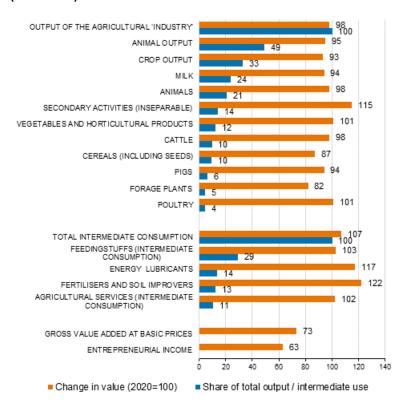


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Entrepreneurial income from agriculture falling sharply in 2021

When output decreases and production costs increase, the share left for the entrepreneur decreases. This threat scenario seems to be realised for agriculture in 2021. The main reasons for the reduced output are the poor yield of cereals and the lower volume of milk production. As for production costs, higher prices of energy and fertilisers in particular increase production costs. According to the current forecast, entrepreneurial income from agriculture is expected to remain at only 63 per cent compared with last year's figure. The data derive from the Economic Accounts for Agriculture that are now published.

The share of agricultural product items in total output %, and the share of certain production inputs in intermediate consumption, % In addition, change in the current value of the above-mentioned items (2020=100) in 2021



The value of output and costs is usually calculated on the volume times price principle. In the national accounts, quantitative and qualitative changes are called volume changes. When comparing the development in the volume of individual agricultural products after 2020, the fall in the volume of cereal crops is as much as 24 per cent. However, the price of cereals rose slightly, so the current price value of cereal output only decreased by some 13 per cent. The volume of forage plant production also fell by around 17 per cent.

The combined volume of the entire crop production sector fell by around 10 per cent but because the price change was slightly positive, the value of output fell by only seven per cent. Data on horticulture for the current year are still fairly limited. The output volumes and prices are expected to remain close to the level of 2020.

The volumes of livestock production also went down in nearly all production lines. The weight of dairy production is high because it accounts for nearly one quarter of total agricultural output. The volume of milk production contracted by around 12 per cent, so it is strongly reflected in the development of the volume of the whole industry. The price of milk rose slightly, so the current price value of milk decreased only by around six per cent. Production volumes for poultry and pork have remained almost unchanged, while production volumes for beef have fallen by around three per cent.

A comprehensive picture of the changes in the volume of production inputs is not yet available. In turn, there are reliable data on price development. Prices of energy products have risen by nearly 20 per cent from last year. Together with the rise in the world market prices of fertiliser raw materials, this has led to an over 20 per cent increase in fertiliser prices. The poor fodder harvest together with the increase in other production costs has also put upward pressure on fodder prices.

Total output of agriculture at current prices is estimated to fall by good EUR 100 million from the previous year. In turn, the value of intermediate consumption is estimated to rise by over EUR 200 million. When intermediate consumption is subtracted from output, the result is gross value added. Gross value added at current prices is thus estimated to fall by over EUR 300 million from 2020. The change in the volume of gross value added at basic prices is estimated to decrease by about 18 per cent and when the price impact is also around 10 per cent negative, at current prices gross value added is estimated to fall by approximately 26 per cent.

Entrepreneurial income is calculated by subtracting consumption of fixed capital, wages and salaries paid, rents of land and interest paid from gross value added, and by adding subsidies on production to it. Entrepreneurial income thus appears to collapse from the previous year's EUR 950 million to around EUR 600 million.

The data for the Economic Accounts for Agriculture are produced at Statistics Finland as part of the production process of the national accounts. The compilation of the accounts is based on accounts harmonised and regulated by the EU. The accounts are compiled with uniform methods in all EU Member States. Data on all Member States can be found in Eurostat's database.

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	Value 2020 M€	Volume index	2021 value at t-1 price	Price index	Value 2021 M€	Value index
01 Cereals (including seeds)	486	76	372	114	423	87
02 Industrial crops	56	97	54	112	60	108
03 Forage plants	252	83	210	98	205	82
04 Vegetables and horticultural products	536	101	541	100	539	101
05 Potatoes (including seeds)	78	89	69	98	68	88
06 Fruits	138	98	135	100	135	98
09 Other crop products	11	153	17	99	17	151
10 Crop output	1 557	90	1 399	104	1 449	93
11 Animals	948	99	935	99	927	98
11.1 Cattle	437	97	425	101	427	98
11.2 Pigs	290	99	287	95	273	94
11.5 Poultry	196	100	196	101	198	101
12 Animal products	1 338	89	1 187	106	1 254	94
12.1 Milk	1 124	88	989	107	1 053	94
12.2 Eggs	81	101	82	102	83	103
12.9 Other animal products total	133	88	117	100	118	88
13 Animal output	2 286	93	2 122	103	2 181	95
14 Agricultural goods output	3 843	92	3 521	103	3 630	94
15 Agricultural services output	149	106	158	108	171	115
16 Agricultural output (14+15)	3 992	92	3 679	103	3 801	95
17 Secondary activities (inseparable)	544	106	576	108	624	115
18 Output of the agricultural 'industry'	4 537	94	4 255	104	4 425	98
19 Total intermediate consumption	3 268	98	3 218	109	3 493	107
19.0.2 Energy lubricants	408	100	408	117	478	117
19.0.3 Fertilisers and soil improvers	361	100	361	122	439	122
19.0.6 Feedingstuffs (intermediate consumption)	989	95	939	108	1 014	103
19.0.9 Agricultural services (intermediate consumption)	367	100	367	102	374	102
20 Gross value added at basic prices	1 269	82	1 037	90	932	73
21 Fixed capital consumption	1 224	99	1 206	102	1 230	100
22 Net value added at basic prices	45	-377	-169	176	-298	-664
23 Compensation of employees	339				350	103
24 Other taxes on production	0					
25 Other subsidies on production	1 539				1 540	100
26 Factor income	1 584				1 242	78
27 Operating surplus/mixed income	1 245				892	72
28 Rents and other real estate rental charges to be paid	200				200	100
29 Interest paid	88				90	102
31 Entrepreneurial income	957				602	63
40 Total agricultural labour input	63				63	99



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