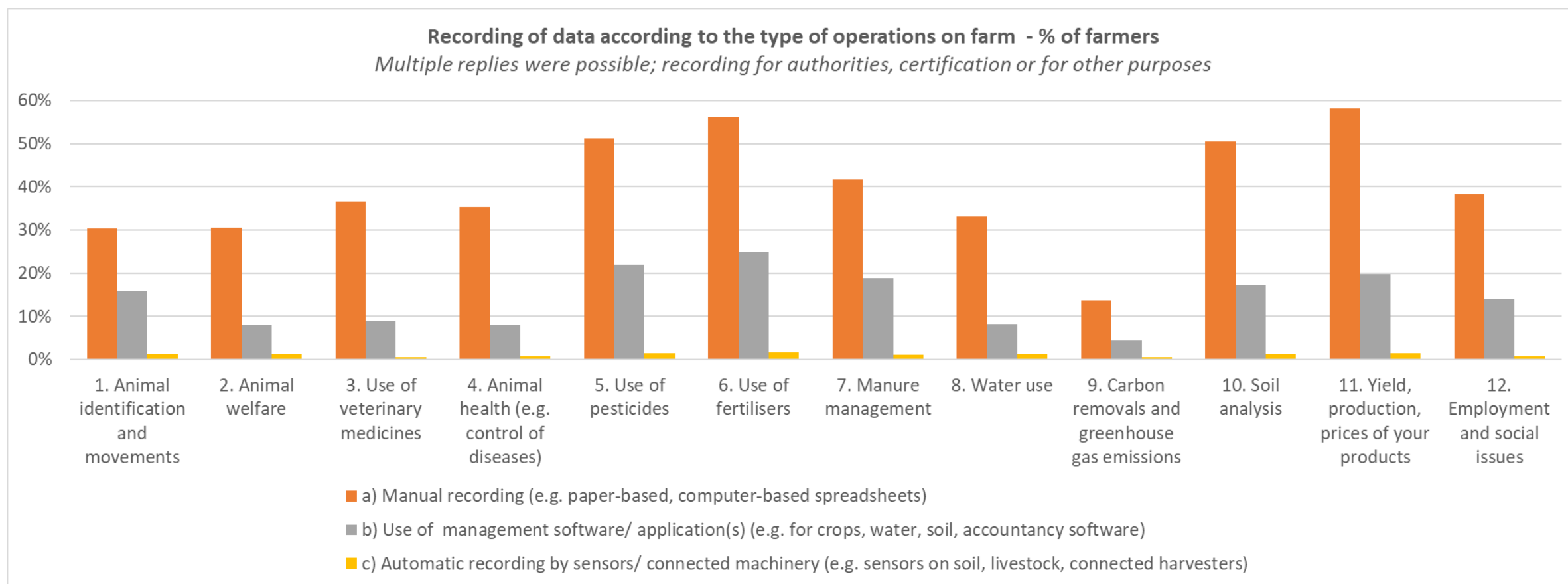


Most common types of issues raised by farmers using mobile devices to provide geo-tagged photos to the authorities

Multiple replies were possible

- Not easy to use
- Time consuming
- Application does not work properly
- Lack of immediate feedback on the accuracy of the picture provided

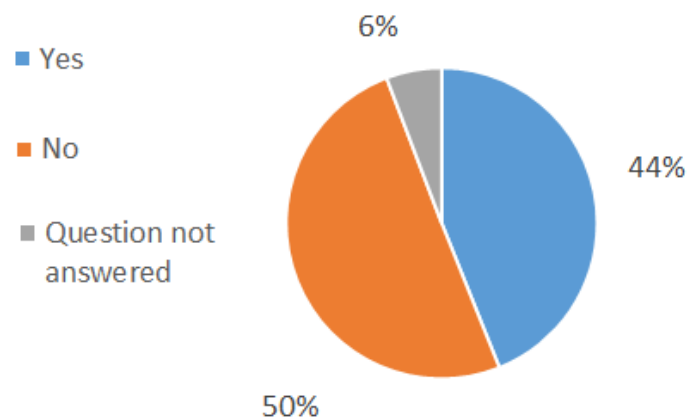
First insights: recording data



First insights: reporting obligations

Required to report the same piece of data several times (includes proofs)

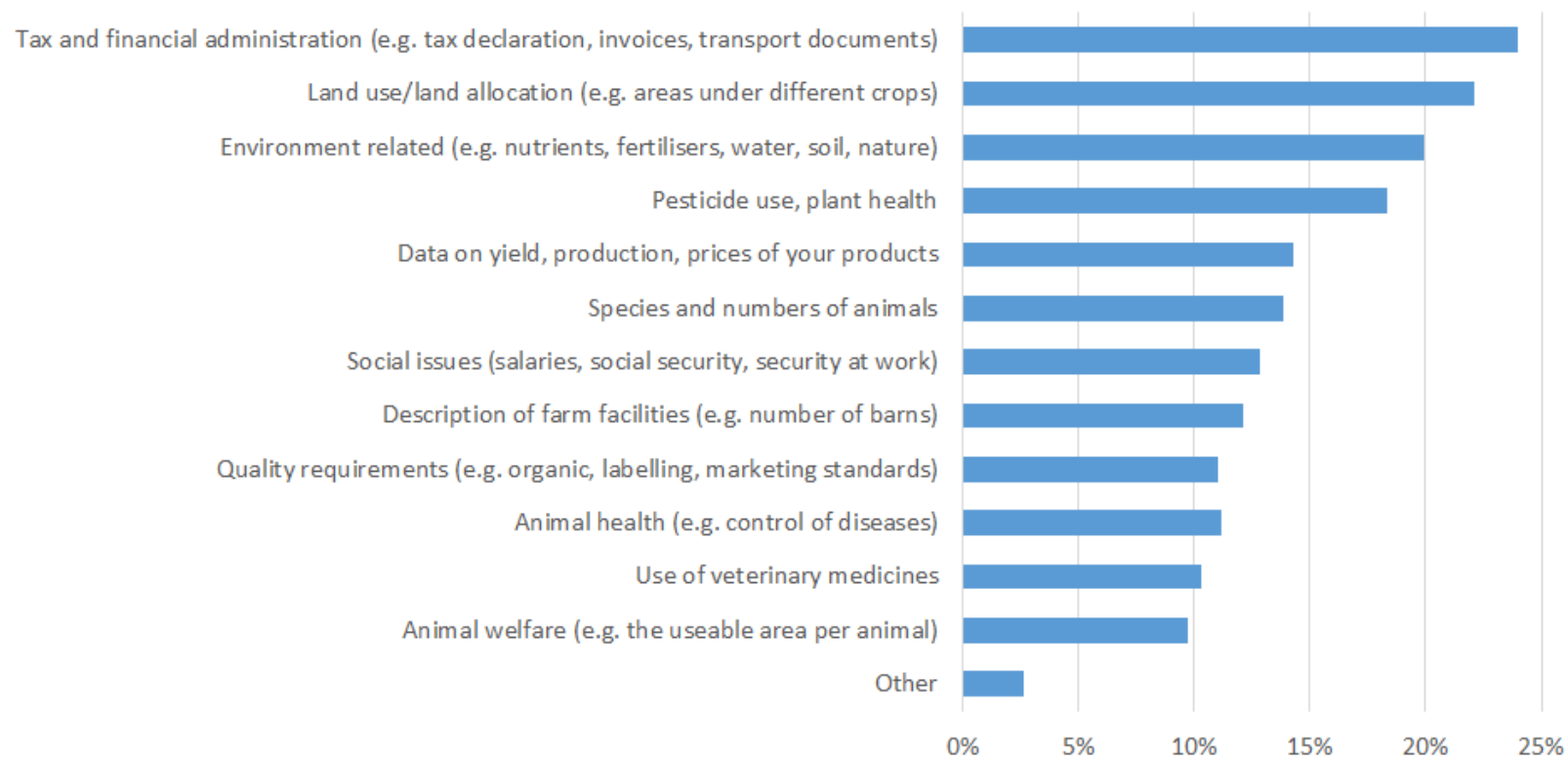
% of farmers



Reporting of the same piece of data more than once

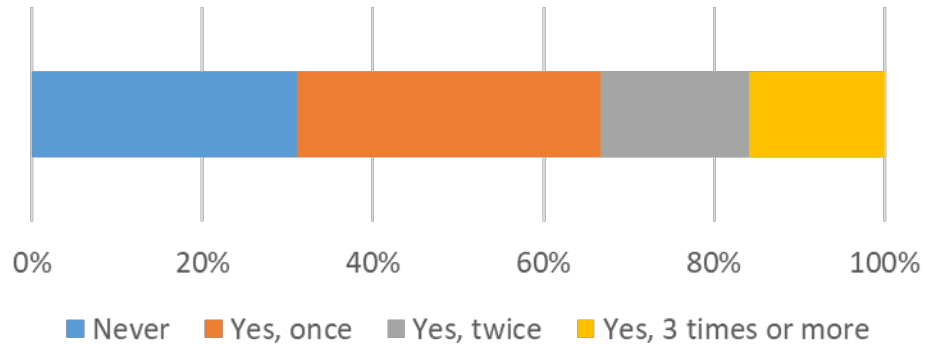
% of farmers

Multiple replies were possible

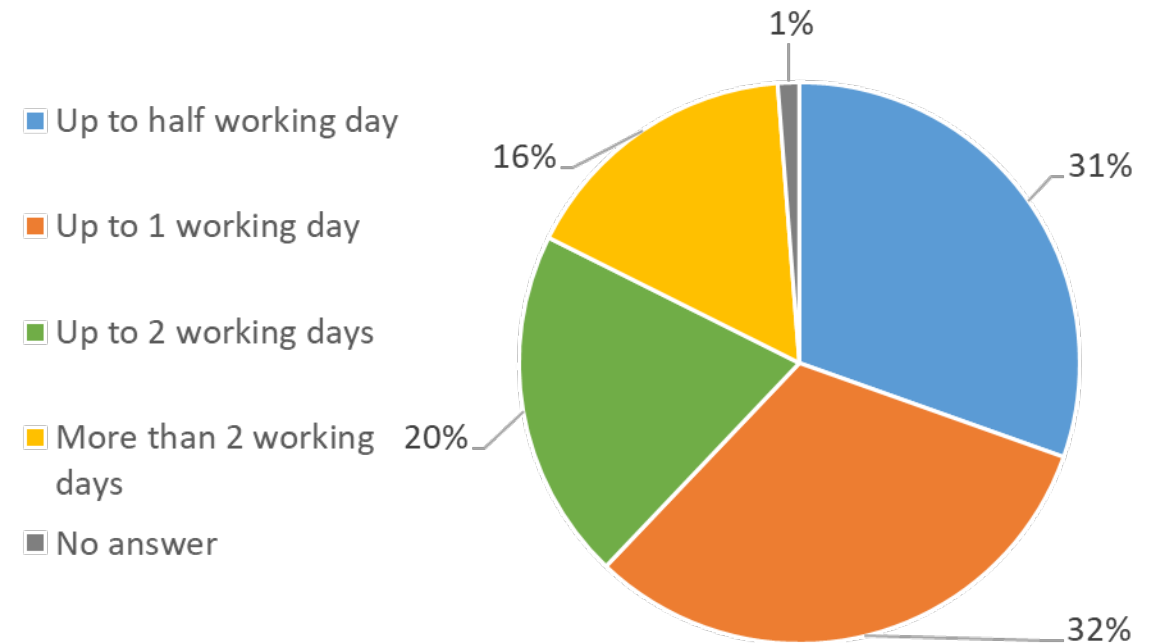


First insights: on-site checks

Number of farm on-site checks in the last 3 years - % of farmers



Time spent on average on a single on-site check visit (incl. preparation & follow-up) - % of farmers who have been checked at least once



Next steps

- Further and in-depth analysis of the replies to the survey
- Complemented by in-depth follow-up interviews with selected participants who have given their consent to be contacted
- The results will be integrated in the analysis to be published by autumn 2024 on simplification from farmers' viewpoint
- Another study will cover the New Delivery Model as a whole and feed the report to EP and Council due by end of 2025

Thank you