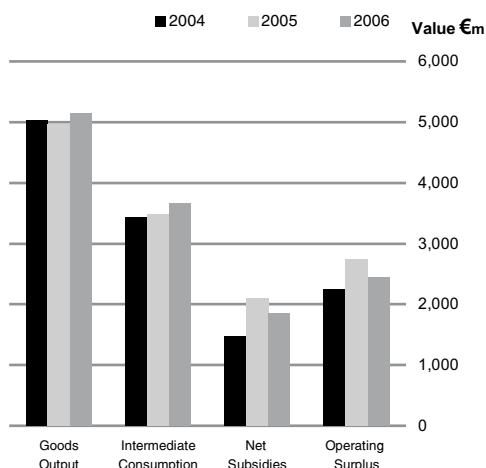




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Selected Income Indicators



Output, Input and Income in Agriculture 2006 – Advance Estimate

	Goods Output	Intermediate Consumption	Net Subsidies	Operating Surplus
2004	€5,032m	€3,426m	€1,468m	€2,252m
2005	€4,962m	€3,488m	€2,099m	€2,744m
2006	€5,151m	€3,671m	€1,849m	€2,451m
% change (2005 on 2004)	-1.4%	+1.8%	+43.0%	+21.8%
% change (2006 on 2005)	+3.8%	+5.3%	-11.9%	-10.7%

Agricultural operating surplus down 10.7%

The CSO's first estimate of operating surplus in agriculture in 2006 shows an annual decrease of 10.7%. This follows a 21.8% increase in 2005. The estimate for 2006 is based on the data currently available for the year. See Table 1.

Comparing 2006 with 2005 we see that:

- ◆ The value of goods output by the agriculture sector increased by 3.8% in 2006.
- ◆ The value of cattle output increased by 8.1% or €114m. The price increase for cattle was accompanied by an estimated 6.0% increase in slaughterings in 2006.
- ◆ The value of sheep output increased by 3.0% or €6m.
- ◆ The value of milk output decreased by 1.5% or €20m due to a drop in price.
- ◆ The value of cereals output increased by 24.5% or €31m due to an increase in both price and volume.
- ◆ Energy costs increased by 13.0% or €37m, due mainly to an increase in price.

The change to the Single Payment Scheme and the timing of payments of subsidies (with a large amount of arrears paid in 2005) had a large influence on the figures.

The value of *subsidies less taxes on production* increased from €1,684m in 2005 to €1,866m in 2006. The value of *subsidies less taxes on products* fell from €415m in 2005 to a negative figure in 2006.

The EU figures on operating surplus in 2005 are given on page 4.

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Table 1 Output, Input and Income in Agriculture, 2006*Advance estimate*

Description	Estimated Value			Change 2006/2005	
	2004	2005	2006	Value	Volume
	€m			Percent	
Livestock (incl. stock changes)	2,215.1	2,274.3	2,430.1	6.9	0.1
of which: cattle	1,346.1	1,413.2	1,527.6	8.1	-0.1
pigs	297.4	292.1	308.8	5.7	-2.2
sheep	200.4	191.9	197.7	3.0	0.5
Livestock Products	1,459.1	1,377.6	1,358.5	-1.4	2.9
of which: milk	1,417.5	1,335.4	1,315.5	-1.5	2.8
Crops (incl. stock changes ¹)	1,357.5	1,310.5	1,362.1	3.9	-3.9
of which: cereals	181.4	125.7	156.4	24.5	9.1
forage plants	683.4	687.0	742.4	8.1	2.9
 Goods output at producer prices	 5,031.7	 4,962.4	 5,150.6	 3.8	 0.0
Contract Work	261.1	270.1	278.7	3.2	-2.7
Subsidies less taxes on products	873.0	414.7	-17.5	-104.2	-102.8
Agricultural output at basic prices	6,165.8	5,647.2	5,411.8	-4.2	-11.2
Intermediate consumption	3,425.6	3,488.0	3,671.4	5.3	2.0
of which: feedingstuffs	903.9	875.7	942.3	7.6	6.5
fertilisers	358.0	363.3	379.9	4.6	-2.7
energy and lubricants	237.4	284.1	321.1	13.0	2.0
forage plants	673.1	676.9	731.2	8.0	2.8
contract work	261.1	270.1	278.7	3.2	-2.7
Gross value added at basic prices	2,740.2	2,159.2	1,740.4	-19.4	
Fixed capital consumption	654.1	669.0	687.1	2.7	
Net value added at basic prices	2,086.1	1,490.2	1,053.4	-29.3	
Other subsidies less taxes on production	594.9	1,684.3	1,866.0	10.8	
Factor income	2,681.0	3,174.5	2,919.4	-8.0	
Compensation of employees	428.8	430.8	467.9	8.6	
Operating surplus²	2,252.2	2,743.7	2,451.5	-10.7	

¹ Principally cereals and potatoes² This is calculated before deduction of interest payments on borrowed capital and land rental paid by farmers to landowners. The estimates for these items are:

Interest:- 2004, €278.5m; 2005, €302.4m; 2006, €372.4m

Land rental:- 2004, €171.8m; 2005, €159.5m; 2006, €153.6m

Background notes

Introduction	This release contains advance estimates of agricultural accounts for 2006. Three estimates are prepared in each 12-month period for the agricultural accounts. The first or advance estimates are generally released in early December of the reference year for which the accounts are prepared. In February of the year following the reference year preliminary estimates are prepared. These update the first estimates using the results of the December Livestock Survey and other updated data sources. In June of the year following the reference year the final estimates of the agricultural accounts are prepared. The estimates are based on a methodology arising from the revision of the System of National Accounts in 1995. For details of this methodology see the “Output, Input and Income in Agriculture” release of 2 July 2002. For details of data sources see the corresponding release of 24 June 2004.
Producer price	This is the price received by the farmer. It is sometimes referred to as the farm-gate or ex-farm price. It excludes VAT.
Subsidies and taxes on products	Subsidies and taxes on products are those paid or levied per unit on a good or service produced or imported. The subsidy or tax is typically a specific amount of money per unit of quantity of a good or service. Examples of subsidies on products are compensatory aid for arable crops and the special beef premium. The bovine disease eradication levy is an example of a tax on products. These subsidies and taxes are included in the calculation of output.
Other subsidies and taxes on production	Other subsidies on production are subsidies other than those on products. Examples are the single payment scheme, the rural environmental protection scheme and the area based compensatory allowance scheme. Taxes on production consist of VAT under-compensation from farmers who have opted for the flat rate VAT system, and motor taxation paid by farmers. Other subsidies less taxes on production are not included in the calculation of output, but are included in the calculation of operating surplus.
Net subsidies	Net subsidies are subsidies on products plus subsidies on production less taxes on products and taxes on production.
Basic price	The basic price corresponds to the producer price plus any subsidies directly linked to a product minus any taxes on products. VAT is excluded.
Valuation of stock changes	For each category, the difference between closing year stocks and opening year stocks is valued at the average price for the year.
Forage plants	The production of forage plants is valued as part of output. Silage and hay are the main items in this category. Direct sales of cereals between farms and use of cereals within farms are also included under forage plants. These items are also treated as intermediate consumption with minor exceptions, such as sales of straw to racing stables.
Contract work	Activities performed by agricultural contractors directly linked to the production of agricultural products (for example harvesting) are an integral part of agriculture. The value of such work is included as output and also as intermediate consumption. Estimates of the input costs incurred by agricultural contractors in the provision of their agricultural service are included under the appropriate intermediate consumption categories, as well as in the compensation of employees figure.
Fixed capital consumption	This relates to the foreseeable wear and tear and obsolescence of fixed capital goods. It is calculated on the basis of the probable economic life of the asset. It is not calculated for breeding livestock or for non-produced assets such as land.
Compensation of employees	This includes remuneration in cash and in kind. It does not include the remuneration of work undertaken by the farmer or by non-salaried family farm members.
Operating surplus	The operating surplus figure is comprised of the operating surplus earned by farmers and that earned by agricultural contractors. The part earned by farmers is an approximation for the income indicator used under the old agriculture accounts methodology. It is calculated before deductions

for interest payments on borrowed capital and before deductions for land annuities and for rent paid by farmers to landowners for the use of their land.

Volume indices These are calculated by applying base year prices (2000) to current year quantities. The volume index for 2006 is calculated by comparing the total value in 2006 at average 2000 prices against the total value in 2000 at average 2000 prices.

Operating Surplus, 2004 - 2005

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Country	2004	2005	% change
European Union 25¹	97,935	89,919	-8.2%
European Union 15²	90,139	81,987	-9.0%
Austria	1,985	1,887	-4.9%
Belgium	1,670	1,514	-9.3%
Cyprus	11	28	154.5%
Czech Republic	371	388	4.6%
Denmark	1,370	1,457	6.3%
Estonia	135	143	6.6%
Finland	1,182	1,213	2.6%
France	15,278	13,692	-10.4%
Germany	9,481	8,204	-13.5%
Greece	6,957	6,915	-0.6%
Hungary	1,551	1,572	1.4%
Ireland	2,252	2,744	21.8%
Italy	15,137	12,327	-18.6%
Latvia	261	270	3.3%
Lithuania	296	359	21.5%
Luxembourg	81	80	-1.3%
Malta	60	56	-6.9%
Netherlands	3,123	3,440	10.1%
Poland	4,691	4,720	0.6%
Portugal	2,274	1,918	-15.7%
Slovak Republic	109	73	-33.2%
Slovenia	312	322	3.1%
Spain	22,323	19,950	-10.6%
Sweden	961	905	-5.8%
United Kingdom	6,065	5,743	-5.3%

Source: Eurostat

¹ European Union states from 1 May 2004

² European Union states before 1 May 2004