

CAP post-2013: Key graphs & figures

Graph 3

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Evolution of agricultural income as a share of average income in the economy

This graph shows the evolution of agricultural income as a share of average income in the whole economy, based on a comparison of hourly earnings¹.

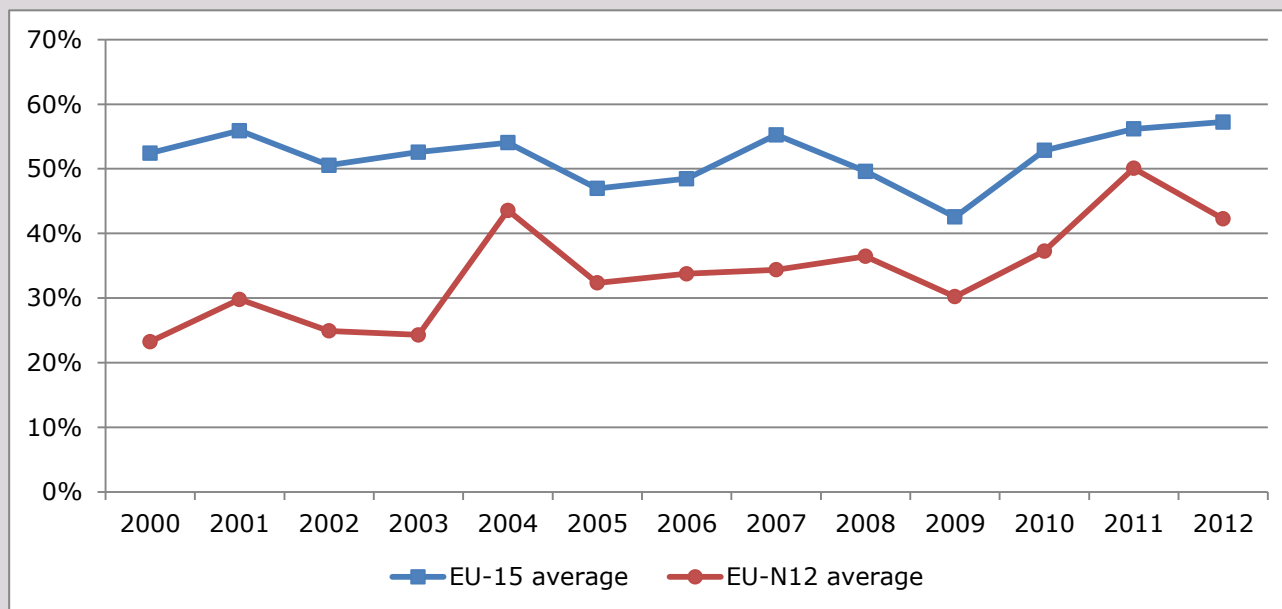
The level of agricultural income is generally lower than average income in the whole economy.

In the **EU-15** hourly agricultural earnings have fluctuated between 47% and 57% of average earnings with the exception of 2009 (when it dipped to just 43%).

In the **EU-N12**, agricultural earnings are catching up faster with the rest of the economy, albeit from a lower base than in the old Member States. Hourly agricultural income was just below one quarter of average income in the whole economy in 2000 but had reached over 40% of this level by 2012.

Furthermore, income in agriculture and the whole economy is growing faster in the EU-N12 than in the EU-15.

Evolution of agricultural income as a share of average income in the economy*



*Hourly earnings in agriculture compared to average hourly earnings in the whole economy

¹ Agricultural income = agricultural entrepreneurial income/AWU/number of hours worked, average income in the total economy = wages and salaries/AWU/number of hours worked, AWU = annual working units. Data for Malta (2007-2012) are estimates.

Source: European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, based on Eurostat data on national and agricultural accounts.