



Agriculture and food industry 2023

Facts and figures



	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Area and population			
Area by type of actual use¹⁾			
Total area	1,000 ha	1,845	35,760
Agricultural area	1,000 ha	992	18,021
Percentage of total area	percent	54	50
Forest area	1,000 ha	494	10,680
Percentage of total area	percent	27	30
Water area	1,000 ha	44	823
Percentage of total area	percent	2	2
Population			
Total population	thousand	4,086	84,359
Inhabitants/km ² of total area	number	221	236
Total number of persons in employment	thousand	2,072	45,570
Persons employed in agriculture, forestry and fishery	thousand	25	555

Structure of agricultural holdings			
Legal form²⁾			
All agricultural holdings		100	100
of which: corporate bodies		12	2
including: e.G.		3	0.4
GmbH		6	1
of which: natural persons	percent	88	98
including: partnerships		9	11
sole proprietorships		79	87
of which: run on full-time basis		26	38
run on part-time basis		53	49

Size structure of holdings²⁾			
Total number of agricultural holdings		5,745	262,776
Holdings of less than 5 ha AA		220	21,487
Holding of 5 to less than 10 ha AA		1,217	44,766
Holdings of 10 to less than 20 ha AA		1,103	52,568
Holdings of 20 to less than 50 ha AA		1,022	61,065
Holdings of 50 to less than 100 ha AA	number	644	44,737
Holdings of 100 to less than 200 ha AA		577	24,897
Holdings of 200 to less than 500 ha AA		495	9,355
Holdings of 500 to less than 1,000 ha AA		248	2,423
Holdings of 1,000 ha AA and more		219	1,478

1) Reference date 31.12.2022

2) Saxony: agricultural aid 2022, Germany: main survey on land use 2020

	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Land use			
Agriculturally used area (AA)	1,000 ha	897	16,595
Permanent grassland	1,000 ha	190	4,733
Percentage of AA	percent	21	29
Arable land	1,000 ha	702	11,657
Percentage of AA	percent	78	70
Fallow land	1,000 ha	30	373
Less-favoured areas ³⁾	1,000 ha	303	5,126
Leased AA as percentage of total AA	percent	68	60
Use of arable land			
Total cereals	1,000 ha	386	6,113
including: wheat		196	2,981
barley		115	1,583
oats		14	160
rye		28	589
grain maize, CCM		17	457
Root crops		21	666
including: potatoes		6	266
sugar beet		16	396
Oil seed crops incl. non food		113	1,190
including: rape and turnip rape		106	1,088
sun flowers		6	86
Pulses		16	288
Forage plants	122	2,771	
including: green and silage maize	80	2,028	
Organic farming⁴⁾			
Utilised agricultural area	1,000 ha	87	1,860
Holdings	number	958	36,912

3) Area classified as being eligible for compensatory allowance in the GAK report of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (GAK = Joint Action for the Improvement of Agrarian Structures and Coastal Preservation)

4) Saxony, Germany: reports of the control authorities acc. to Reg. (EC) 834/2007 in connection with Reg. (EC) 889/2008 on the reference date 31.12.2022

	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Yields and crop volumes			
Arable farming			
Total cereals	dt/ha	66	71
(incl. grain maize, CCM)	1,000 t	2,530	43,479
including: wheat	dt/ha	68	76
	1,000 t	1,333	22,587
barley	dt/ha	70	71
	1,000 t	801	11,207
oats	dt/ha	40	47
	1,000 t	57	755
rye	dt/ha	49	53
	1,000 t	137	3,132
grain maize, CCM	dt/ha	74	84
	1,000 t	122	3,837
Rape and turnip rape (including non food)	dt/ha	35	40
	1,000 t	371	4,295
Potatoes	dt/ha	324	401
	1,000 t	181	10,683
Sugar beet	dt/ha	694	712
	1,000 t	1,076	28,201
Silage maize	dt/ha	293	361
	1,000 t	2,348	73,207
Vegetable growing (grown for sale)			
Outdoor acreage	1,000 ha	3	131
Outdoor crop volume	1,000 t	32	4,057
Acreage under high accessible protective covers	1,000 ha	0.03	1
Crop volume under high accessible protective covers	1,000 t	5	198
Fruit growing (cash crops)			
Fruit-growing area	1,000 ha	4	66
Fruit crop volume	1,000 t	83	1,342
Viticulture			
Area under vines	1,000 ha	0.53	101
Wine must yield	hl/ha	49	90
Wine must crop	1,000 hl	26	9,053
Carp farming			
Fish pond area	1,000 ha	8	24
Holdings	number	128	1,416
Food carp production	t	1,458	4,131

Sources:

- I Statistical Office of the Federal Republic of Germany
- I National Accounting Working Group of the German Federal States
- I Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture
- I Federal Office for Agriculture and Food
- I Statistical Office of the Free State of Saxony
- I Saxon State Office for Environment, Agriculture and Geology
- I Saxon State Control Association e.V.

Unless otherwise marked, the data shown are from the year 2022.

Figures marked by * are provisional data. The abbreviation "NDA" stands for "no data available".

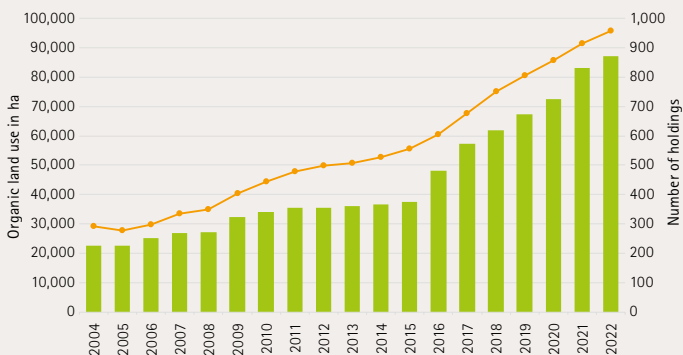
	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Livestock ⁵⁾			
Total number of cattle	1,000 animals	435	10,997
including: dairy cows		169	3,810
Total number of pigs		499	21,330
including: fattening pigs		131	9,708
breeding pigs		53	1,410
Sheep		62	1,508
Total number of hens		5,188	159,118
Solipeds (horses, donkeys, mules, etc. in agricultural holdings)		11	454

Animal production			
Milk production*			
Total milk production	1,000 t	1,951	37,099
Milk yield per cow acc. to yield recording ⁶⁾	kg/year	10,061	8,499
Egg production*			
Commercial egg production	million eggs	931	13,224
Laying performance per hen	eggs/year	309	300

Commercial Slaughtering ⁷⁾			
Animals for slaughter*			
Cattle	1,000 animals	20	2,726
Average slaughter weight of bulls	kg	386	NDA
Average slaughter weight of cows	kg	294	351
Pigs	1,000 animals	210	47,048
Average slaughter weight	kg	96	96
Meat production ⁸⁾*			
Total animals for slaughter	1,000 t	25	5,490
including: cattle and calves		5	985
pigs		20	4,481

Development of organic farming

■ Organic land use ■ Number of holdings

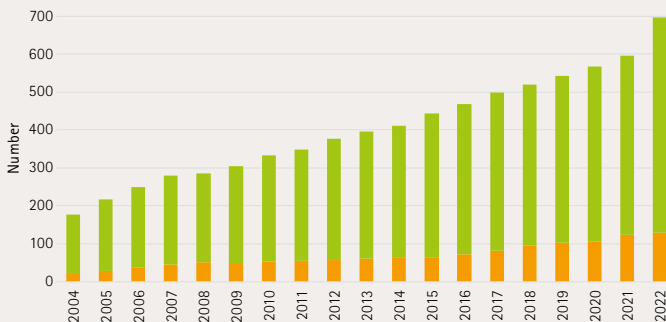


Source: Saxon State Office for Environment, Agriculture and Geology; reports of the control bodies, Last revised: 08/2023

	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Structure of food industry enterprises, turnover and export ratio⁹⁾			
Enterprises*			
Foodstuffs and fodder	number	333	5,635
including: slaughtering and meat processing		84	1,484
bakery production (without long-life bakery products)		165	2,445
fruit and vegetable processing		19	253
milk processing (without ice cream)		9	215
grinding and hulling		4	122
fodder production		16	298
Beverage production		25	558
Employees in food industry			
	number	21,435	642,408
Total turnover*			
Foodstuffs and fodder	EUR million	6,822	195,044
including: slaughtering and meat processing		898	47,064
bakery production (without long-life bakery products)		794	19,950
fruit and vegetable processing		576	12,587
milk processing (without ice cream) ¹⁰⁾		3,441	37,312
grinding and hulling		126	8,431
fodder production		167	14,576
Beverage production		865	23,529
Export ratio*			
Foodstuffs and fodder	percent	14.6	24.03
Beverage production		5.5	14.45

Development of organic farms including processing, trade, storage, import and fodder production as well as on-farm processing

- Organic farms including processing, trade, storage, import and fodder production
- Organic farms with on-farm processing



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	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Exports by food industry based on foreign trade statistics ¹¹⁾			
Total exports*			
Total food industry		1,960	91,325
including: milk and dairy products (without cheese and butter)		491	7,047
cheese		233	5,921
meat and meat products		32	9,885
baked products incl. cereal-based preparations		140	7,875
nuts and dried fruit		13	1,493
vegetable preparations and tinned products		19	887
cocoa and cocoa products	EUR million	72	6,250
vegetable oils and fats		139	3,841
beer		47	1,155
spirits		155	1,973
tobacco and tobacco products		95	2,718
sugar beet and sugar products		126	3,305
potatoes and potato products		7	1,412
wheat		3	2,112
barley		2	908
maize		2	256

Production and processing volumes			
Milk processing ¹²⁾*			
Production of consumer milk		NDA	4,103
Production of other dairy products ¹³⁾	1,000 t	NDA	2,462
Production of cheese		NDA	2,639
Milling industry*			
Total milling	1,000 t	NDA	9,016
including: soft wheat		NDA	7,876
Compound-feed industry ¹⁴⁾*			
Total processing		372	20,053
including: cereals	1,000 t	232	11,102
including: oil-seed cake		80	5,531
Total compound-feed products		441	23,910
Fat processing industry*			
Processing of oil seeds and fruits	1,000 t	NDA	12,681

5) Cattle, pigs, sheep: reference date 03.11.2022, Hens and solipeds: reference date 01.03.2020

6) Source: Federal Office for Agriculture and Food

7) Animals of domestic and foreign origin

8) Slaughter weight acc. to the 1st Implementation Regulation for the Act on Meat with a 2% deduction for cooling losses including sheep, goat and horse meat, entrails plus estimate of home-slaughtered sheep meat

9) Enterprises with 20 and more employees

10) For Saxony: enterprises with 50 and more employees

11) Including unprocessed agricultural products

12) Consumer milk = incl. milk in packages over 2 kg

13) Sourmilk, kefir, yoghurt and mixed milk products

14) Business year 21/22

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