

F-2: Fertilizer consumption

Glossary, abbreviations, legends and units of measurement

Glossary:

Agricultural area: This category is the sum of areas under (a) arable land; (b) permanent crops; and (c) permanent meadows and pastures.

Arable land: Arable land is the land under temporary agricultural crops (multiple-cropped areas are counted only once), temporary meadows for mowing or pasture, land under market and kitchen gardens and land temporarily fallow (less than five years). The abandoned land resulting from shifting cultivation is not included in this category. Data for "Arable land" are not meant to indicate the amount of land that is potentially cultivable.

Mineral fertilizers include the following categories of mineral fertilizers: Three types of fertilizers: Nitrogen (N), phosphate (P_2O_5), potash (K_2O) and also complex fertilizers: NP (nitrogen and phosphate), PK (phosphate and potash), NK (nitrogen and potash) and NPK (nitrogen, phosphate and potash).

Organic fertilizers: Include mainly manure and composts.

Permanent crops: Crops are divided into temporary and permanent crops. Permanent crops are sown or planted once, and then occupy the land for some years and need not be replanted after each annual harvest, such as cocoa, coffee and rubber. This category includes flowering shrubs, fruit trees, nut trees and vines, but excludes trees grown for wood or timber.

Permanent meadows and pastures: Permanent meadows and pastures is the land used permanently (five years or more) to grow herbaceous forage crops, either cultivated or growing wild (wild prairie or grazing land).

Abbreviations:

EEA: European Environment Agency

EU: European Union

EUROSTAT:	European Union Statistical Office
FAO:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FAOSTAT:	Statistics Division of the FAO
OECD:	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Legends:

K:	potassium
K ₂ O:	potassium oxide
N:	nitrogen
P:	phosphorus
P ₂ O ₅ :	phosphorus pentoxide

Units of measurement:

ha:	hectare
km ² :	square kilometre
kg:	kilogram
t:	ton