



Four Member States generate 60% of the Union's agrifood turnover

Germany, France, the United Kingdom and Italy account for 60% of the revenue generated by the agrifood industry in the European Union. Less than one enterprise in ten has a workforce of more than 20, but such companies account for over three-quarters of the Union's total agrifood turnover.

In 2005, the European Union had a total of 300,000 agrifood enterprises. The vast majority are located in the EU 15, and almost a quarter in Italy. In addition, three-fifths of the turnover across Europe is generated by enterprises in four countries: Germany, France, the United Kingdom and Italy. France is more focused on meat and milk processing than the other countries, which tend to be more interested in forms of processing with high potential.

These enterprises are frequently small in size, and only 8% employ more than 20 people.

However, they provide 71% of salaried employment and 78% of total agrifood sales revenue.

Definitions

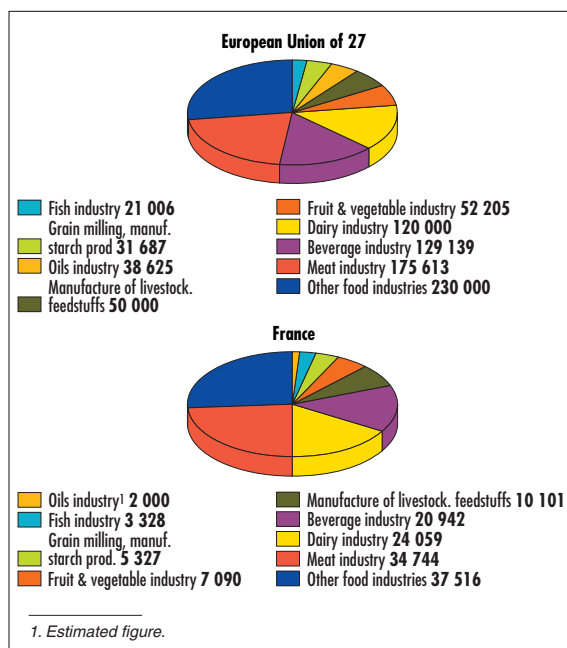
The agriculture and food (or **agrifood**) industries cover the sectors for meat, milk, beverages, grain milling, the manufacture of animal feedstuffs, sundry food industries and tobacco. Eurostat statistics cover the whole range of activities, and in particular retail sales of "craft" prepared meat and bakery products.

Turnover includes, besides the sale of goods, sold output of goods and services (excluding VAT and like taxes).

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Annual turnover of the food industries

€ millions



Source: Eurostat 2005

Annual turnover of the agrifood industries

€ millions

	Total	Meat industry		Total	Meat industry
EU 27²	917 346	175 613	Austria	13 317	2 839
EU 15	833 836	103 575	Portugal	12 021	1 699
Germany	169 001	32 781	Hungary	10 808	2 576
France	157 869	34 744	Greece	10 636	772
United Kingdom	120 822	20 110	Finland	9 112	2 535
Italy	105 733	18 987	Romania	7 988	1 463
Spain	89 033	17 733	Bulgaria	3 478	557
Netherlands	54 331	8 267	Slovakia	2 921	556
Poland	37 999	8 629	Slovenia	1 930	509
Belgium	31 782	4 955	Cyprus	1 411	275
Ireland	23 349	3 713	Estonia	1 094	173
Denmark	20 942	5 308	Luxembourg	903	98
Sweden	14 986	3 417			

1. The figures for Latvia, Lithuania, Malta and the Czech Republic are confidential.

2. Estimated figure.

Source: Eurostat 2005