



Austrian agriculture “Cattle in first place”

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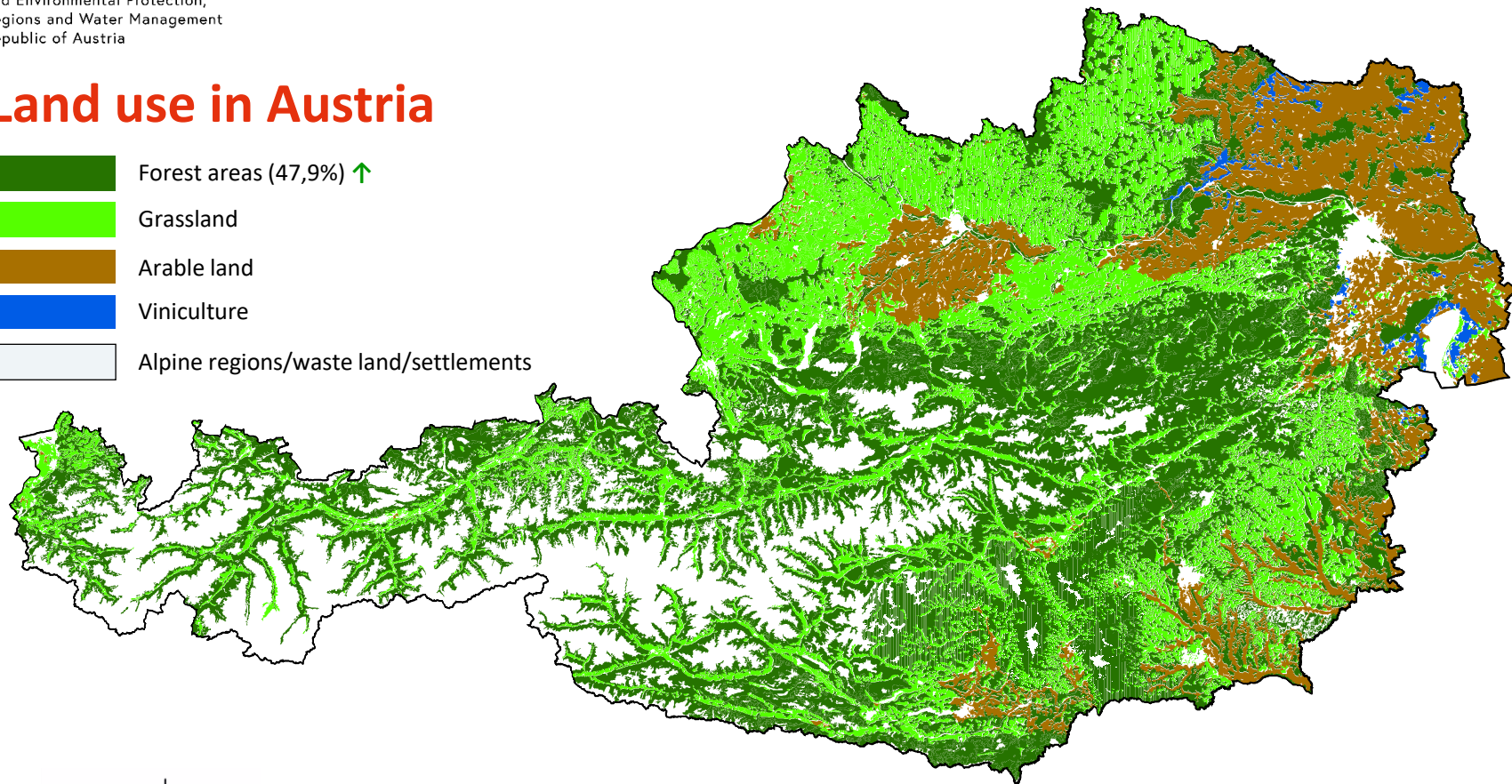
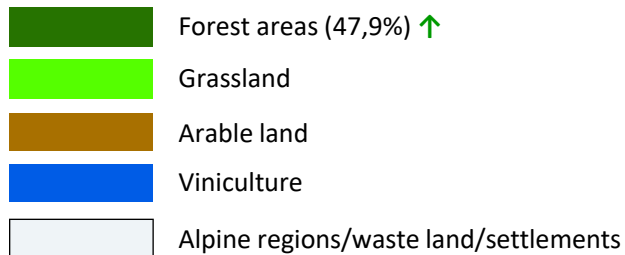


Austria – Facts & Figures

- Federal state with 9 regions (federal provinces)
- Population: ~ 9 million inhabitants (~ 2% of the EU population) ↑
- Capital: Vienna → 2 million inhabitants
- Density: 107 inhabitants per km²
- Territory: ~ 83.900 km²
- EU-Member: since 01.01.1995
- Main trading partners in the EU: Germany, Italy, Poland, France and Hungary
outside the EU: Switzerland and the USA



Land use in Austria



Rinderbestand pro Gemeinde 2025 in Österreich

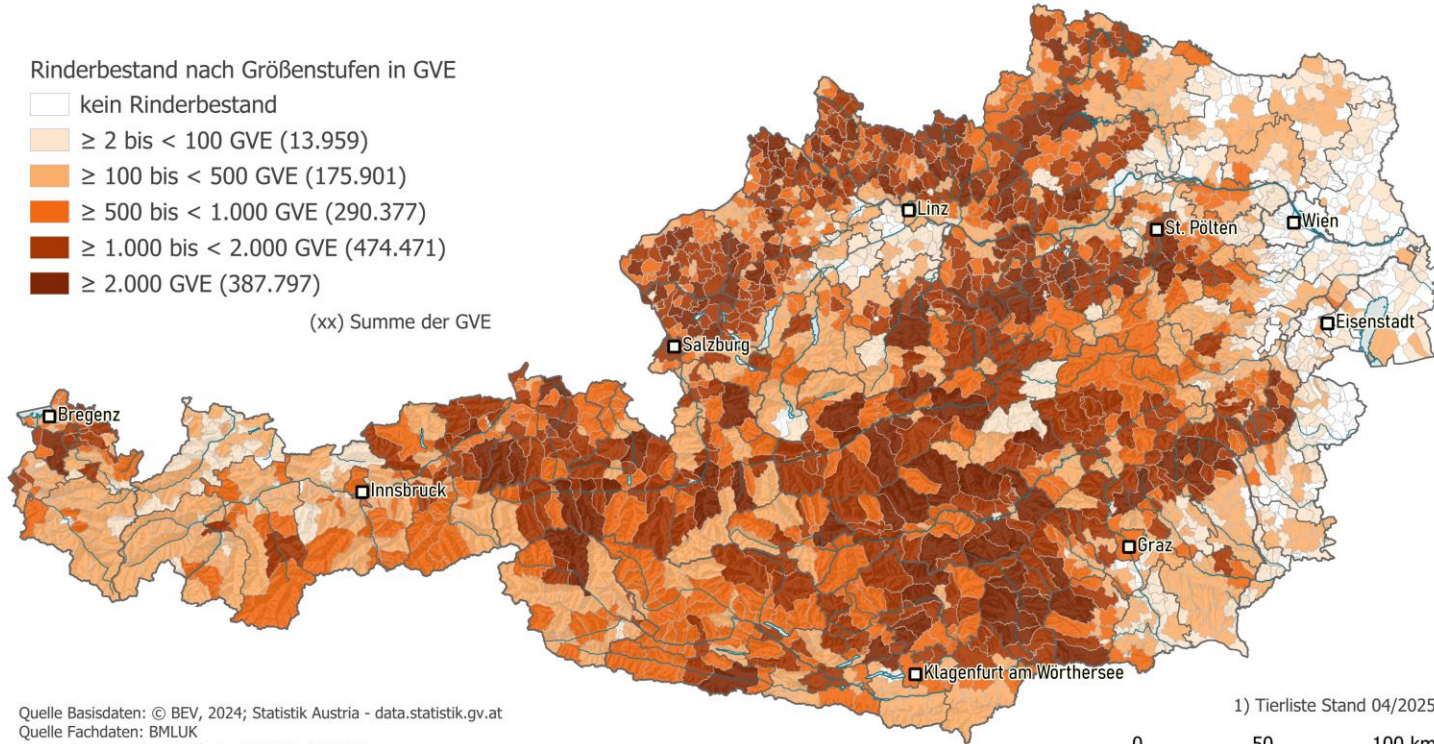
1.342.526 GVE in 48.692 Betrieben ¹⁾

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Rinderbestand nach Größenstufen in GVE

-  kein Rinderbestand
-  ≥ 2 bis < 100 GVE (13.959)
-  ≥ 100 bis < 500 GVE (175.901)
-  ≥ 500 bis < 1.000 GVE (290.377)
-  ≥ 1.000 bis < 2.000 GVE (474.471)
-  ≥ 2.000 GVE (387.797)

(xx) Summe der GVE



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1) Tierliste Stand 04/2025

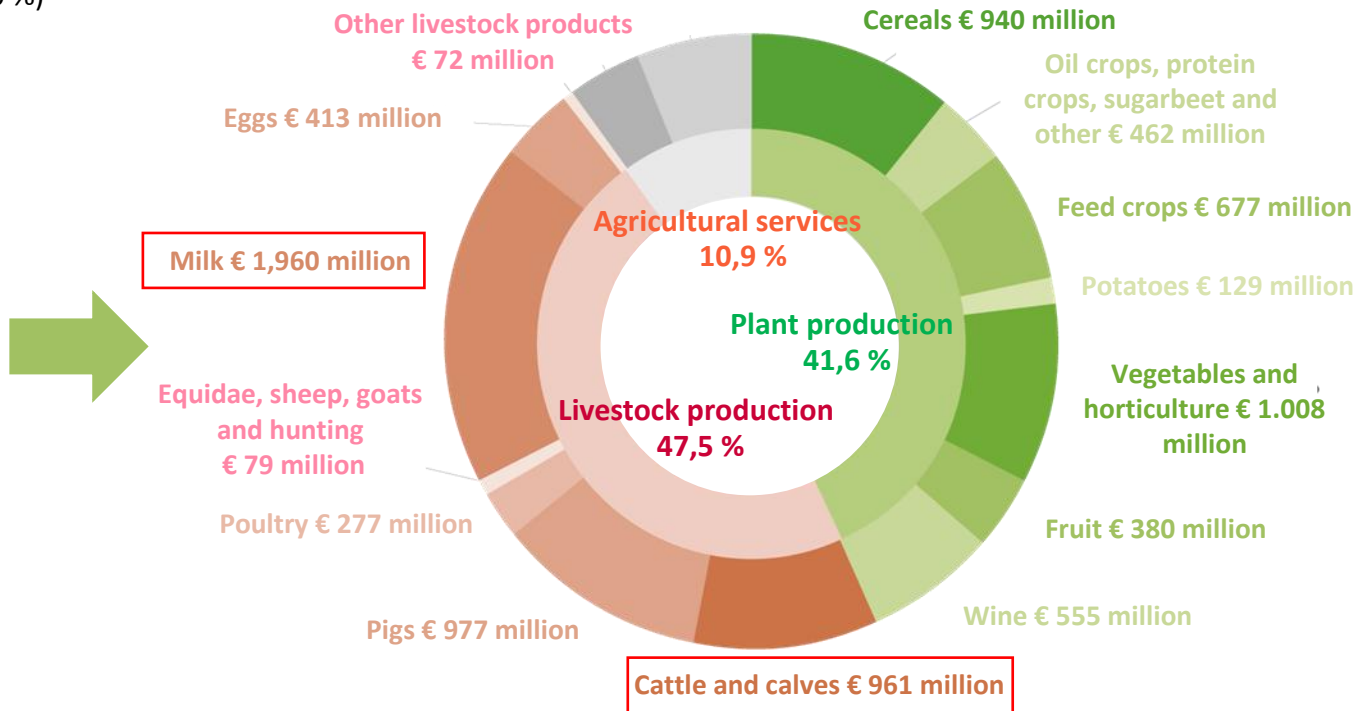
0 50 100 km

Austria is marked by mountains and large-scale grassland areas

- **Mountain and less favoured areas 3/4 of the state area, 70% of the agricultural area** (incl. alpine pastures)
- About **50 %** of the utilised agricultural area consist of **grassland**
 - Almost half of it are **extensive areas**, like the Alpine pastures in mountain areas
- The **topography of the landscape** determines the **priorities of agricultural production**
- **Cattle farming → Number 1** of agricultural production

Composition of the Austrian agricultural production 2024

Agriculture and forestry
12.907 million € (100 %)



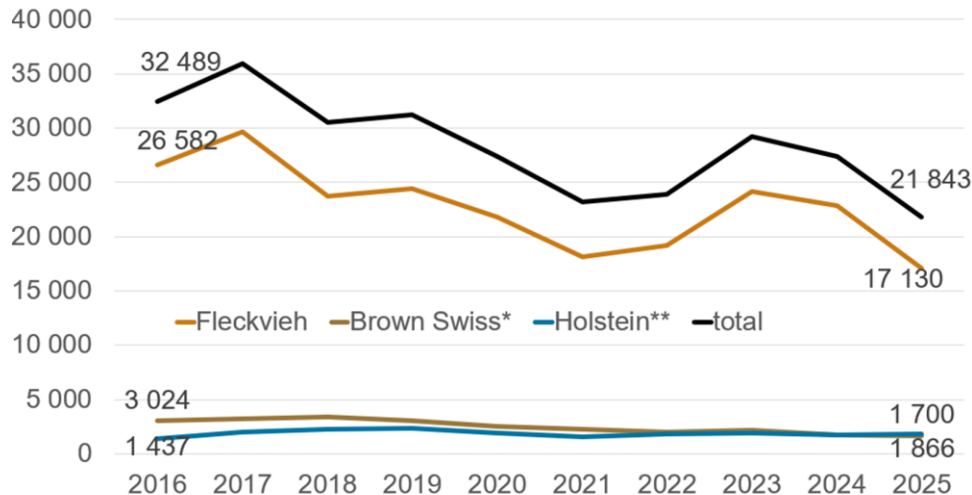
Exporting country in the sectors: milk, beef & breeding cattle

- Export of agricultural products 2024: **16.9 billion €**
- of which **79,000 live cattle**
- of which **103,000 t beef**
- of which **1,102,000 t milk & dairy products**
- **Over 50 % of the milk produced is exported** → main buyer countries: Germany and Italy
- **Cheese** is the most important export product
- **Very high share of milk from organic farming (18.5 %) & hey milk g.t.s. production (about 1/3 of organic milk) - without silage**

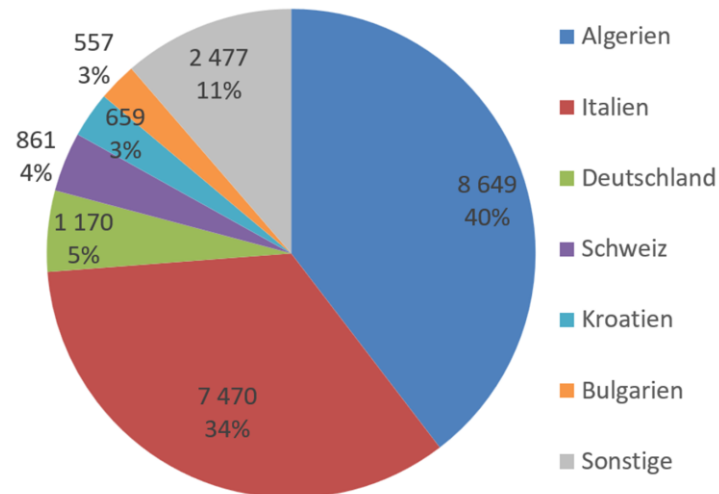


Export of breeding cattle

Development of Breeding Cattle Exports of the Breeds
Fleckvieh, Brown Swiss, and Holstein



Breeding Cattle Exports in 2025



**22.663 Dairy Farms in
Austria**

**4.337 Farms (19,1%)
with deliveries
over 250 t /year**

**Ø 158 t Milk
delivered per farm
(45 t in 2000)**

**20.497 Farms or 90%
are in disfavoured
areas**

**2024 Milk-
production
in Austria**

**5.916 Farms or 26,1%
are organic**

**5.199 Farms or 22,9% produce haymilk
(2.251 organic-haymilk)**

Development of Dairy Farms and Deliveries of Milk

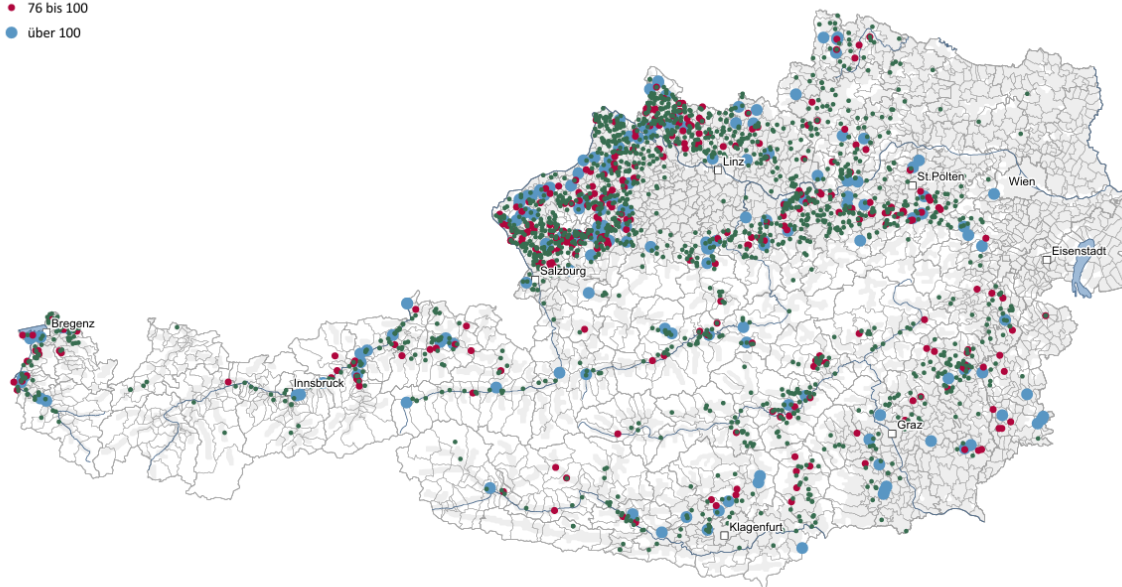
2025: Betriebe mit mehr als 50 Milchkühen je Gemeinde
2 159 Betriebe mit insgesamt 149 544 Milchkühen

Dairy Farms	Austria	%
year 2000	59.912	100
year 2024	22.663	38
Decline	-37.249	-62

Milk Deliveries	Austria	%
mio. t 2000	2.669	100
mio. t 2024	3.583	134
Increase	+866	+34

Anzahl der Milchkühe je Betrieb

- 51 bis 75
- 76 bis 100
- über 100



Cattle breeding in Austria

- **Mainly cattle with combined use** (milk and meat)
- Most important cattle breeds: **Fleckvieh (75 %)**, Holstein (7%) and Brown Swiss (6 %)
- Long tradition → use for **dairy and meat production**
 - positive effects of dual use from the point of view of **climate impact** and the **assured fattening capacity of the male calves**
- **Fitness**, animal health and longevity are important elements in the **breeding goal**
- **Organisations and decisions are in the hands of farmers**

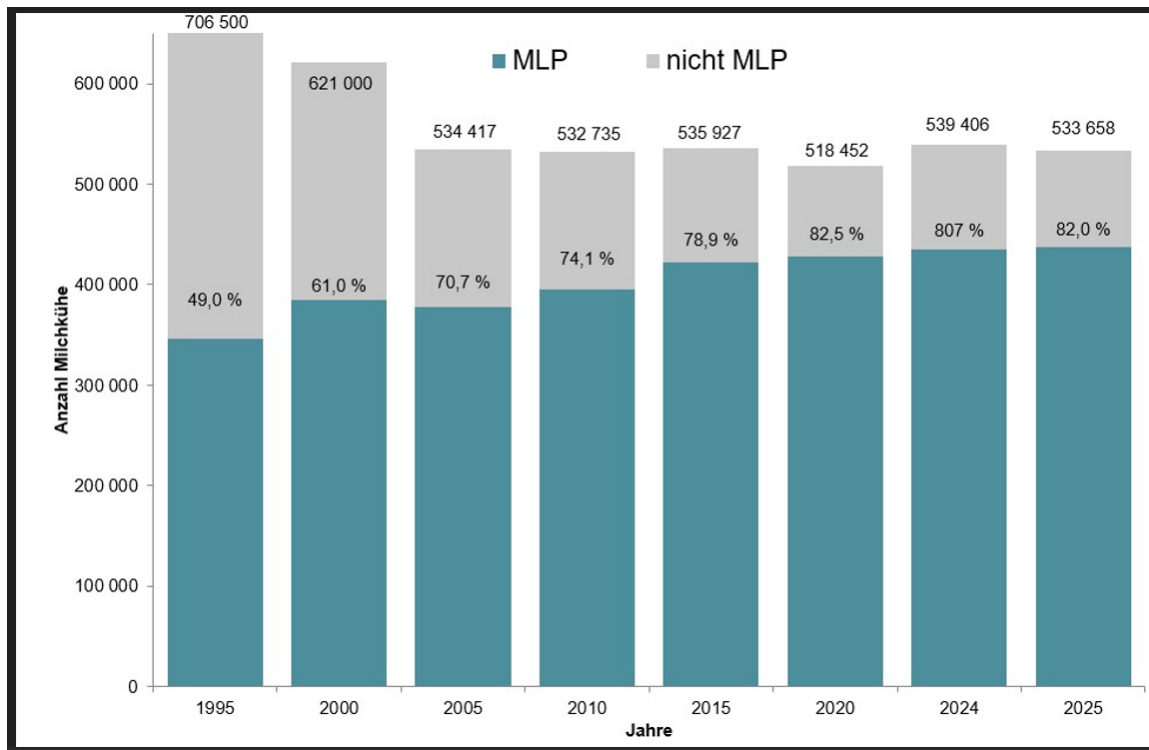


Cattle production highly structured in organizations

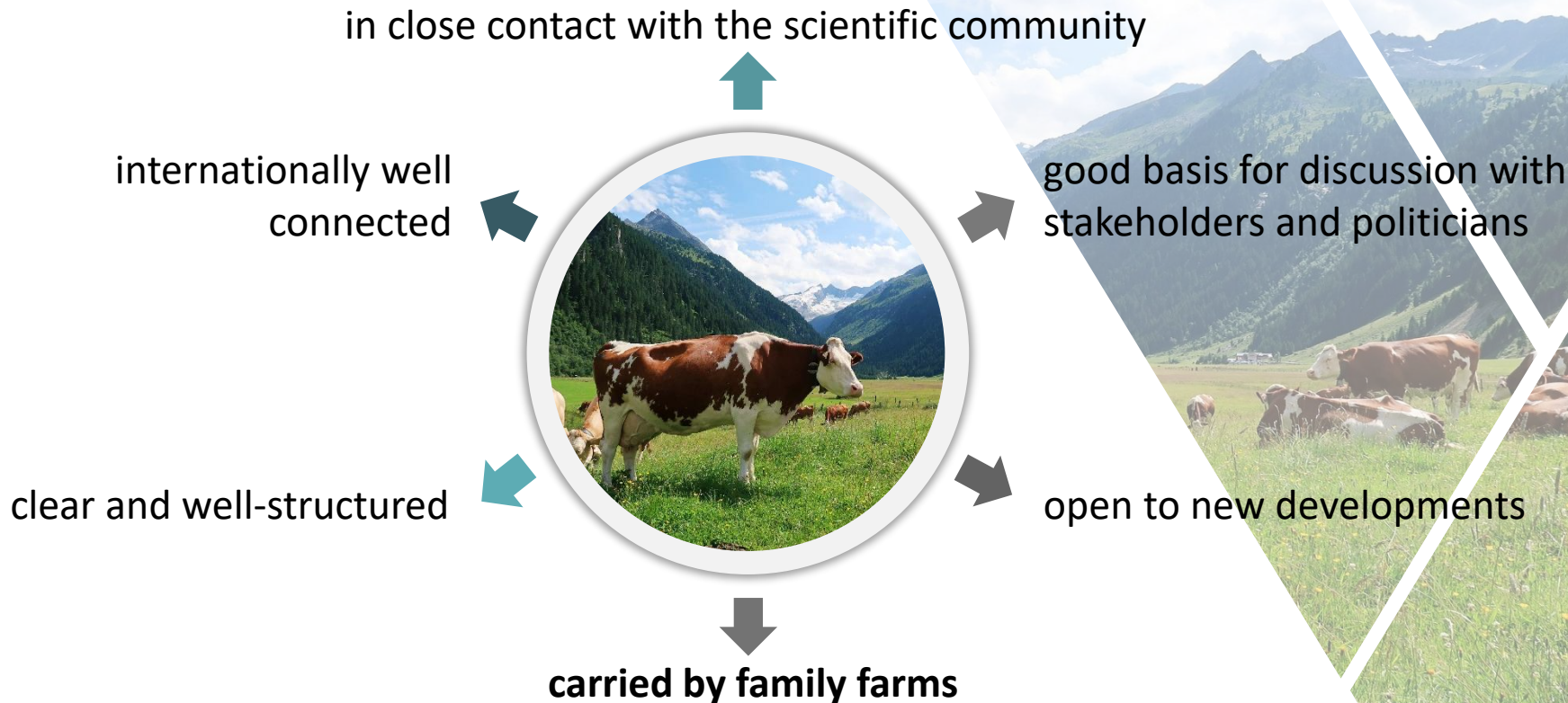


- **83 % of dairy cows** under **performance test**
- **78 % of dairy cows** participate in a **breeding program**
- **15 % of suckler cows** are in **beef cattle breeding program**
- Breeding farms are **members of breeding and inspection associations**
- Cattle breeders are mostly members of the **Animal Health Service** and produce according to the specifications of a **national seal of quality**
- **Rinderzucht Austria** with subsidiary **ZuchtData**: Representation of interests, coordination and further development of breeding as well as central data processing incl. breeding value estimation
- **One breeding program for each breed in Austria** – controlled by breed working groups (e.g. Fleckvieh Austria)

Development of Milk-Recording



Pillars of Austrian cattle breeding

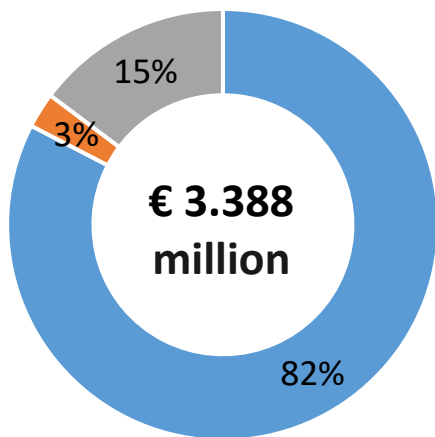


Support from public funds with focus on cattle farming

- **National payments**
 - Umbrella Organizations for breeding and marketing and their projects (breeding value estimation, animal fairs, ...)
 - Insurance premiums for animal diseases und epidemics
- **CAP-SP: Rural development**
 - Agri-environmental-climate interventions, payments for areas with natural or other constraints, investments, installation of young farmers and rural businesses, cooperation, knowledge exchange and information
 - Quality programs (milk recording, ...)
 - Animal Health Austria

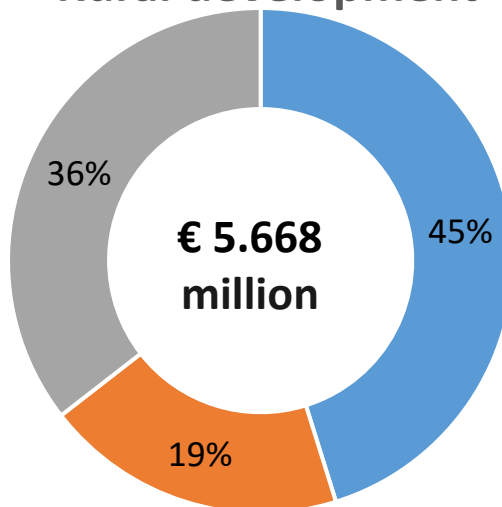
Financing of the Austrian CSP 2023-2027

Direct payments



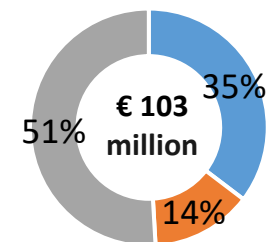
- De-coupled income support
- Coupled income support
- Eco schemes

Rural development



- Agri-environment
- Areas with constraints
- Projects in rural development

Sectoral types of interventions

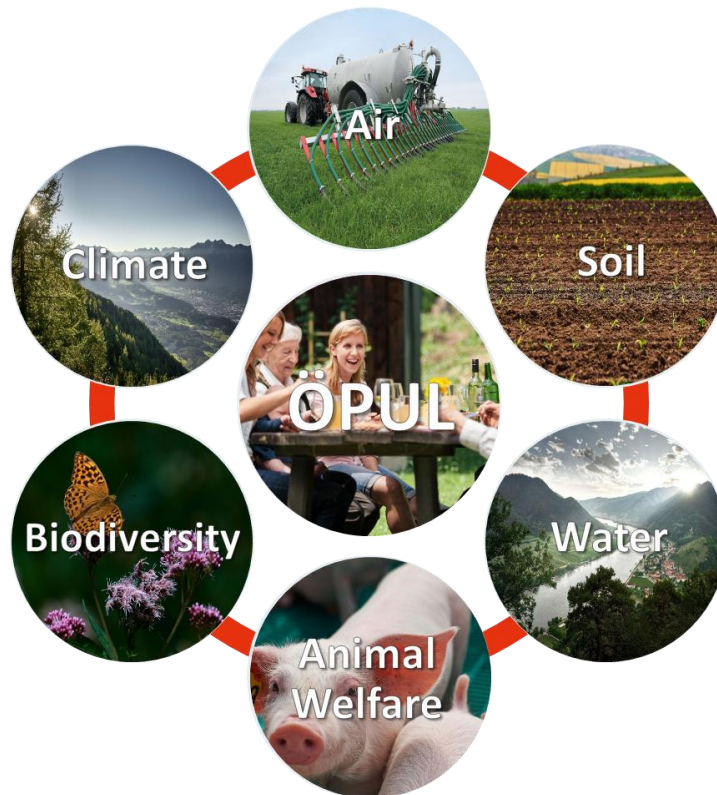


- Fruit & Vegetables
- Apiculture

Around 2/3 of the total funds (€ 9.16 billion) go to rural development

Austrian Agri-environmental Program - ÖPUL

83 % of the
farms
participate
in ÖPUL



Environmental
measures on
over 80 % of
the area

Thank you for your attention!

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