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FARM SUSTAINABILITY DATA NETWORK

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY – A PRIORITY

- ✓ **Voluntary participation:** participation in the FSDN is entirely voluntary (like it was in FADN).
- ✓ **Limited use of data:** the data collected by the FSDN will be used only for analysing the performance of the agricultural holdings and not for administrative or tax control purposes.
- ✓ **Strict data protection:** strict data protection rules are applied to prevent the misuse or disclosure of personal information.

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FARMERS AND ADVISORS THE FOUNDATION OF THE FSDN

Like the FADN, the FSDN is based on close cooperation with farmers. They voluntarily provide data that reflect the activities and resources of their farms. Farmers participating in the FSDN are representatives of a wide range of farmers, as the data they provide is statistically representative of many similar agricultural holdings.

The collection and proper recording of farm data is carried out by agricultural advisors. Trained advisors work with the farmer to ensure the quality and completeness of the data collected, discuss the farm's performance with the farmer, provide information on subsidies and support programmes.

UNIQUE DATA SOURCE

The Farm Sustainability Data Network (FSDN) is a common survey in the European Union aimed at collecting data from agricultural holdings on an annual basis. The FSDN is a continuation of the FADN, which has been the only consistent source of information on farm performance in the EU for the last 60 years. The FSDN survey covers around 70 000 holdings, representing 3,3 million agricultural holdings, which account for 90% of the agricultural production potential of the European Union.

FSDN IN POLAND

The Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics - National Research Institute (IAFE-NRI) is the Liaison Agency responsible for the FSDN task in Poland. As in the FADN, data from farms are collected through Agricultural Advisory Centers. As of 2025, the survey sample of the Polish FSDN comprises of **9 000** farms.

FSDN – OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FARM SITUATION

DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING

Like the FADN, the FSDN network plays a key role in creating, monitoring and evaluating the Common Agricultural Policy. The FSDN provides a unique opportunity to understand the complexity of sustainable farm development across the EU. It collects reliable and detailed data describing farm activities, economic performance, social resources and interactions with the environment. The FSDN therefore enables decision-makers and farmers to make knowledge based decisions in agricultural and farm development planning, taking into account all three dimensions of sustainability.

BENEFITS FOR FARMERS

- ✓ **Contact with an advisor**, who can provide in-depth information and advice on agricultural holding management.
- ✓ **Improved knowledge** of economics and management.
- ✓ **Access to farm reports**: individual, multi-annual and benchmarking.
- ✓ **Performance comparisons**: being able to compare a farm's performance with similar farms can be helpful in the identification of areas for change.
- ✓ **Optimising the management** and sustainability level of the farm.
- ✓ **Decision support**: the feedback offered to farmers participating in the FSDN network can be crucial for both current and investment decisions on the farm.

COLLECT DATA ONCE, USE MULTIPLE TIMES

One of the main objectives of the FSDN is to optimise the use of the data collected from farms according to the principle "collect data once and use it many times". To this end, it is planned to extract some of the information directly from administrative databases, thus reducing the burden on farmers and advisors to submit this data to the FSDN Liaison Agency.

