

HIGH NATURE VALUE FARMLAND AND FARMING CONFERENCE

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HIGH NATURE VALUE FARMLAND IN MONTENEGRO

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Montenegro:

- Area – 13.812 km²,
- Total population – 650.000
- Popul. density – 47 inhab./km²
- Capital – Podgorica
- Divided into 21 municipalities
- Coastline: 293.5 km




- Area of Montenegro is characterized by diversity of geomorphological shapes and forms:
- Only 10% of the territory is up to 200m altitude.
- 35% - 200 to 1,000 m,
- 40% - 1,000 to 1,500m,
- About 15% of surface is at altitude over 1,500m.



Canyon of the river Mrtvica

Main characteristics of Montenegro's agriculture

- **Land resources:**
 - 518.000 ha of total agricultural land, or **0.8ha per capita**
 - 190.000 ha of arable land, or **0.30 ha per capita,**
- **Agriculture is quite diversified** 

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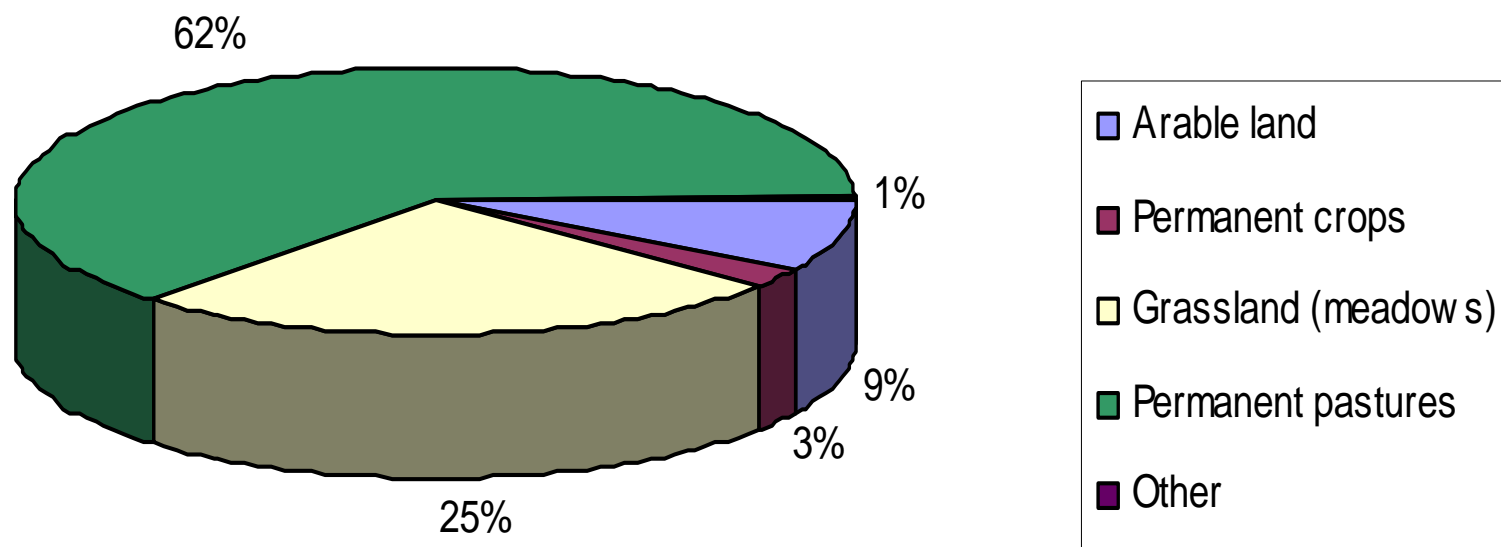
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to extensive sheep breeding in the northern part.

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- Montenegro is a **net importer** of food (aprox. 150 mio.€ is a deficit),
- **Economic importance** – high share in GDP (primary agric. 8%), together with processing industry - around 20%,
- There is **no commercial production** of cereals, corn, sugar beat and oil crops.
- Agriculture is **labor intensive**, plays a role of a social buffer – as the main source of income or a part of income for more than 60,000 of rural households,
- **Low level of use of chemicals** – good opportunity for environmental friendly ways of production

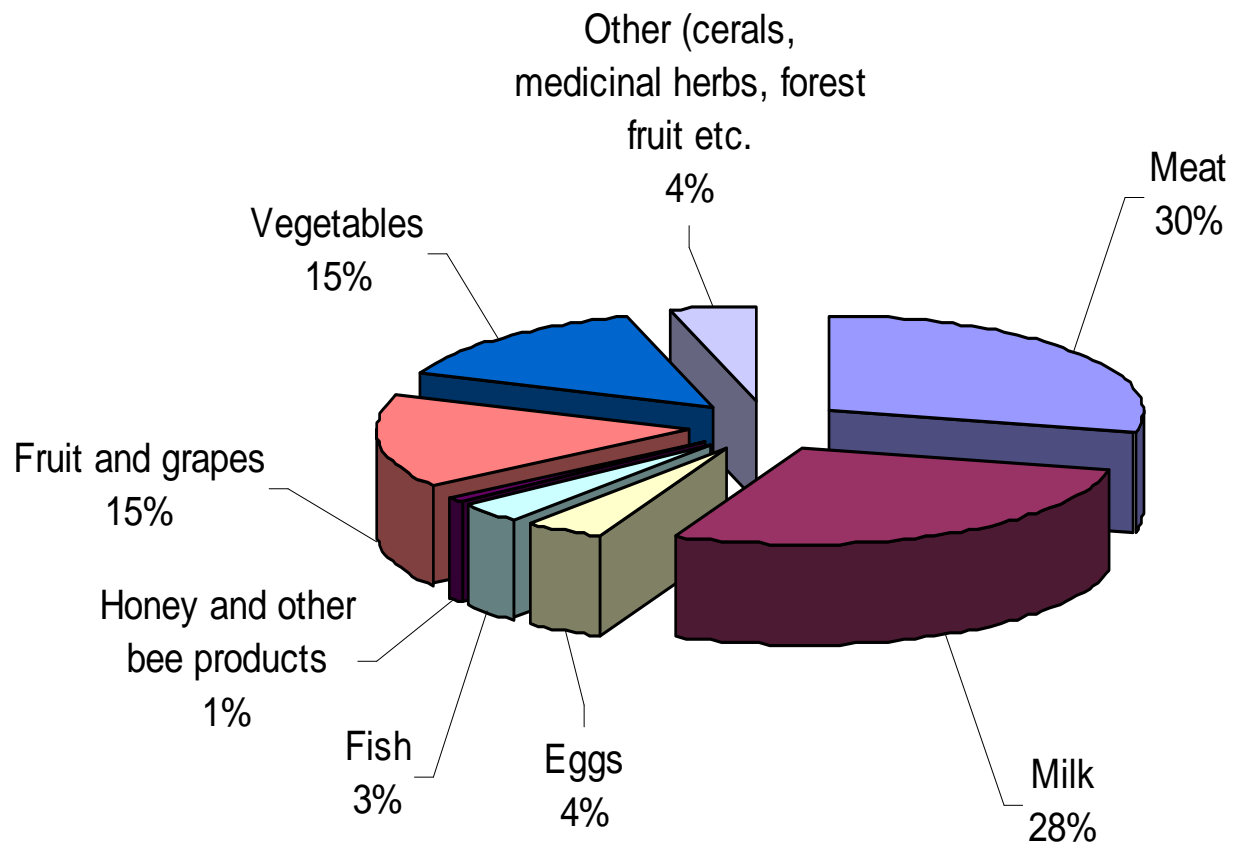
Structure of agricultural land in Montenegro



Total Agricultural land - 517,337 ha			
Arable land (fields and gardens)	44,524 ha	Grassland (meadows)	128,621 ha
Permanent crops	16,107 ha	Permanent pastures	325,436 ha
Other	2,649 ha		

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SECTOR'S SHARE IN TOTAL VALUE OF THE AGRICULTURE





SWOT analyses of the agriculture

Strengths

- Available land resources
- Price competitiveness for limited number of products
- Good preconditions for organic agriculture
- Tradition in production
- New capacities in the processing industry
- Positive changes in the institutional frame

Opportunities

- Organic agriculture,
- Production of traditional certified products in greater volume,
- Tourism as a driving force for the local products,
- Export of wine, vegetables, fruit, lamb meat etc.

Weaknesses

- Insufficient technological level causes low competitiveness
- Small scale production – subsistence farming prevails
- Age, social and educational level of producers are not favorable
- The food chain is still weak

Threats

- Opening of the market can threaten the sensitive sectors
- Neglecting of agriculture in the general economical policy, lack of the support
- Failure in harmonization of the legislation with the EU *Acquis* and in capacity building

The reforms in the agricultural sector

Three main pillars of the reforms:

- ***Agricultural policy*** – gradual introduction of the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) through implementation of the strategy “MONTENEGRO’S AGRICULTURE AND EUROPEAN UNION – Food Production and Rural Development Strategy”;
- ***Legislation:*** harmonization of legislation with the EU *Acquis communautaire* EU in all sub-sectors: agricultural market, rural development, food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, fisheries,
- ***Institutional reforms:*** - strengthening of administrative and institutional capacities in the widest sense (research, education, labs, extension and professional services, inspections),

Measures of RD policy foreseen in the National Program for Food production and Rural Development, 2009-2013

Measures for sustainable management of natural resources – Axis II	
Less favoured area	Payment per ha - classification criteria will be determined till 2012
Preservation of agricultural genetic resource	Payment 60€ per Livestock Unit (LU) and 130€ per ha for agricultural crops
Organic production	Payment 120€ per ha field crops, 220€ for vegetable and perennial crops, 40€ per LU, from 2010 on the base of real costs
Sustainable use of mountain pasture	Payment per LU - 20€

**Olive trees of autochthonous
variety Zutica**



Murici, Scadar lake





Buchwheat



Potato seed



Bjelasica



Sinjajevina

**Moving livestock from valleys to
mountain pasture still exists**



Mountain pasture with summer settlements called katuns



Enrichment of AnGR



Traditional products....





and ceremonies





THANK YOU

