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## World Food Day: 2014

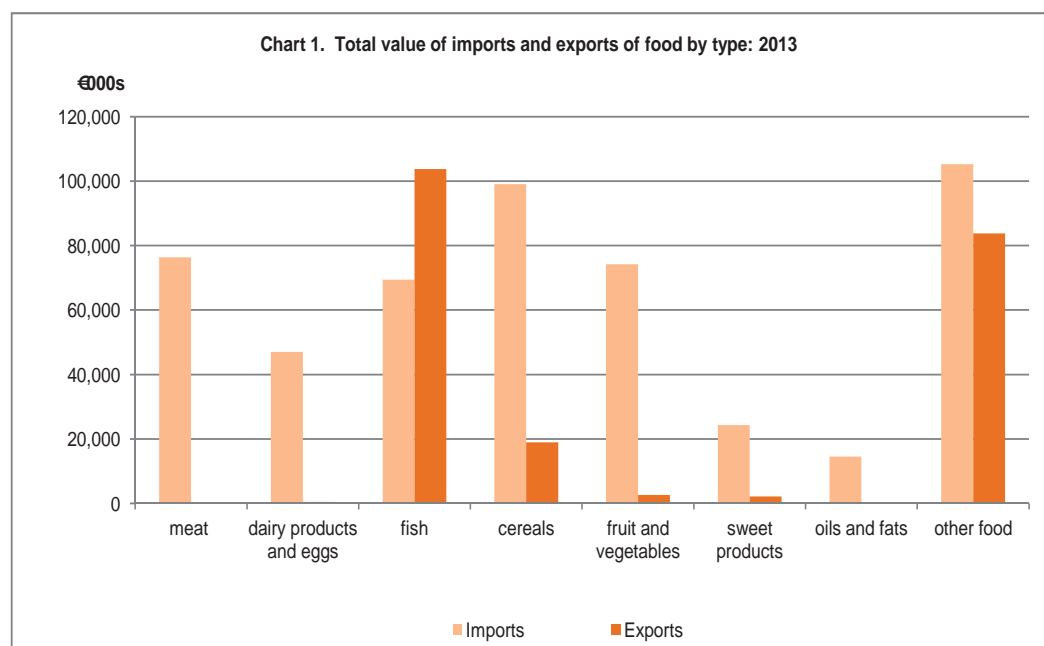
On the occasion of World Food Day (16 October) the NSO is publishing a set of figures relating to the food sector in Malta, with a focus on international trade in food and on local agricultural production. This year, the Day's theme chosen by the United Nations is: "Family Farming: Feeding the world, caring for the earth".

Table 1 shows the final agricultural production during the last five years. In 2013, this was estimated at 140,310 tonnes, an increase of 1.2 per cent over 2012. The production of vegetables amounted to 73,933 tonnes, an increase of 5.4 per cent over the previous year, and contributed to 52.7 per cent of total final production.

On the other hand, in 2013 the production of milk registered an annual decline of 5.5 per cent, while its share of total final agricultural production amounted to 29.2 per cent.

Food inflation measured by means of the 12-month moving average rate was 4.8 per cent in 2013, while the annual rate stood at 2.6 per cent (Table 2). Food prices were higher mainly in respect of fruit, chocolate, fish, eggs and vegetables (Chart 3).

Current estimates for 2013 put the value of imported foodstuffs at €510 million, an increase of 0.2 per cent when compared to 2012 (Table 3). Increases were recorded in most food products, mainly fruit and vegetables (+7.4 per cent) and milk, cheese and eggs (+2.8 per cent). Malta's food exports advanced by 13.2 per cent to an estimated value of €212 million when compared to 2012. This was mainly due to an increase in the exports of fish and other food, by 16.8 and 15.4 per cent respectively (Table 4) ■



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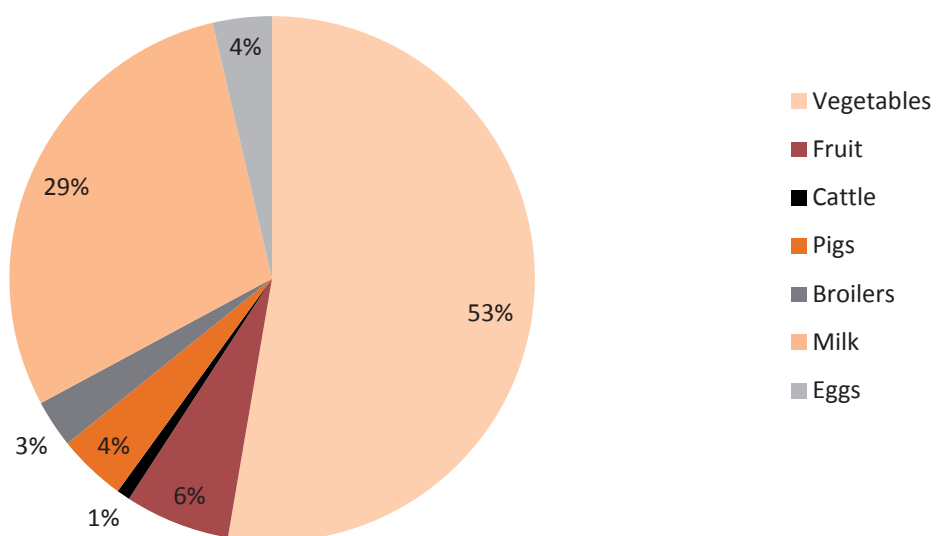
**Table 1. Final production of agricultural products**

tonnes

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Vegetables	70,455	79,248	82,548	70,170	73,933
Fruit	9,873	8,631	9,432	9,804	9,109
Cattle	1,543	1,422	1,128	1,111	1,134
Pigs	7,369	7,511	7,305	5,665	5,920
Broilers	4,686	4,398	4,155	4,244	4,115
Milk	39,455	42,127	41,693	43,360	40,986
Eggs	6,955	5,091	3,434	4,317	5,113
<b>Total</b>	<b>140,335</b>	<b>148,427</b>	<b>149,695</b>	<b>138,671</b>	<b>140,310</b>

Source: Agriculture and Environment Statistics

**Chart 2. Percentage distribution of final agricultural production: 2013**



**Table 2. Price inflation by food type**  
*December 2002=100*

Per cent

Food type	12-month moving average rate 2011	Annual rate (Dec 2011)	12-month moving average rate 2012	Annual rate (Dec 2012)	12-month moving average rate 2013	Annual rate (Dec 2013)
<b>1 FOOD</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>4.09</b>	<b>4.70</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>4.77</b>	<b>2.63</b>
1.001 Fresh bread and fresh pastry	10.60	3.01	2.80	6.92	6.42	2.62
1.002 Cereals	-0.41	-0.30	1.26	2.55	-1.54	-1.92
1.003 Flour, bakery products	-1.36	-0.36	1.02	1.15	0.93	1.15
1.004 Biscuits and rusks	5.63	5.83	4.10	3.68	1.55	0.71
1.005 Pasta	-0.62	-0.13	1.48	2.21	0.69	-0.14
1.006 Beef/Pork	3.56	7.91	7.69	8.52	7.60	2.87
1.007 Frozen meat	12.34	14.66	8.65	5.87	2.42	0.73
1.008 Poultry and Rabbit meat	2.09	2.04	3.02	6.58	6.13	3.60
1.009 Prepared and processed meat	5.10	8.44	7.92	8.57	6.56	1.08
1.010 Fish, fresh or chilled	16.25	67.17	11.08	5.68	10.63	-12.49
1.011 Prepared and preserved fish and seafood	6.82	10.69	12.54	13.32	8.53	5.56
1.012 Eggs	16.42	6.81	11.55	19.75	9.85	0.17
1.013 Milk and milk products	3.74	3.31	1.84	2.98	1.83	0.15
1.014 Cheese	2.27	0.18	1.06	0.88	2.46	3.49
1.015 Refined Oils	5.94	8.06	2.40	-0.01	-1.55	-0.98
1.016 Margarine and butter	10.64	9.63	3.86	0.24	5.10	8.44
1.017 Fruits, fresh or chilled	5.01	0.19	0.98	4.71	16.68	1.96
1.018 Preserved and processed fruits	3.05	4.99	4.15	3.27	3.98	2.67
1.019 Ice-cream	2.18	1.23	4.94	7.75	6.52	2.99
1.020 Sugar	23.45	41.36	14.03	2.01	-1.12	-2.10
1.021 Chocolate	1.04	1.15	3.86	5.79	11.68	12.22
1.022 Unprocessed potatoes	-5.89	-29.99	0.98	29.61	19.72	26.50
1.023 Processed potatoes	7.90	8.09	2.29	0.79	2.83	4.27
1.024 Vegetables	0.76	-5.70	12.41	23.87	9.73	15.70
1.025 Processed vegetables	0.43	3.95	5.07	3.98	2.80	3.71
1.026 Other foods	1.15	3.53	7.77	6.48	1.70	0.93
1.027 Tea	1.39	3.85	2.12	2.32	6.07	1.10
1.028 Coffee	4.91	6.01	6.40	8.18	2.58	-1.27
1.029 Cocoa	0.87	2.41	1.89	0.22	6.52	8.10
1.030 Served meals and food	1.00	2.40	1.54	0.32	0.80	1.13
1.031 Take-aways	3.23	5.45	6.48	5.39	2.25	1.45

Source: Price Statistics

**Chart 3. Inflation (%) recorded in respect of selected food products in 2013 compared to 2012**

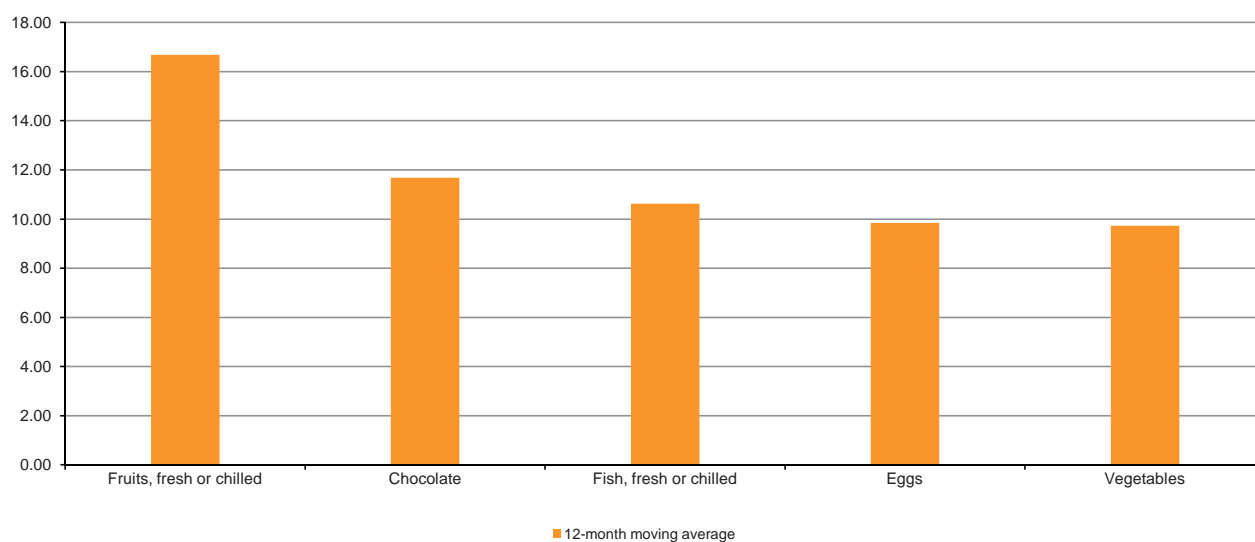


Table 3. Imports of food

€000s

Item	Food type	2009*	2010*	2011*	2012*	2013*
1	Meat fresh, frozen or prepared	68,404	67,729	74,072	75,823	76,363
2	Milk, cheese and eggs	39,739	40,970	45,150	45,686	46,984
3	Fish fresh, frozen or prepared	38,036	36,876	36,973	73,523	69,369
4	Cereals and preparations	70,153	68,816	77,681	101,357	99,044
5	Fruit and vegetables	61,954	66,337	68,088	69,079	74,209
6	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	15,225	20,651	23,832	24,281	24,309
7	Oils and fats	12,495	12,233	13,954	15,168	14,511
8	Other food not elsewhere specified	89,044	87,598	94,056	104,195	105,272
	<b>Food imports</b>	<b>395,050</b>	<b>401,209</b>	<b>433,806</b>	<b>509,112</b>	<b>510,059</b>
	<b>Total imports</b>	<b>3,475,241</b>	<b>4,330,261</b>	<b>5,339,442</b>	<b>6,187,471</b>	<b>5,683,057</b>

Table 4. Exports of food

€000s

Item	Food type	2009*	2010*	2011*	2012*	2013*
1	Meat fresh, frozen or prepared	425	389	175	493	383
2	Milk, cheese and eggs	105	97	398	280	457
3	Fish fresh, frozen or prepared	14,893	70,259	55,722	88,773	103,728
4	Cereals and preparations	4,626	8,269	8,579	21,521	18,956
5	Fruit and vegetables	845	1,096	3,630	2,341	2,593
6	Sugar, sugar preparations and honey	12	13	213	1,319	2,190
7	Oils and fats	39	5	0	9	15
8	Other food not elsewhere specified	48,746	55,560	61,165	72,531	83,717
	<b>Food exports</b>	<b>69,691</b>	<b>135,688</b>	<b>129,883</b>	<b>187,267</b>	<b>212,038</b>
	<b>Total exports</b>	<b>2,087,436</b>	<b>2,809,339</b>	<b>3,819,015</b>	<b>4,438,608</b>	<b>3,925,210</b>

\* Provisional

Note 1: Includes trade in live and frozen fish used in the aquaculture industry. See Methodological Note in respect of Tables 3 and 4.

Note 2: Items are classified according to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) as follows:

Item 1 is Division 01 of the SITC

Item 2 is Division 02 of the SITC

Item 3 is Division 03 of the SITC

Item 4 is Division 04 of the SITC

Item 5 is Division 05 of the SITC

Item 6 is Division 06 of the SITC

Item 7 is made up of Divisions 41, 42, 43 and part of 09 (091)

Item 8 is made up of Divisions 07, 08, and part of 09 (098)

Source: International Trade and Transport Statistics.

**Methodological Notes:**

**Table 1:** Final agricultural production is arrived at by deducting losses incurred and output for own use from gross production. Final production refers to all goods and services actually consumed.

**Table 2:** The 12-month moving average rate of inflation compares retail price indices of the immediate past 12 months with the indices of the previous 12 months. Hence, the 12-month average rate measures inflation over a relatively long period when compared to the monthly inflation rate and the annual inflation rate, the latter two rates being more subject to transient changes in prices.

**Tables 3 and 4:** The classification used is the Standard International Trade Classification, Third Revision. The short title of this classification is: SITC Rev. 3. According to this classification, food items are classified in the food category irrespective of whether this food is meant for human consumption or otherwise. This classification may be viewed in full at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST\\_NOM&StrGroupCode=CLASSIFIC&StrLanguageCode=EN](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_NOM&StrGroupCode=CLASSIFIC&StrLanguageCode=EN)