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During 2019, output of the agricultural activity in Malta increased by 4.3 per cent while the related expenditure incurred under intermediate consumption rose by 1.1 per cent.

Economic Accounts for Agriculture: 2019

During the twelve-month period under review, the gross value added of the agricultural industry advanced by 8.0 per cent over the previous year's total to €60.9 million. This improvement was primarily attributable to the growth of 4.3 per cent in the generated output (€126.4 million) that was higher than the increase of 1.1 per cent in the related expenses incurred under intermediate consumption (€65.5 million). In contrast, consumption of fixed capital declined by 0.9 per cent to a figure of €6.8 million; while compensation of employees increased by 0.4 per cent to a total wage disbursement figure of €4.5 million.

The industry was also financially assisted by a range of EU-funded programmes which, in 2019, amounted to €26.1 million; a decrease, however, of 12.6 per cent over the sum benefited from in 2018. Nonetheless, this assistance contributed to a marginal increase in the net operating surplus of the industry of 1.1 per cent to a total of €75.7 million.

Eventually, upon adding the latter surplus to the negative net property income of €1.1 million registered in 2019, the net entrepreneurial income of the agricultural industry in Malta is estimated to have increased by 1.2 per cent to €74.6 million (Table 1).

Agricultural activities registered increases in output generated through both crop cultivation as well as livestock meat products of 7.9 per cent and 5.5 per cent respectively. Such increases outweighed the drop in produce registered by secondary activities and animal products of 2.0 per cent and 1.3 per cent respectively (Table 2).

Intermediate consumption, which measures specific expenditure incurred during the production processes of the agricultural industry, was mainly characterised by increases in crop cultivation expenses as well as energy and fuel costs of 5.0 per cent and 3.1 per cent respectively (Table 3) ■

Chart 1. Output, intermediate consumption and gross value added in agricultural activities

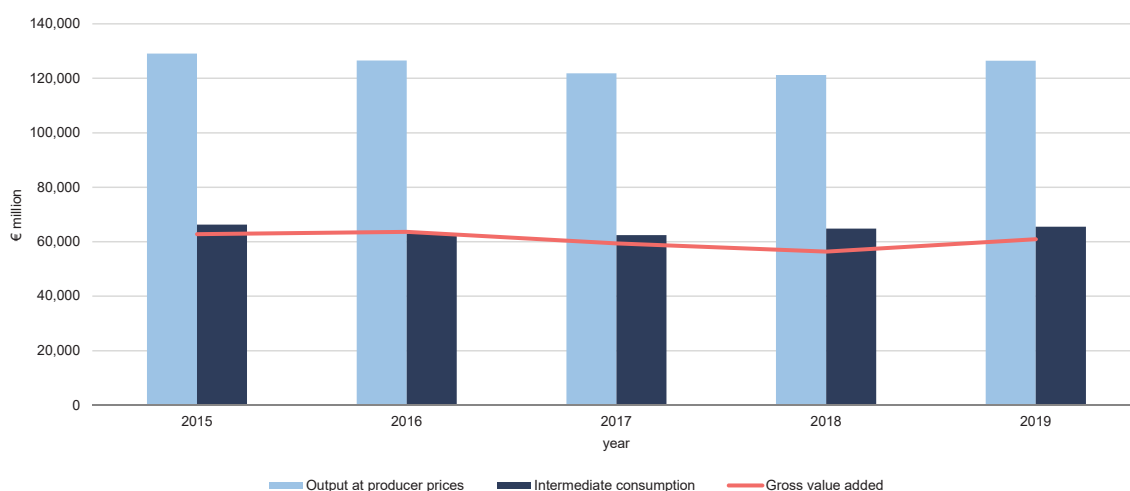


Table 1. Production account of the agricultural industry

	€ million					Percentage change 2019/2018
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 ^P	
Output	129,031	126,534	121,784	121,171	126,398	4.3
<i>less</i> Intermediate consumption	66,217	62,924	62,423	64,798	65,499	1.1
Value added, gross	62,813	63,610	59,361	56,373	60,899	8.0
<i>less</i> Consumption of fixed capital	7,261	7,098	6,378	6,815	6,755	-0.9
Value added, net	55,553	56,512	52,983	49,558	54,144	9.3
<i>less</i> Compensation of employees	3,804	4,094	4,129	4,457	4,476	0.4
<i>less</i> Taxes on production	0	0	0	0	0	-
<i>add</i> Subsidies on production	28,193	6,081	5,531	29,806	26,055	-12.6
Operating surplus, net	79,941	58,499	54,385	74,907	75,723	1.1
<i>add</i> Net property income	(1,295)	(1,217)	(1,128)	(1,153)	(1,074)	-6.8
Entrepreneurial income, net	78,646	57,282	53,256	73,754	74,649	1.2

^P Provisional

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Chart 2. Net entrepreneurial income in the agricultural industry

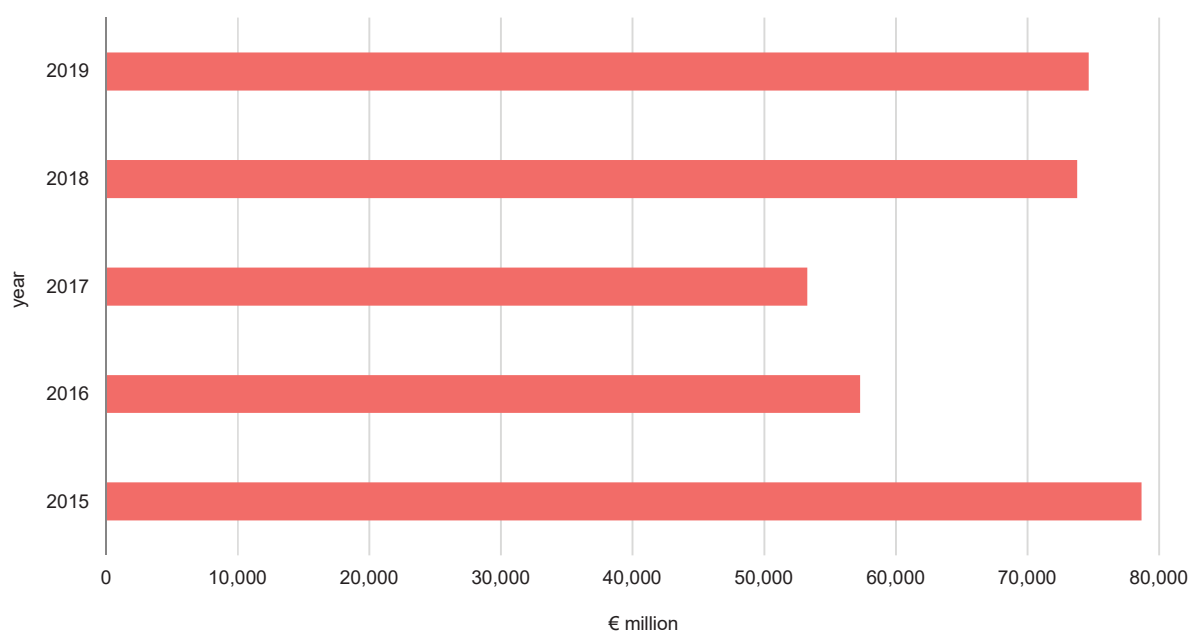


Table 2. Agricultural output by type of produce

	€ million					Percentage change 2019/2018
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 ^P	
Output	129,031	126,534	121,784	121,171	126,398	4.3
Livestock products	40,527	39,250	38,257	38,885	41,029	5.5
Beef	2,934	3,123	3,069	3,057	3,135	2.6
Pork	12,388	10,845	10,267	9,623	9,612	-0.1
Sheep and goats	368	378	388	426	430	1.0
Poultry	6,660	6,575	6,299	6,604	6,846	3.7
Rabbits	18,177	18,329	18,234	19,175	21,006	9.5
Animal products	26,985	28,689	29,143	29,701	29,314	-1.3
Milk	19,504	19,782	19,754	20,143	20,390	1.2
Eggs	7,261	8,680	9,168	9,307	8,661	-6.9
Other animal products	220	227	221	251	263	4.7
Crop products	54,378	52,061	47,719	45,436	49,047	7.9
Forage	3,933	2,742	3,978	4,255	4,198	-1.3
Vegetables	35,690	36,288	30,280	27,598	31,824	15.3
Potatoes	3,871	3,612	4,403	4,628	4,787	3.4
Fruits	7,119	5,966	6,127	6,922	5,939	-14.2
Flowers and seeds	3,766	3,453	2,932	2,034	2,299	13.0
Other products coming from secondary activities ¹	7,141	6,534	6,665	7,149	7,008	-2.0
Wine	2,467	1,743	1,754	1,760	1,565	-11.0
Cheese	4,673	4,791	4,911	5,389	5,443	1.0

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¹ Refers to activities carried out directly by farmers on their agricultural holdings.

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Chart 3. Percentage share of agricultural output by type of produce

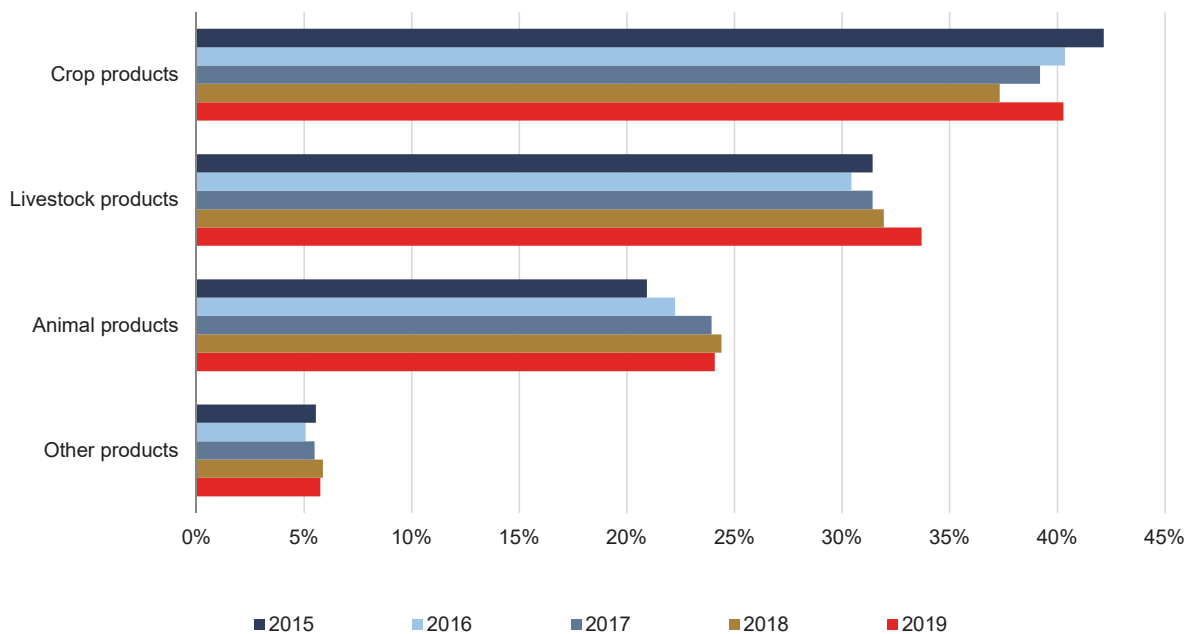


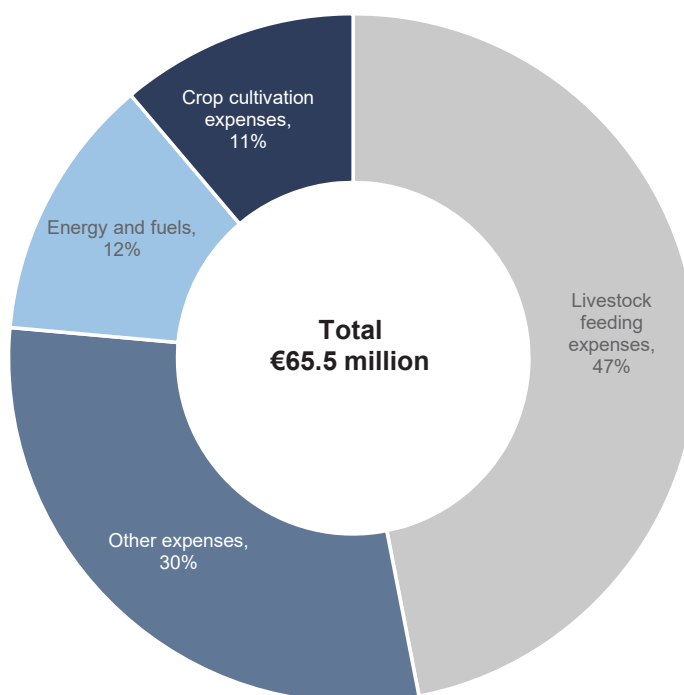
Table 3. Agricultural intermediate consumption by type of expense

	€ million					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 ^P	Percentage change 2019/2018
Intermediate consumption	66,217	62,924	62,423	64,798	65,499	1.1
Crop cultivation expenses	6,214	6,853	6,847	6,963	7,311	5.0
Seeds and planting stock	3,840	4,265	4,236	4,331	4,657	7.5
Fertilisers and soil improvers	1,860	2,025	2,026	2,036	2,055	1.0
Plant protection products and pesticides	514	563	585	596	598	0.3
Livestock feeding expenses	31,159	28,393	28,834	30,491	30,757	0.9
Energy and fuels	8,561	7,795	7,666	7,891	8,135	3.1
Electricity	1,052	1,010	968	991	982	-0.9
Other fuels and propellants	7,509	6,785	6,698	6,900	7,153	3.7
Other expenses	20,283	19,883	19,076	19,453	19,296	-0.8
Maintenance expenses	7,552	7,331	6,981	7,176	6,982	-2.7
Maintenance of buildings	2,365	2,314	2,210	2,166	2,305	6.4
Veterinary services	1,292	1,250	1,206	1,248	1,474	18.1
Other agricultural services	9,075	8,989	8,678	8,863	8,536	-3.7

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Chart 4. Agricultural intermediate consumption by relative share of expense: 2019



Methodological notes:

1. The data published in this release is based on the methodologies for the Economic Accounts for Agriculture and Forestry (EAA/EAF 97, Rev. 1.1).
2. Data on the generated output of agriculture is collected from a number of sources. The civil abattoir provides monthly slaughtering statistics by type of animal while the private slaughterhouses supply data on the volume and value of slaughtered poultry and rabbits. The principal fruit and vegetable markets provide data on the volume and wholesale value of the produce harvested by the farmer, the Rural Development Department provides administrative data on the activity of wineries whereas the Agriculture and Rural Payment Agency provides data on subsidies. Separately, the NSO collects statistical data through an annual survey on the quantity and value of tomatoes picked for processing.
3. Data on intermediate consumption is based on compilations whose sources are administrative records and input price indices that are collected on a quarterly basis from the retail businesses that cater for the agricultural activity.
4. The Economic Accounts and the other economic indicators published in this release refer to a complete calendar year.
5. The data in this release is provisional and subject to revision. Updates are carried out annually in respect of a rolling two-year period.

6. Definitions:

- **Output** represents the total value of agricultural produce generated through agricultural activity over an entire calendar year period.
- **Intermediate consumption** represents the value of specifically-classified goods and services used as inputs in agricultural production processes with the exception of some specific items which, by methodology, are classified elsewhere.
- Gross value added of the agricultural activity is the value of output less intermediate consumption by all the agricultural holdings before deducting any incurred gross fixed capital consumption (i.e. depreciation of fixed assets).
- **Net entrepreneurial income** measures the net operating surplus of the agricultural holding with the addition of any net property income (i.e. after adding and deducting any transactions such as rents and interest).

7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Sources and Methods:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_B3/Environment_Energy_Transport_and_Agriculture_Statistics/Pages/Economic-Accounts-for-Agriculture.aspx

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>

8. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
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