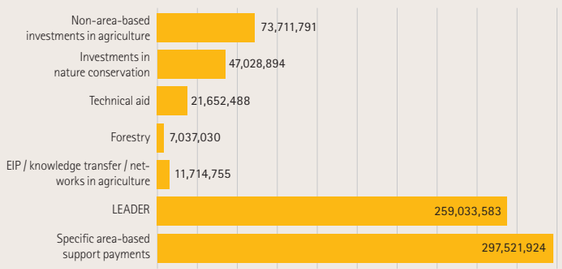
	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Land use			
Agriculturally used area (AA)	1,000 ha	899	16,595
Permanent grassland	1,000 ha	192	4,736
Percentage of AA	%	**21**	**29**
Arable land	1,000 ha	702	11,665
Percentage of AA	%	**78**	**70**
Fallow land	1,000 ha	25	434
Less-favoured areas[3]	1,000 ha	299	5,304
Leased AA as percentage of total AA[4]	%	**67**	**60**
Use of arable land			
Total cereals	1,000 ha	386	6,010
including: wheat		194	2,958
barley		108	1,523
oats		18	187
rye		32	539
grain maize, CCM		18	490
Root crops		21	692
including: potatoes		6	302
sugar beet		15	387
Oil seed crops incl. non food		110	1,169
including: rape and turnip rape		105	1,095
sun flowers		4	62
Pulses		19	303
Forage plants		130	2,764
including: green and silage maize		79	1,963
Organic farming[5]			
Utilised agricultural area	1,000 ha	92	1,934
Holdings	number	936	35,585

3) Area classified as being eligible for compensatory allowance in the GAK report of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity 2024 (GAK = Joint Task "Improving Agricultural Structures and Coastal Protection")
4) Saxony, Germany: main survey on land use 2023
5) Saxony: reports of the control authorities acc. to Reg. (EC) 834/2007 in connection with Reg. (EC) 889/2008 on the reference date 31.12.2024; Germany: Market report 02/2026 of BÖLW (German Association of Agricultural Producers, Processors and Retailers of Organic Food)

Distribution of EAFRD funds in the CAP strategic plan for Saxony 2023 to 2027 (in EUR)



Corresponds to CAP-SP version 7.1 approved by EU-COM on 05.12.2025, CAP - Common EU Agricultural Policy

Source: SMUL, last revised 03/2026



Publisher:
Saxon State Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment (SMUL)
PO Box 10 05 10, D-01075 Dresden
Citizens' hotline: +49 351 564-20500
E-mail: info@smul.sachsen.de
www.smul.sachsen.de
This publication is co-financed by funds raised by taxation on the basis of the budget approved by the members of the Saxon parliament.
Editorial work:
SMUL, Saxon State Office for Environment, Agriculture and Geology (LfULG)
Layout:
genese Werbeagentur GmbH
Photo:
Katrin Müller von Berneck
Editorial deadline:
30.09.2026

Note:
This publication is not available in print but can be downloaded as a PDF file at www.publikationen.sachsen.de.

Distribution:
This information is published by the State Government of Saxony in accordance with its statutory duty of informing the public. It may not be used by political parties or their candidates or volunteers for election advertising purposes within the period of six months before an election. This applies to all elections.

www.landwirtschaft.sachsen.de

STAATSMINISTERIUM FÜR UMWELT UND LANDWIRTSCHAFT | Freistaat SACHSEN

Agriculture and food industry 2026

Facts and figures



	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Area and population			
Area by type of actual use[1]			
Total area	1,000 ha	1,845	35,768
Agricultural area	1,000 ha	988	17,958
Percentage of total area	%	**54**	**50**
Forest area	1,000 ha	494	10,695
Percentage of total area	%	**27**	**30**
Water area	1,000 ha	45	826
Percentage of total area	%	**2**	**2**
Population			
Total population	thousand	4,027	83,467
Inhabitants/km² of total area	number	218	233
Total number of persons in employment	thousand	2,050	45,982
Persons employed in agriculture, forestry and fishery	thousand	24	562
Structure of agricultural holdings			
Legal form[2]			
All agricultural holdings	%	100	100
of which: corporate bodies		12	2
including: e.G.		3	0.24
GmbH		7	0.71
of which: natural persons		88	98
including: partnerships		9	12
sole proprietorships		78	85
of which: run on full-time basis		25	38
run on part-time basis		53	47
Size structure of holdings[2]			
Total number of agricultural holdings	number	5,558	255,010
Holdings of less than 5 ha AA		153	20,090
Holding of 5 to less than 10 ha AA		1,196	44,530
Holdings of 10 to less than 20 ha AA		1,050	50,290
Holdings of 20 to less than 50 ha AA		1,012	58,510
Holdings of 50 to less than 100 ha AA		604	42,590
Holdings of 100 to less than 200 ha AA		590	25,090
Holdings of 200 to less than 500 ha AA		494	9,930
Holdings of 500 to less than 1,000 ha AA		232	2,510
Holdings of 1,000 ha AA and more		227	1,470

1) Saxony: reference date: 31.12.2025; Germany: reference date: 31.12.2024
2) Saxony: agricultural aid 2025, Germany: main survey on land use 2023

Yields and crop volumes

	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Arable farming			
Total cereals (incl. grain maize, CCM)	dt/ha	76	76
	1,000 t	2,922	45,258
including: wheat	dt/ha	79	78
	1,000 t	1,529	23,152
barley	dt/ha	80	74
	1,000 t	863	11,337
oats	dt/ha	51	50
	1,000 t	90	935
rye	dt/ha	59	56
	1,000 t	189	3,035
grain maize, CCM	dt/ha	92	101
	1,000 t	166	4,945
Rape and turnip rape (including non food)	dt/ha	36	36
	1,000 t	375	3,980
Potatoes	dt/ha	463	460
	1,000 t	258	13,871
Sugar beet	dt/ha	823	834
	1,000 t	1,265	32,327
Silage maize	dt/ha	394	446
	1,000 t	3,129	87,509
Vegetable growing (grown for sale)			
Outdoor acreage	1,000 ha	3	130
Outdoor crop volume	1,000 t	32	4,297
Acreage under high accessible protective covers	1,000 ha	0.02	1.3
Crop volume under high accessible protective covers	1,000 t	1.4	219
Fruit growing (cash crops)			
Fruit-growing area	1,000 ha	3	63
Fruit crop volume	1,000 t	68	1,404
Viticulture			
Area under vines	1,000 ha	0.52	100
Wine must yield	hl/ha	56.9	76
Wine must crop	1,000 hl	29	7,664
Carp farming			
Fish pond area	1,000 ha	8	21
Holdings	number	107	1,269
Food carp production	t	1,575	4,190

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

Unless otherwise marked, the data shown are from the year 2025.
Figures marked by * are provisional data. The abbreviation "NDA" stands for "no data available".

Livestock [6]

	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Total number of cattle	1,000 animals	413	10,420
including: dairy cows		159	3,597
Total number of pigs		488	21,545
including: fattening pigs		128	9,237
breeding pigs		51	1,434
Sheep		72	1,525
Total number of hens		5,185	156,301
Solipeds (horses, donkeys, mules, etc. in agricultural holdings)		11	487

Animal production

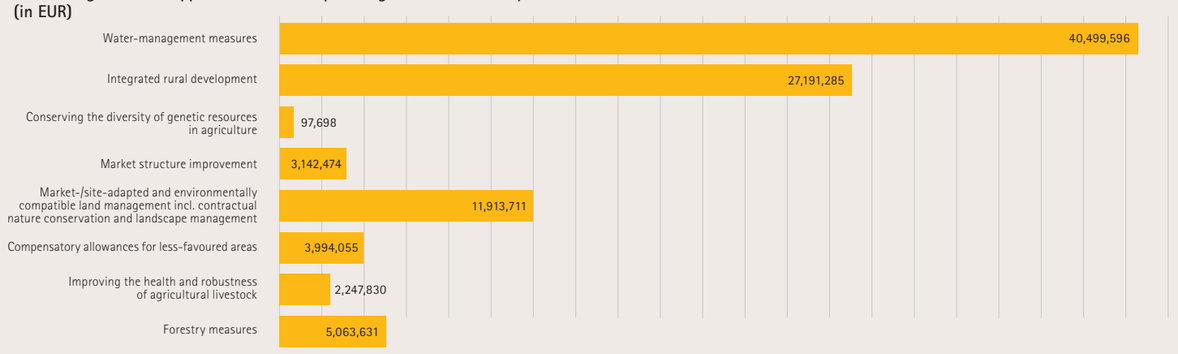
	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Milk production*			
Total milk production	1,000 t	1,705	33,995
Milk yield per cow acc. to yield recording [7]	kg/year	10,707	9,452
Egg production*			
Commercial egg production	million eggs	947	13,747
Laying performance per hen	eggs/year	310	304

Commercial Slaughtering [8]

	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Animals for slaughter*			
Cattle	1,000 animals	13	2,535
Average slaughter weight of bulls	kg	389	NDA
Average slaughter weight of cows	kg	304	359
Pigs	1,000 animals	200	44,855
Average slaughter weight	kg	95	97

	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Meat production [9]*			
Total animals for slaughter	1,000 t	23	5,296
including: cattle and calves		4	942
pigs		19	4,333

National agricultural support within the scope of regular GAK in Saxony 2025 (in EUR)



GAK – Joint Task "Improving Agricultural Structures and Coastal Protection"

Source: SMUL, last revised 03/2026

Structure of food industry enterprises, turnover and export ratio [10]

	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Enterprises*			
Foodstuffs and fodder	number	315	5,484
including: slaughtering and meat processing		77	1,446
bakery production (without long-life bakery products)		155	2,302
fruit and vegetable processing		15	243
milk processing (without ice cream)		8	205
grinding and hulling		7	125
fodder production		15	313
Beverage production		26	587
Employees in food industry	number	22,252	665,683
Total turnover*			
Foodstuffs and fodder	EUR million	7,179	211,984
including: slaughtering and meat processing		982	50,676
bakery production (without long-life bakery products)		807	22,523
fruit and vegetable processing		627	13,751
milk processing (without ice cream)		NDA	40,573
grinding and hulling		156	8,669
fodder production		138	13,005
Beverage production		907	24,663
Export ratio*			
Foodstuffs and fodder	%	15.3	24.52
Beverage production		5.5	14.69

Exports by food industry based on foreign trade statistics [11]

	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Total exports*			
Total food industry	EUR million	3,199	104,448
including: milk and dairy products (without cheese and butter)		461	7,013
cheese		207	6,493
meat and meat products		123	10,302
baked products incl. cereal-based preparations		83	9,968
nuts and dried fruit		26	1,863
vegetable preparations and tinned products		69	1,114
cocoa and cocoa products		116	11,224
vegetable oils and fats		214	2,936
beer		10	1,216
spirits		12	1,932
tobacco and tobacco products		120	3,123
sugar beet and sugar products		29	3,647
potatoes and potato products		8	1,815
wheat		12	1,165
barley		8	637
maize		12	248

Production and processing volumes

	Unit	Saxony	Germany
Milk processing [12]*			
Production of consumer milk	1,000 t	NDA	3,884
Production of other dairy products [13]		NDA	2,315
Production of cheese		NDA	2,757
Milling industry [14]*			
Total milling	1,000 t	NDA	9,393
including: soft wheat		NDA	7,974
Compound-feed industry [14]*			
Total processing	1,000 t	239	19,809
including: cereals		131	10,712
including: oil-seed cake		65	5,754
Total compound-feed products		287	22,229
Fat processing industry*			
Processing of oil seeds and fruits	1,000 t	NDA	13,196

6) Cattle, pigs, sheep: reference date 03.11.2025, hens and solipeds: reference date 01.03.2023
7) Source: Federal Office for Agriculture and Food
8) Animals of domestic and foreign origin
9) 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
10) Enterprises with 20 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) Saxony; Germany: business year 24/25