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Executive Summary

The Regional Accounts for Agriculture (RAA) provide data on the economic situation of agriculture at the level of the federal provinces, and are therefore an important extension to the Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA) at national level. The results are forwarded to the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) on the basis of a gentlemen's agreement. They are also used as a basis for calculations in the Regional Accounts (RA) in the framework of the National Accounts (NA).

The Regional Accounts for Agriculture are compiled in accordance with the concepts and rules applicable in the national EAA set out in the [Regulation \(EC\) No. 138/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 December 2003 on the Economic Accounts for Agriculture in the Community as amended](#). Moreover, the specific recommendations of the [Eurostat Manual on the Economic Accounts for Agriculture and Forestry EAA/EAF 97 Rev.1.1](#) for the RAA must be taken into account.

The area of focus of the RAA is the agricultural industry. This is not directly congruent with the agricultural industry as defined in the Regional or National Accounts. The scope of the RAA is defined on the basis of the list of characteristic agricultural activities and units according to the EAA at national level. In principle, the agricultural industry in a region comprises the units (agricultural holdings) engaged in agricultural activities on the regional territory.

The RAA contain the following accounts:

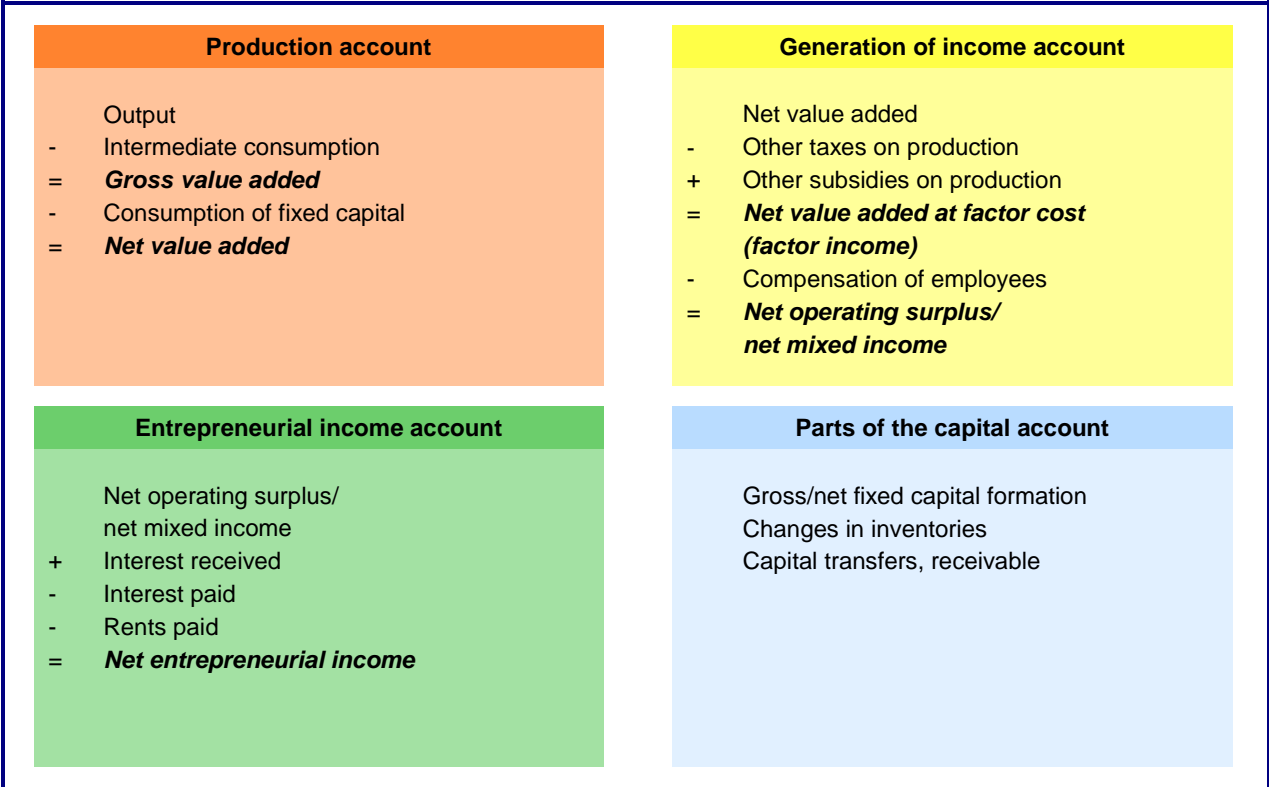
- production account (output, intermediate consumption, value added);
- generation of income account (net operating surplus/mixed income);
- entrepreneurial income account (net entrepreneurial income) and
- parts of the capital account (fixed capital formation, changes in inventories, capital transfers).

According to the transmission program of Eurostat data has to be provided at current prices. Contrary to the national EAA, the delivery program for the RAA does not include any information on agricultural labour input.

Main data sources for the RAA are Agricultural Production and Price Statistics as well as the results from the national Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN). As far as possible bottom-up methods are used for the calculations. However, it is not always possible to avoid regionalizing the corresponding federal value in the top-down method using indicators. The reference period is the calendar year.

The results of the RAA for a particular reference year are published in October of the following year. These results are consistent with the national EAA data published in July of the same year.

Figure 1: Eurostat delivery program for the Regional Accounts for Agriculture



Regional Accounts for Agriculture – Main Features	
Subject matter	Analysis of the production process and determination of primary income as well as of elements of capital formation in the agricultural industry at the level of the federal provinces
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agricultural industry (the definition of the agricultural industry in the RAA differs from that in the Regional Accounts in the framework of the National Accounts) - Basic unit: agricultural holding
Type of statistics	Economic accounts
Data sources/Survey techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agricultural Production Statistics (Harvest Survey, Livestock Surveys, Slaughtering Statistics, etc.) - Statistics on Agricultural and Forestry Producer Prices, Agricultural Price Indices - Other agricultural statistics (Farm Structure Survey, Survey of Commercial Fruit Plantations, Horticultural and Field Vegetable Cultivation Survey, etc.) - Farm Accountancy Data Network - Data and calculations from other institutions (e.g. AMA, BMNT, BAB, QGV) - Others
Reference period or due day	Reference period: calendar year
Periodicity	Yearly
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	Does not apply
Main legal acts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement concluded between the BMNT (former BMLFUW) on its own behalf and on behalf of the federal provinces and Statistics Austria - EU legal basis: Gentlemen's Agreement
Most detailed regional breakdown	Federal province level (NUTS 2)
Availability of results	Semi-definitive results are available in October of the following year. With the publication of the results for the following year, data for n-2 are usually revised.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The results of the RAA are also used in the Regional Accounts in the framework of the National Accounts. Since there are certain conceptual differences between these two systems of economic accounts, some modifications are required. - Unlike the national EAA, the regional data is not updated several times a year, which means that deviations compared with the current EAA results at national level may occur.