

Spotlight



A new era for Europe's fisheries and aquaculture statistics!

The European Commission's proposal for a Regulation on European Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics (EFAS) has reached a decisive milestone. After its approval by the College of Commissioners and official publication in July, the proposal was discussed for the first time by the Council in Brussels in October.

Formally known as proposal COM(2025)435, EFAS aims to modernise the way Europe collects and manages data on fisheries and aquaculture. It will replace five regulations with a single, coherent framework designed to deliver more reliable, comparable and timely information to support policymaking under the Common Fisheries Policy and the EU Blue Economy.

At the heart of the proposal lies a major innovation: Eurostat could, for the first time, produce European statistics directly from administrative data already held by the Commission. This marks an important step towards digitalisation and efficiency, reducing the reporting burden on Member States while improving data quality and coherence.

EFAS is already recognised as a potential cornerstone for more transparent and evidence-based management of Europe's marine resources. As the legislative process advances, its final shape will depend on how the Council and the European Parliament reconcile ambition, flexibility and other priorities. Once adopted, the regulation is expected to mark a turning point in how the EU measures and understands its aquatic resources. A quiet revolution beneath the surface of Europe's blue economy.

Integrated Farm Statistics



Task Force on animal housing and manure management

The farm statistics working group of 22-23 October agreed to the establishment of a task force to discuss aspects related to the collection of data on animal housing, manure management and nutrients for the upcoming decade, in preparation of the amendment of the IFS regulation. Volunteering countries can express their interest by 7 November 2025 to <mailto:ESTAT-FARM-SURVEYS@ec.europa.eu>. ESTAT intends to organise the first meeting before the end of this year.

IFS 2023

Validation is ongoing for the last 6 countries. Nevertheless, dissemination has started for those countries that have already had their data validated by Eurostat. A new subset of tables on Farm Structure Indicators (FSI) is now available to the public in [Eurobase](#), featuring indicators required for the monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy.

IFS 2026

The grant agreements are in the process of being signed, with the aim that all are done so by December 2025. The data transmission of the ancillary datasets - ADM and NSNE - is now open, with a completion deadline of 31 December 2025.

IFS 2030

Consultations for the preparation of the amendment of Regulation (EU) 2018/1091 continued throughout the year. The Interservice Group was established and met for the first time in June. It will meet again in November. A public consultation for the Call for Evidence was run and the feedback collected. The DGAS and the Farm Statistics working group delegates contributed to the enrichment of the first draft, which was discussed by the working group in October. Future steps include a broad public consultation, which will be held over the winter, and further consultations with the working group, DGAS and the ESS Committee. It is hoped that a Commission proposal will be adopted by the end of 2026.

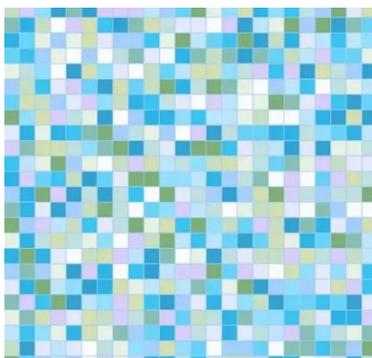


Modelling volume of water for irrigation in farms

The farm statistics working group was updated on the latest developments of this project that is run with the JRC under an administrative arrangement. This included new aspects of model optimisation, which have improved the results previously obtained. This study has allowed the selection of the "fully connected net" model to run with the IFS 2023 data, in order to fill in the missing values for water volume.

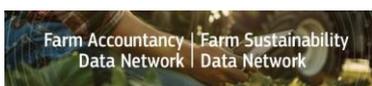
Use administrative data sources for IFS statistics

Eurostat has explored the publicly available Land Parcels from the national LPIS, and compared them with area data from IFS 2020. This required a mapping of the code lists between the different systems, the collection of information in diverse formats, and a comparison of the aggregates published in EF_LUS_MAIN and EF_LUS_ALLCROPS. None of the countries presented full alignment, with some classes such as grassland typically being the main contributor to the differences found. There is still room for improvement in standardisation. The availability of crop data from LPIS is viewed as an important step in the reduction of burden for the production of statistics.



Multiresolution grids from IFS

This work is moving on from experimental statistics to official statistics! Now that all Member States have agreed with the methodology for the production of multiresolution grid maps, the team is waiting on the outcome of the proposed Statistics Under Development framework to initiate the conversion of this product to official statistics. This means working on the documentation of the quality aspects, and strengthening the resource sustainability (moving the production to the corporate system and training people to produce the maps). The available layers can be consulted in <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/experimental-statistics/geospatial-data-agricultural-census>.



60 years of FADN

DG AGRI celebrated the [60 years of the Farm Accountancy Data Network](#) (FADN) on the 17th of October.

To mark the occasion, they launched the "my FSDN" interactive tool (<https://agridata.ec.europa.eu/extensions/FarmEconomyFocus/MyFSDN.html>), to be used by farmers and farm advisors for advice and benchmarking based on the data collected by FADN.

Animal production statistics



SAIO progress

On 11 June 2025, Eurostat hosted a webinar on SAIO data transmissions for animal production statistics. The session included guidelines for the transmission of livestock populations data and gross indigenous production (GIP).

A key focus of this webinar was the data transmission requirements for data collections. Presentations provided in-depth explanations and clarifications on the new SAIO templates, transmission procedures, automatic validation rules, key changes and timelines.

The collections on livestock populations and gross indigenous production have been started to be submitted in accordance with the SAIO methodology. However, during 2025, countries still need to use the pre-SAIO forms.

Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA)



SAIO progress

On 1 October 2025, another [webinar](#) was held for the quality reporting on Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA). It focused on the quality report for the economic accounts for agriculture, the new template and annexes.

The regulation on EAA quality reporting [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/1542](#), was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 31 July 2025 and entered into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication.

Agricultural price statistics



SAIO progress

The first SAIO transmission for agricultural price indices took place on 15 May 2025. A webinar on the transmission of absolute input prices data under the SAIO Regulation is scheduled for 24 February 2026.

Crop statistics



SAIO progress

SAIO data transmission has continued in 2025. Following the initial transmission of official data in January – which provided first data on the sowing areas of selected winter crops - data providers reported only minor issues. The subsequent deadline of 30th June 2025 required countries to submit sown area data for a broader range of arable crops, as well as the first estimates of the harvested area for tomatoes.

In August 2025, in addition to area data for major cereals and oilseeds, the first production estimates were also reported. By the September 2025 data transmission deadline, the crops covered had expanded to include dry pulses, fibre crops, and the two most significant categories of plants harvested green: green maize and lucerne. Additionally, key tomato-producing countries submitted their area and production estimates by this deadline.

For the upcoming November deadline, the list of crops covered will expand to include - alongside existing data on arable crops - the first area and production data for the main categories of pome fruit, stone fruit and citrus fruits, as well as olives.

Regarding other data collections:

The final pre-SAIO data collection for all crops, including the main area of major categories of utilised agricultural land for the 2024 crop year, were received by the end of September 2025. The last pre-SAIO data collection for crop balances will take place by the end of November 2025.

Handbooks – read all about it!

The 2024 edition of the crop production statistics handbook, which supports countries with the SAIO Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1538, was published on CIRCABC in January 2025. The handbook is also accessible to registered users on the Wiki collaborative platform. Following the first year of the SAIO implementation, an updated edition of the publication is planned for release in early 2026. Additionally, methodological guidelines for the grasslands management module will be integrated into the crop production handbook at a later stage, scheduled for Q1/2026.

Work on the crop balances handbook is nearly finalised. The new SAIO handbook incorporates changes introduced by the SAIO Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1538. These changes will require all countries to submit crop balances data, including for new crops (oats, triticale, rye), a shift in the reference period from calendar year to marketing year, and the introduction of new crop balances items for the domestic use category, along with additional details relevant for the compilation of crop balances. The first draft was shared with countries for consultation via the wiki platform at the beginning of July 2025. Following the consolidation of comments, the final version is scheduled for publication in Q4/2025.

Organic production statistics



Almost all countries have submitted data for the organic production statistics for the 2024 reference year, under the ESS Agreement on Organic Production Statistics. Only a few countries have yet to be finalised, due to low response rates.

As a reminder, for the reference year 2025 onwards, data for crop and animal production will be collected under the SAIO requirements.

Only the data collection for organic aquaculture will continue under the ESS agreement on Organic Production Statistics, until it is integrated into the new fisheries regulation.

Nutrient statistics



New handbook for nutrients statistics

The final meeting of the Discussion Group on the new handbook for nutrients statistics took place in June 2025, addressing the remaining issues. Over the summer, work was done to finalise the draft of the new handbook, which now includes all methodological chapters. This final draft was circulated to the SAIO AES Working Group as part of the document package, and countries were invited to review it and provide feedback through an Exchange of Views.

Status of data collections

The 2025 data collections for nutrients statistics began in May, covering nutrient balances for the reference years 2022 and 2023, as well as the consumption of inorganic fertilisers for the reference year 2024. For nutrient balances, data were received from 18 countries, including 17 Member States. Other countries are still preparing their datasets under SAIO; additional data submissions are expected soon. The data collection for inorganic fertiliser consumption for 2024 is ongoing, with the deadline set for the end of November.



Plant protection products (PPP) statistics

PPP sales statistics

The deadline for submitting data on PPP (plant protection products) sales and products placed on the market for the 2024 reference year is 30 December 2025. This will be the last data collection under Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 before transitioning to SAIO. So far, four countries have submitted data, which is currently under validation.

Data on PPP sales by categorisation of active substances - classified according to the system used for Harmonised Risk Indicator 1 (HRI1) - was published for the period 2011–2022 in June 2025.

Additionally, data for Harmonised Risk Indicator 1 (HRI1) for period 2011–2023 was published on Eurobase in August 2025.

PPP use statistics

Two key deadlines are approaching for the collection and transmission of pesticide use data:

- **30th December 2025:** countries must submit their final data collection on active substance use (from 2020–2024) for selected crops, ahead of SAIO implementation. The transmission of the quality reports for the reporting period is expected by the same deadline.
- **30th December 2027:** under SAIO, countries must report their data for 2025–2027 (reference year: 2026), covering all active substances and 21 common crops, with separate data for organic and non-organic areas.

PPP grants: progress and next steps

In early February 2025, Eurostat launched the call for the 2025 grants concerning PPP, which attracted applications from 12 Member States. The evaluation process has now been completed. Grant agreements have been finalised and signed for eight countries, with the remaining four expected to complete their signatures very soon.

The grants support two main types of actions:

- **Action 1:** assisting National Statistical Institutes (NSIs) in conducting sample surveys to collect data on the use of plant protection products in agriculture, in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1537.
Action 2: supporting NSIs in establishing or adapting their infrastructure to use administrative sources for compiling statistics on the use of plant protection products, also compliant with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1537.

Looking ahead, a second call for PPP use grants is scheduled for November 2025.

Publications



Key Figures on the European food chain 2025 edition

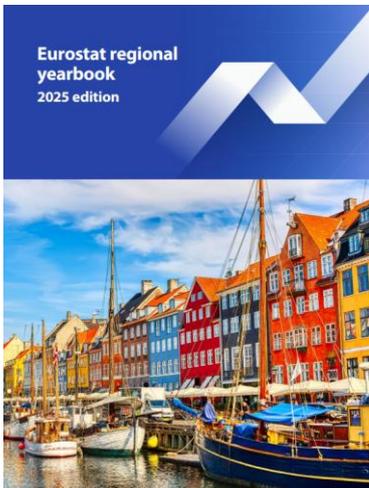
To be released in December 2025

The Key Figures on the European food chain – 2025 edition will be published in the second week of December in time for the Agri-food days conference in Brussels.

Some physical bookmarks are being created for the launch, to help publicise the report.

The publication is relatively settled but changes have been made and new elements included: it will respond to the European Commission's new [vision for agriculture and food](#); there will be some specific focus on trade with MERCASUR countries; there will be analysis of new farm managers, and: direct support in agricultural factor income.

The publication will be drawn up according to Eurostat's publication guidelines and in line with best practices for the Key Figures publication series.



Eurostat regional yearbook

2025 edition

September 2025

This [annual publication](#) again includes a chapter (13) on agriculture. The chapter in the new edition looks at regional livestock populations, cereal production, young farm managers across regions, and the economic situation of farms (using regional EAA data). The publication is supplemented with an interactive, digital version, [Regions in Europe](#). There is a particularly interesting interactive graphic on [farm managers](#).



Statistics Explained articles and News Items (from June to end of October 2025)

In line with Eurostat's new dissemination policy, detailed analysis is provided in Statistics Explained articles. Furthermore, the process has begun to update these articles as close as possible to the release of datasets. In this way, a series of articles were developed to time simultaneously with the release of the Key Figures publication, the latest datasets of final estimates and News Items.

- 10/2025 [Livestock and meat](#)
- 09/2025 [EU agricultural prices up 5.6%](#)
- 08/2025 [How much fruit and vegetables does the EU harvest?](#)
- 07/2025 [Mineral fertiliser consumption](#)
[Use of mineral fertilisers in the EU continues to decline](#)
- 06/2025 [EU livestock populations continued to decrease in 2024](#)
[Agricultural prices increased in first quarter of 2025](#)

Data

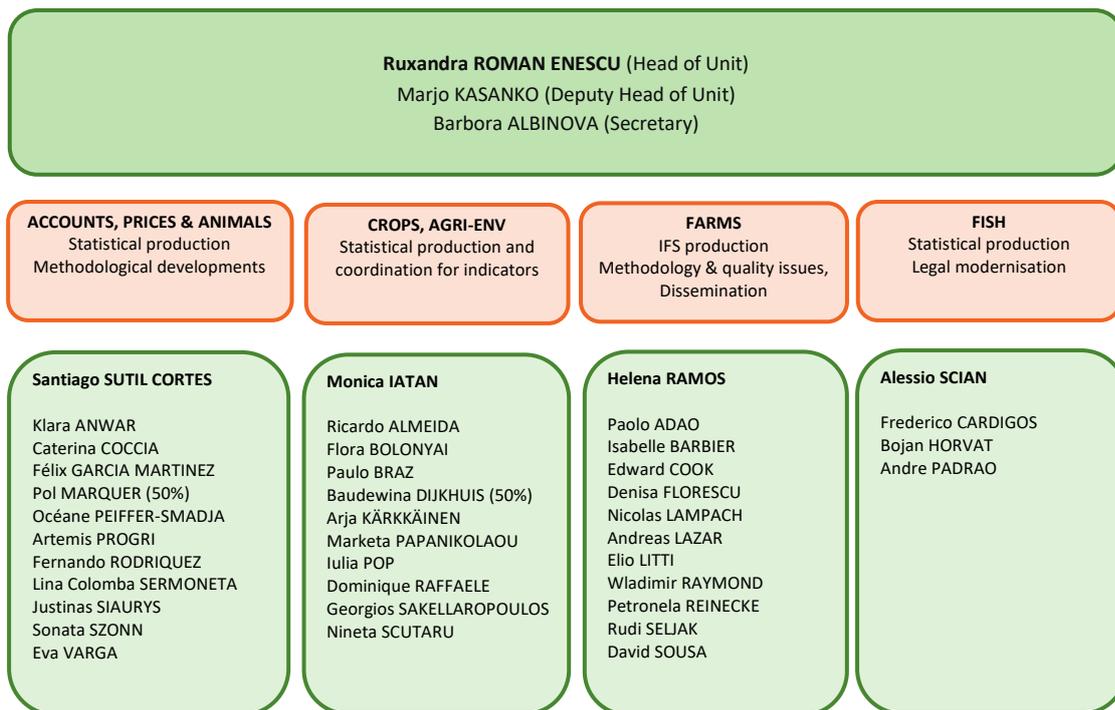
Upcoming transmission deadlines (until 31st May)

Deadline	Dataset	Description
14/11/2025	ANIP_MKMON_M	Monthly uses of cows' milk by the dairy sector [Sep 2025]
15/11/2025	PRAG_IND20_Q	Agricultural Price Indices - 2020 = 100 - Quaterly Price Indices [Q3 2025]
28/11/2025	ANIP_HATACT_M	Activity of Hatcheries [Oct 2025]
28/11/2025	ANIP_MTSLO_M	Slaughterings other than in slaughterhouses [Jul 2025]
28/11/2025	ANIP_HATTRA_M	Trade of Chicks [Sep 2025]
29/11/2025	ANIP_MTSLS_M	Slaughterings in slaughterhouses - Monthly [Sep 2025]
30/11/2025	AMS_EAA1_A	Economic Accounts for Agriculture - First Estimates [2025]
	PRAG_IND20EE_A	Agricultural Price Indices - Annual - Early estimates [2025]
	CROPS_AR11N	Selected arable land crops- sown area and production (2025 data)
	CROPS_PE11N	Selected permanent crops - area and production (2025 early estimates data)
	CRPSBS_CBS2020	Crop balances (2024 data)
	NUT_INF_A	Fertiliser (inorganic) statistics, 2024
15/12/2025	ANIP_MKMON_M	Monthly uses of cows' milk by the dairy sector [Oct 2025]
28/12/2025	ANIP_HATACT_M	Activity of Hatcheries [Nov 2025]
	ANIP_HATTRA_M	Trade of Chicks [Oct 2025]
29/12/2025	ANIP_MTSLO_M	Slaughterings other than in slaughterhouses [Aug 2025]
30/12/2025	ANIP_MTSLS_M	Slaughterings in slaughterhouses - Monthly [Oct 2025]
	PEST_SALES_A	Pesticide sales (2024 data)
31/12/2025	PRAG_LANREN_A	Agricultural Land Prices and Rents by region (Rents) [2024]
	PRAG_LPRNES_A	National quality report [2024]
	FISH_AQ2A	Production from aquaculture excluding hatcheries and nurseries
	FISH_AQ2B	Production of fish eggs for human consumption from aquaculture
	FISH_AQ3	Input to capture-based aquaculture
	FISH_AQ4A	Production of hatcheries and nurseries at eggs stage in life cycle
	FISH_AQ4B	Production of hatcheries and nurseries at juveniles stage in life cycle
	FISH_AQNQ	National Quality report
	IFS_ADM	Use of administrative data sources [IFS 2026]
	IFS_NSNE	Non-significant and non-existing variables [IFS 2026]
14/01/2026	ANIP_MKMON_M	Monthly uses of cows' milk by the dairy sector [Nov 2025]
28/01/2026	ANIP_HATACT_M	Activity of Hatcheries [Dec 2025]
	ANIP_MTSLO_M	Slaughterings other than in slaughterhouses [Sep 2025]
	ANIP_HATTRA_M	Trade of Chicks [Nov 2025]
29/01/2026	ANIP_MTSLS_M	Slaughterings in slaughterhouses - Monthly [Nov 2025]
	ANIP_HATSTRU_A	Structure of hatcheries - Annual [2025]
31/01/2026	CROPS_AR01N	Selected arable land crops (winter cereals and oilseeds) - (2026 early estimates data)
14/02/2026	ANIP_MKMON_M	Monthly uses of cows' milk by the dairy sector [Dec 2025]
15/02/2026	ANIP_GIPBOV1_A	Gross Indigenous Production - Bovine - 3 half year periods - First Forecast [2026]
	ANIP_GIPPIG1_A	Gross Indigenous Production - Pigs - 4 quarters - First Forecast [2026]
	ANIP_GIPSHG_A	Gross Indigenous Production - Sheep and Goats - Annual (2 half-year periods) [2026]
	ANIP_MKMON_S	Monthly uses of cows' milk by the dairy sector - under the threshold [S2 2025]
	ANIP_LSBOND_A	Livestock population - Bovine - Annual (Provisional) [2025]
	ANIP_LSPIND_A	Livestock population - Pig - Annual (Provisional) [2025]
	ANIP_LSSGND_A	Livestock population - Sheep and goat - Annual [2025]
	PRAG_IND20_Q	Agricultural Price Indices - 2020 = 100 - Quarterly Price Indices [Q4 2025]

28/02/2026	ANIP_HATACT_M	Activity of Hatcheries [Jan 2026]
	ANIP_MTSLO_M	Slaughterings other than in slaughterhouses [Oct 2025]
	ANIP_HATTRA_M	Trade of Chicks [Dec 2025]
01/03/2026	ANIP_MTSLS_M	Slaughterings in slaughterhouses - Monthly [Dec 2025]
	PRAG_API20_A	Agricultural Price Indices - 2020 = 100 - Annual Price Indices (Provisional) [2025]
17/03/2026	ANIP_MKMON_M	Monthly uses of cows' milk by the dairy sector [Jan 2026]
28/03/2026	ANIP_HATACT_M	Activity of Hatcheries [Feb 2026]
	ANIP_HATTRA_M	Trade of Chicks [Jan 2026]
30/03/2026	ANIP_MTSLO_M	Slaughterings other than in slaughterhouses [Nov 2025]
31/03/2026	AMS_EAA2_A	Economic Accounts for Agriculture - Second Estimates [2025]
31/03/2026	CROPS_AR03NP1	Selected arable land crops- sown area and production (2025 data)
	PEST_USENEQ_5	National quality report - Pesticide use in agriculture (2020-2024)
	PEST_USE_5	Pesticide use in agriculture (2020-2024 data)
	CROPS_PE03NP1	Permanent crops - area and production (2025 data)
	CROPS_VE05NP1	Horticulture - area and production (2025 data)
	PEST_SALENEQ_A	National quality report - Pesticide sales (2024)
01/04/2026	ANIP_MTSLS_M	Slaughterings in slaughterhouses - Monthly [Jan 2026]
14/04/2026	ANIP_MKMON_M	Monthly uses of cows' milk by the dairy sector [Feb 2026]
28/04/2026	ANIP_HATACT_M	Activity of Hatcheries [Mar 2026]
	ANIP_HATTRA_M	Trade of Chicks [Feb 2026]
29/04/2026	ANIP_MTSLS_M	Slaughterings in slaughterhouses - Monthly [Feb 2026]
30/04/2026	ANIP_MTSLO_M	Slaughterings other than in slaughterhouses [Dec 2025]
	ANIP_LSCHAV_A	Average livestock population - chicken - Regional - Annual [2025]
	ANIP_LSAV_A	Average livestock population excluding chicken - Three times per decade [2025]
15/05/2026	ANIP_MKMON_M	Monthly uses of cows' milk by the dairy sector [Mar 2026]
	ANIP_LSBOR_A	Livestock population - Bovine - Regional (Final) [2025]
	ANIP_LSPIR_A	Livestock population - Pig - Regional - Annual (Final) [2025]
	ANIP_LSSGR_A	Livestock population - sheep and goat - Regional - Annual [2025]
28/05/2026	ANIP_HATACT_M	Activity of Hatcheries [Apr 2026]
	ANIP_HATTRA_M	Trade of Chicks [Mar 2026]
30/05/2026	ANIP_MTSLS_M	Slaughterings in slaughterhouses - Monthly [Mar 2026]
31/05/2026	ANIP_MTSLS_A	Slaughterings in slaughterhouses - Annual [2025]
	ANIP_MTSLO_M	Slaughterings other than in slaughterhouses [Jan 2026]
	AMS_AIP_A	Agricultural Input Prices [2025]
	FISH_CA_ATL21	Catches - north-west Atlantic (preliminary)

People:

Organisation chart of Eurostat's Unit E1 "Agriculture and fisheries" on 16.09.2025



Dir. E news:

There have been some staff changes in the past few months.



Arriving: Caterina COCCIA: Félix GARCIA MARTINEZ: Andre PADRAO

Departing: Patrick WOLF: Charlie BIWER

Events

Key upcoming events

Nov.	11-12	WG Agri-environmental statistics
Feb.	24 26	Absolute Input Prices (AIP) data transmission webinar (online) DGAS PG (online)
Mar.	04-05 18-19	SAIO WG on crop statistics WG on farm statistics – IFS 2030 (online)
Apr.	28	DGAS – IFS 2030 (online)
May	06-07	SAIO WG on animal production

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