



“Latest policy developments on simplification”

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Simplification

Revision of the CAP basic acts (SPR and HZR)

- **Legal proposal** adopted on 15 March 2024 (*co-decision procedure ongoing*)
→ Changes to **conditionality** rules (GAECs & controls) and **CAP plan amendments**

Main short term measures

- Revision of the EU methodology for the **Area Monitoring System quality assessment** to significantly reduce the number of on-farm visits (*completed*)
- Clarification of the possibilities of using geo-tagged photos under existing legislation and review of the requirements linked to geo-tagged photos (*May/June*)
- Explanatory note on the use of the concept of **force majeure and exceptional circumstances** (*presented to MS on 9 April*)
- Improvement of the **CAP plan amendment procedure** (*presented to MS on 9 April*)
- Note on **advisory services** & supporting farmers in green transition

Evidence gathering

- Study on simplification and administrative burden for farmers under the CAP- Survey on simplification from farmers' point of view (*closed on 8 April*) will feed the study
- Study on CAP governance and the 'New Delivery Model' of the CAP

“Simplification – the farmers' point of view”

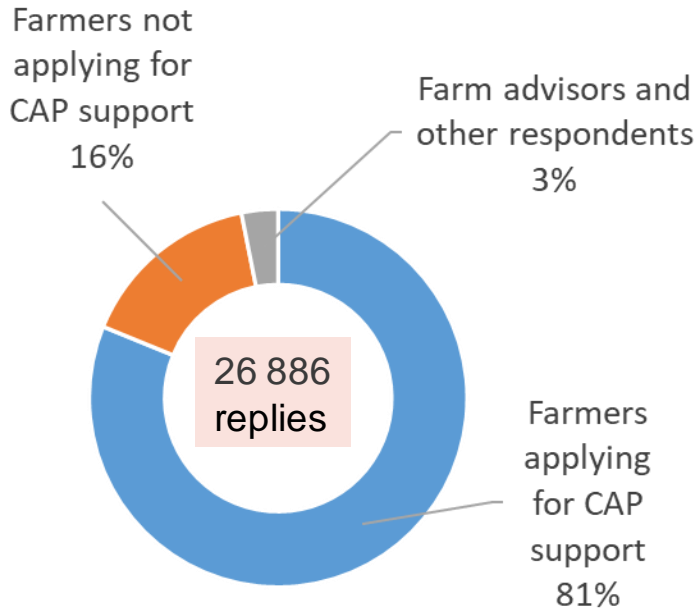
- Commissions' **online survey** addressed to farmers
- Running from March 7 to April 8, 2024 – **26 886 replies received**
 - To understand the **burden placed on farmers** by procedures and rules linked to financial support under the common agricultural policy (CAP), as well as other EU rules for food and agriculture in the EU;
 - To help in identifying **sources of concern and complexity** in the way these policies and schemes are applied in the EU countries;
 - To help in identifying **areas where improvements** could be made.
- Advertised through contacts with national authorities, farmers' organisations, and via social media

Methodological points

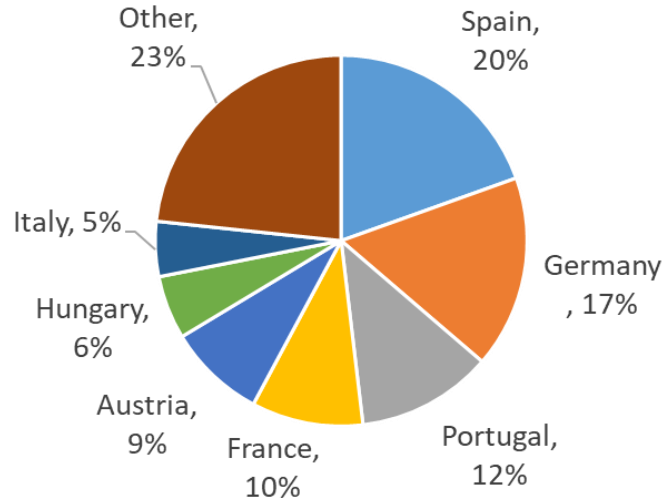
- Survey relied on self-selection of respondents
- Some categories of respondents and countries are underrepresented
- First insights focus on answers given by farmers to closed questions
- Further and in-depth analysis (closed and open questions) will be done at later stage, including for respondents other than farmers
- Due to rounding, some totals may not correspond with the sum of the separate figures

Respondents (1)

All respondents by profession

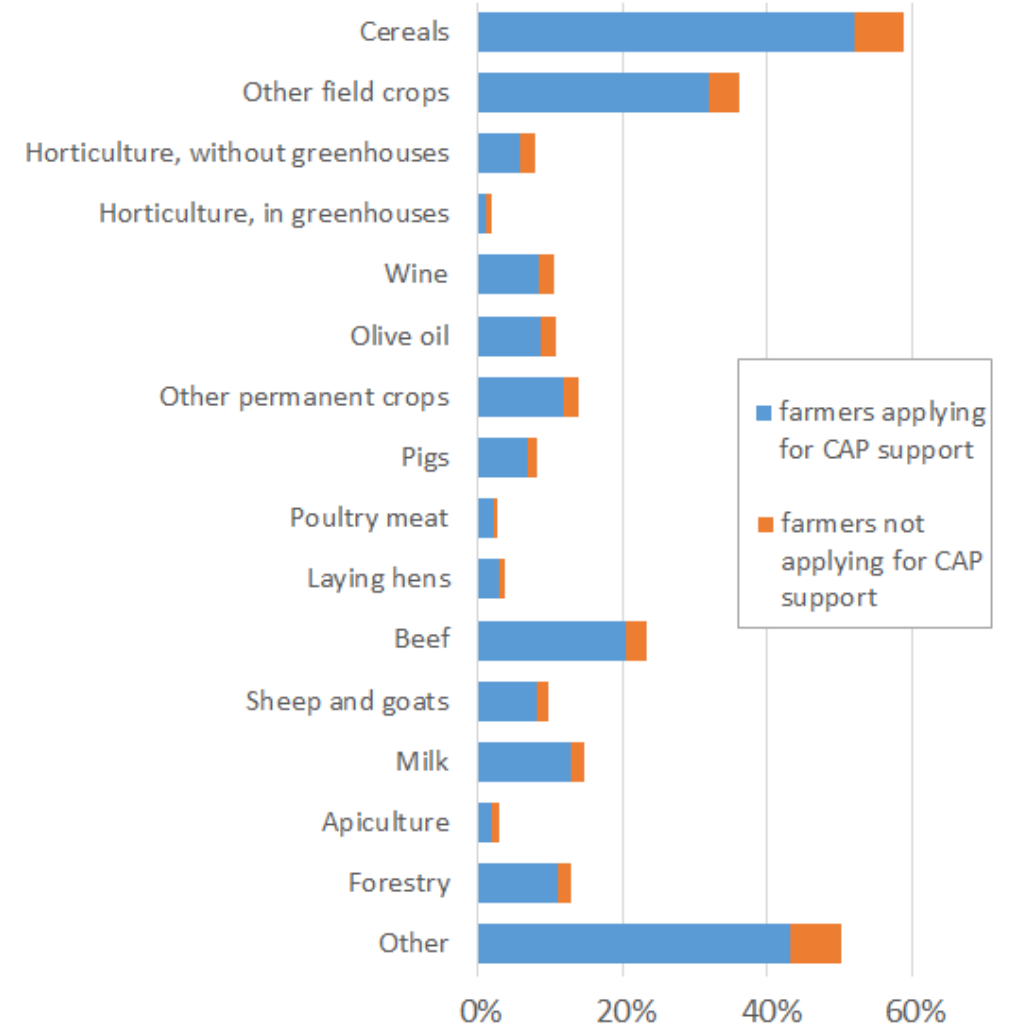


All respondents by country/region



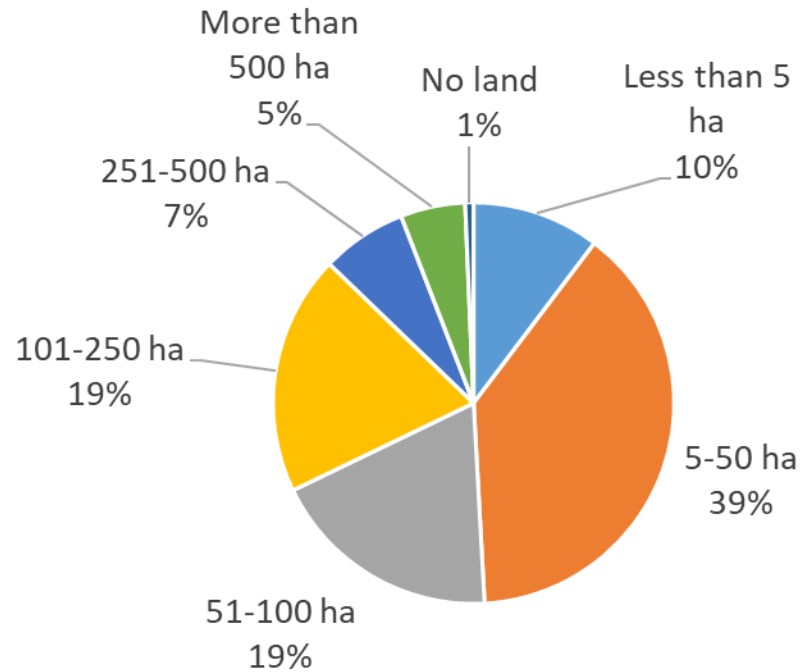
Responding farmers by type of production
(% of all responding farmers)

Multiple replies were possible

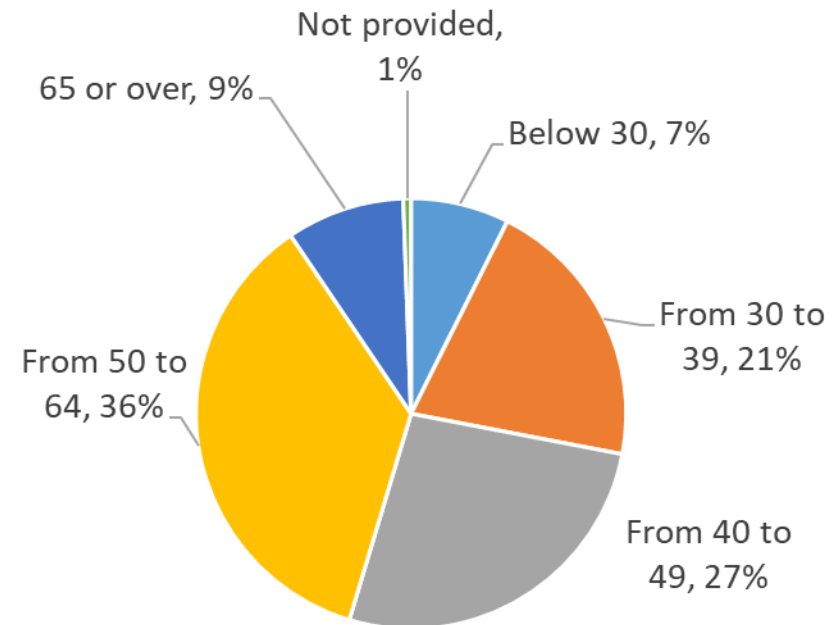


Respondents (2)

Respondents by farm size - % of all farmers



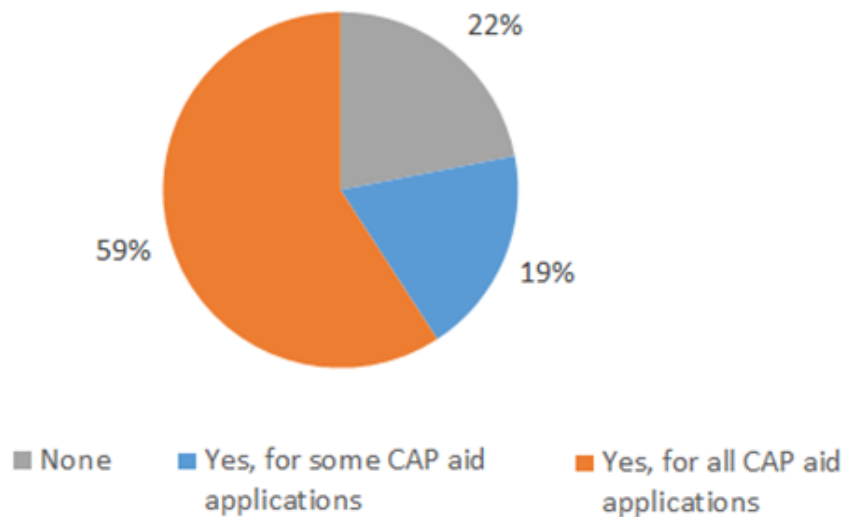
Respondents by age group - % of all farmers



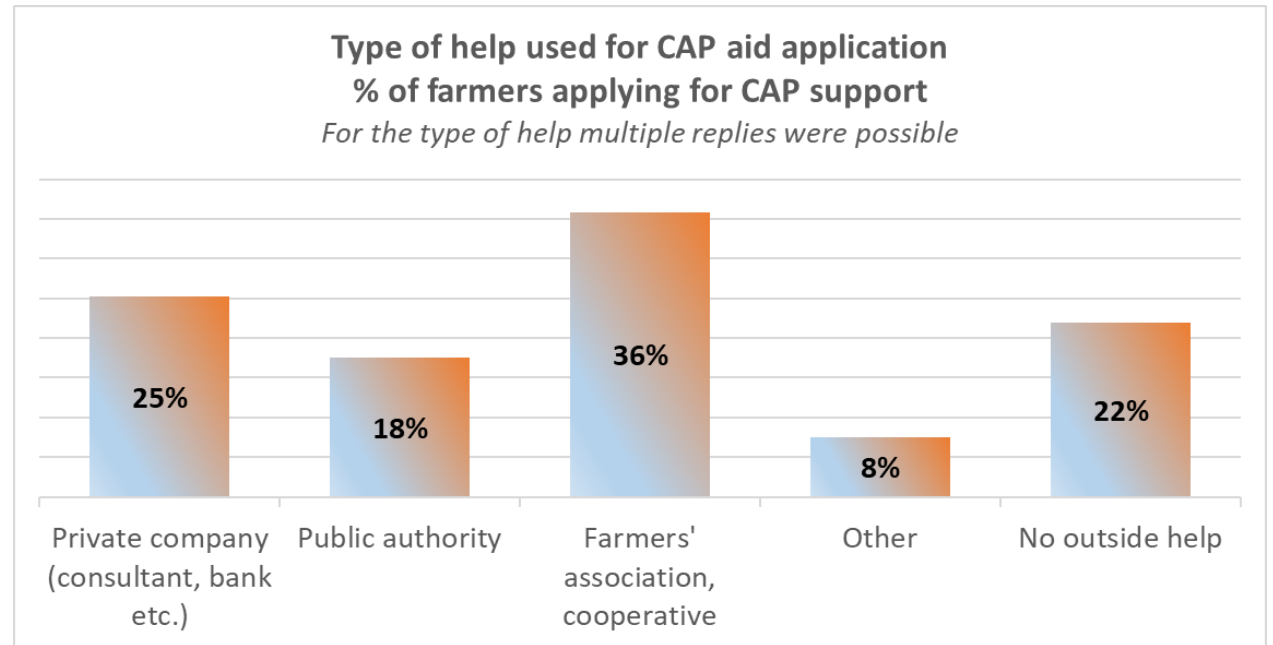
First insights: Experience with CAP aid applications (1)

Use of outside help to prepare and submit CAP aid application(s) (2023)

% of farmers applying for CAP support

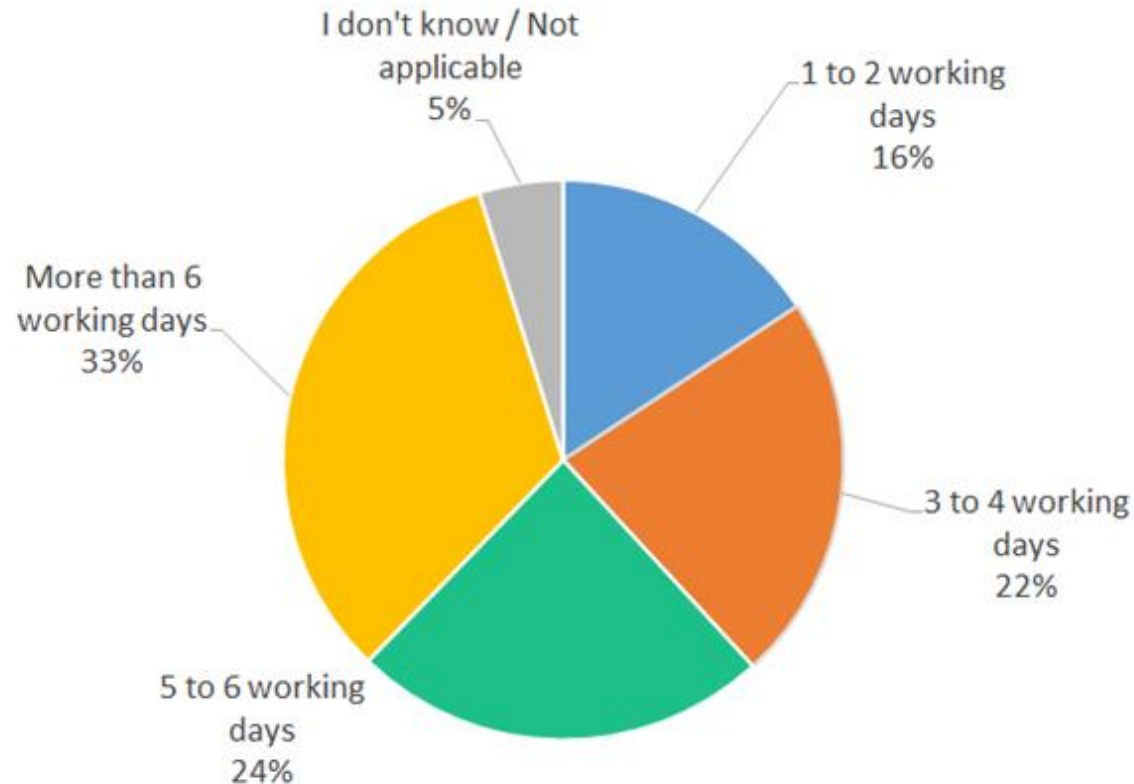


Type of help used for CAP aid application % of farmers applying for CAP support *For the type of help multiple replies were possible*

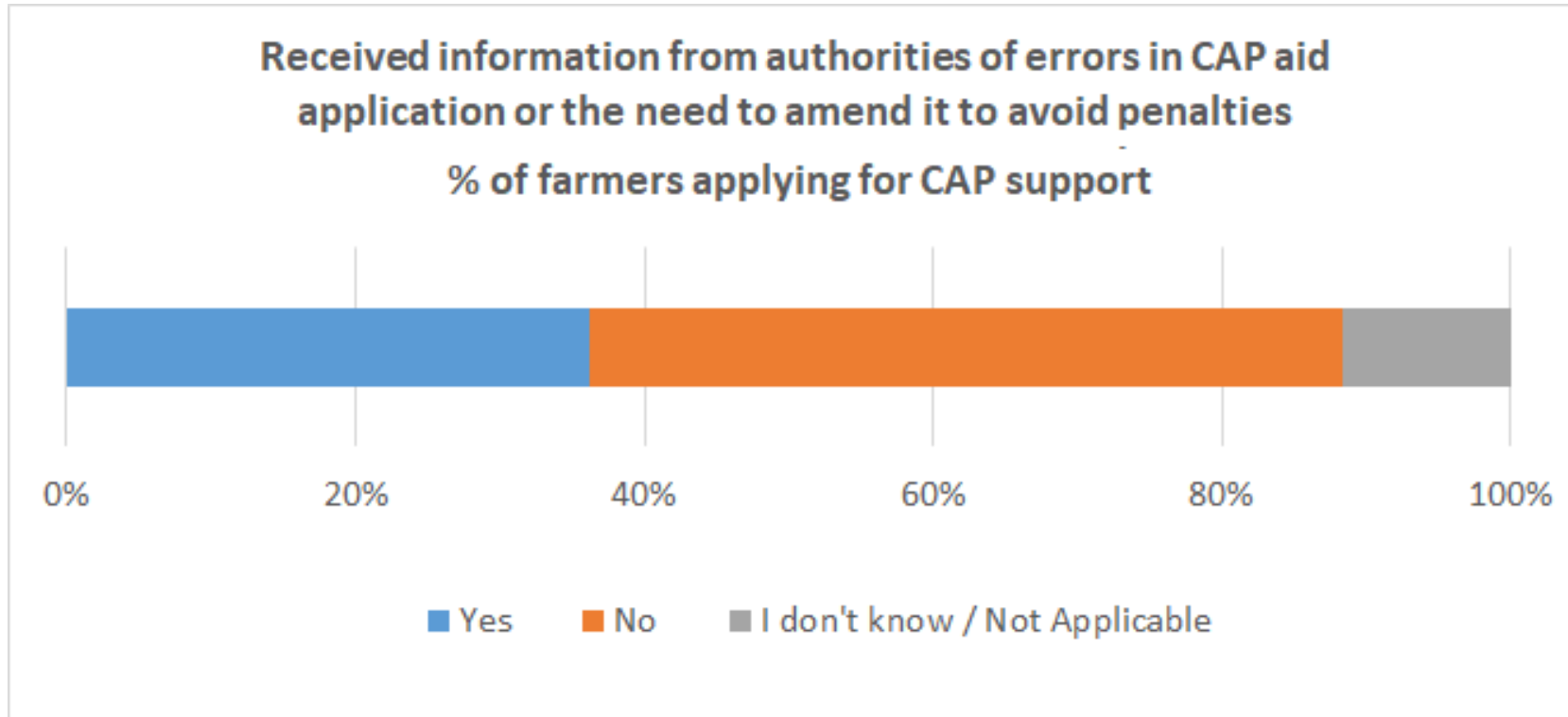


First insights: Experience with CAP aid applications (2)

Time spent annually on administrative tasks linked to application(s) of CAP aid, including documentation for conditionality
% of farmers applying for CAP support



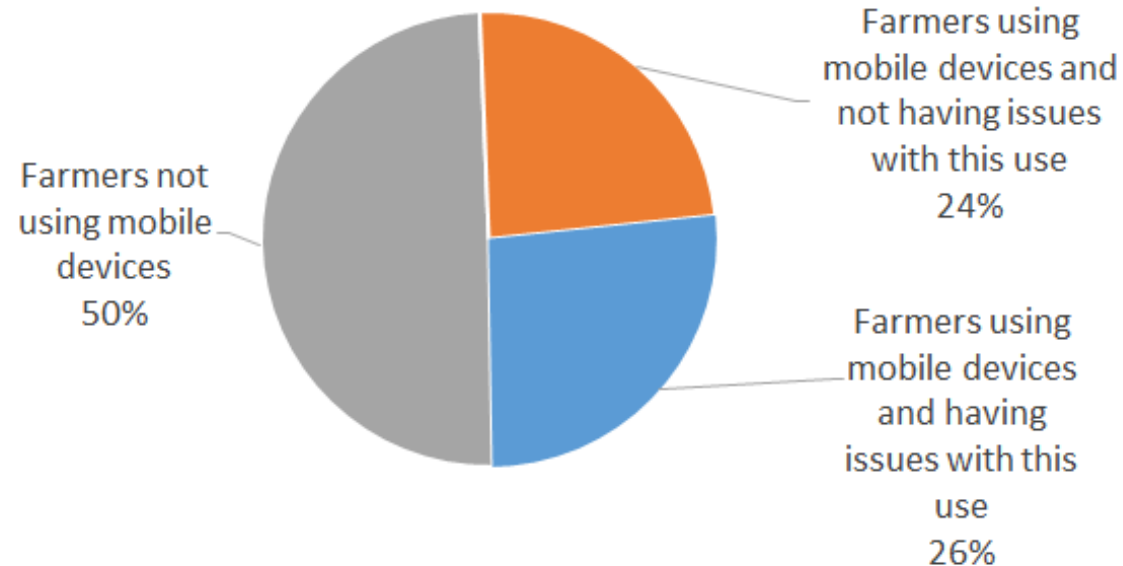
First insights: Experience with CAP aid applications (3)



First insights: Experience with CAP aid applications (4)

Use of mobile devices to provide geo-tagged photos to the authorities

% of farmers applying for CAP support

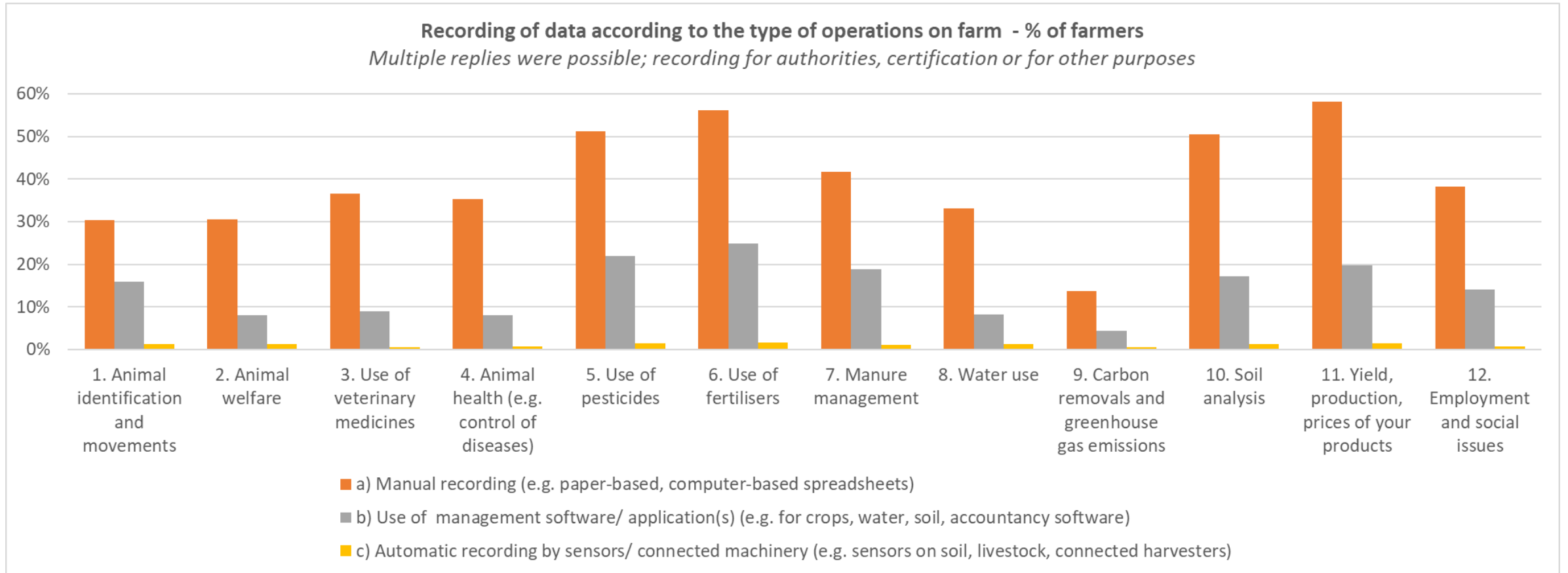


Most common types of issues raised by farmers using mobile devices to provide geo-tagged photos to the authorities

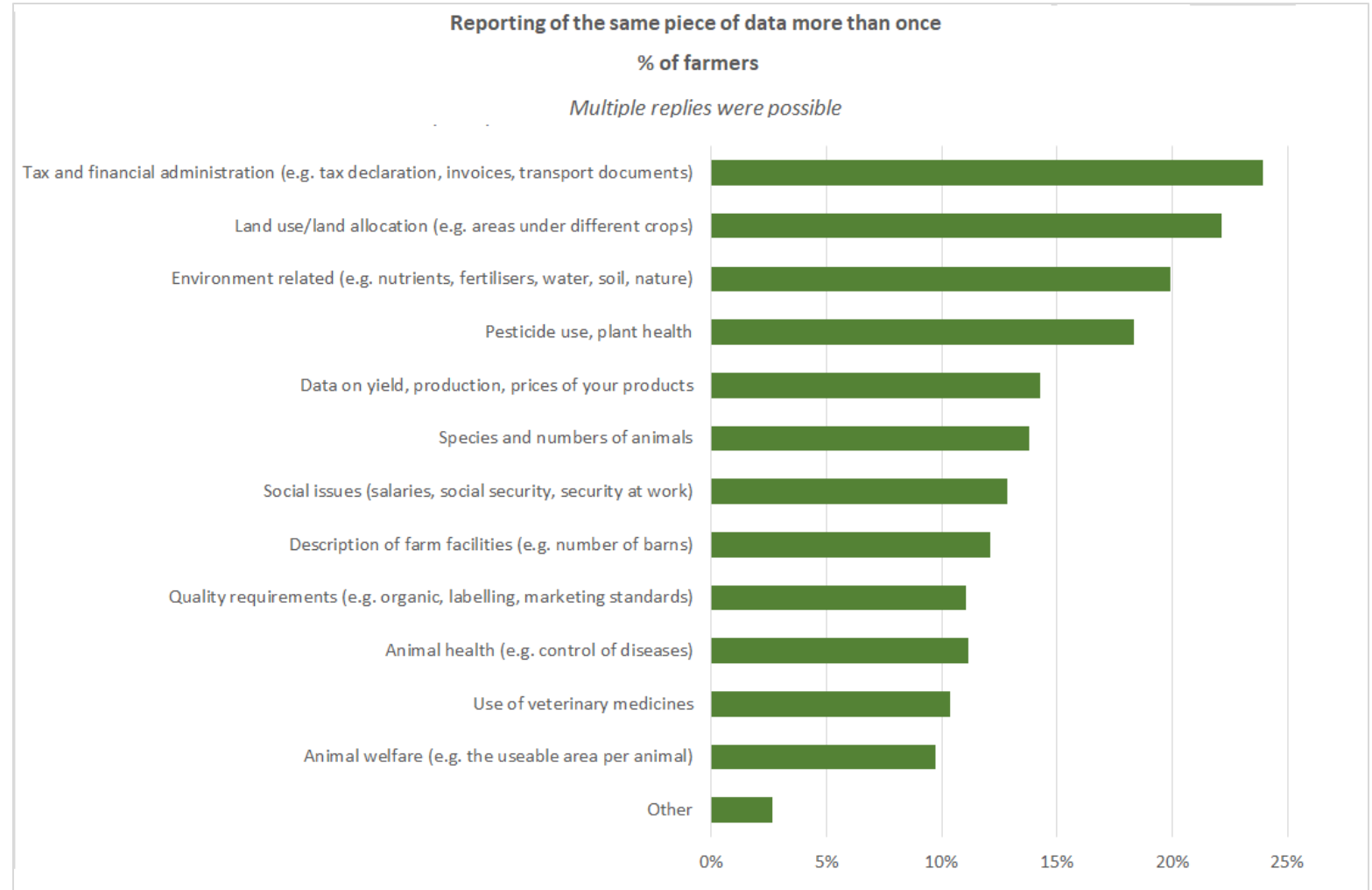
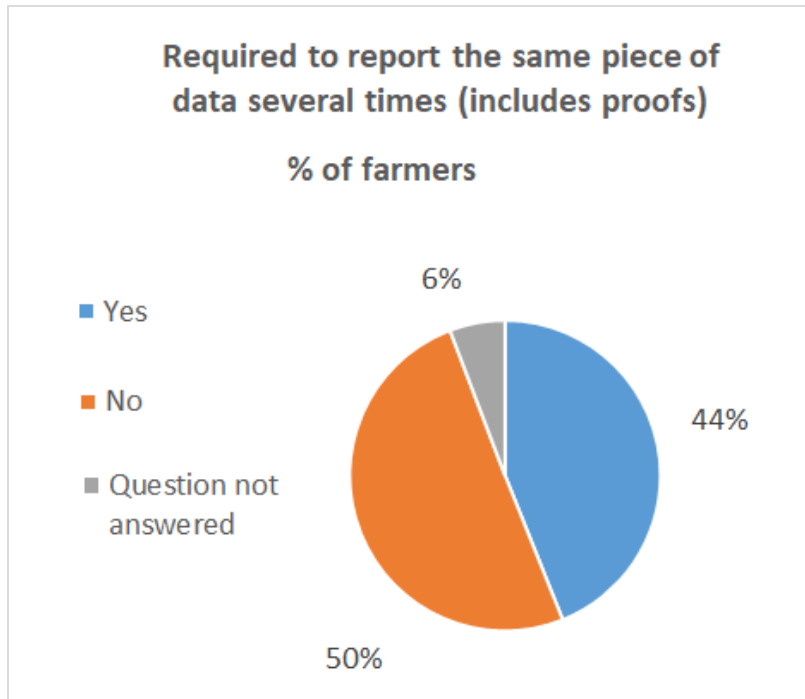
Multiple replies were possible

- Not easy to use
- Time consuming
- Application does not work properly
- Lack of immediate feedback on the accuracy of the picture provided

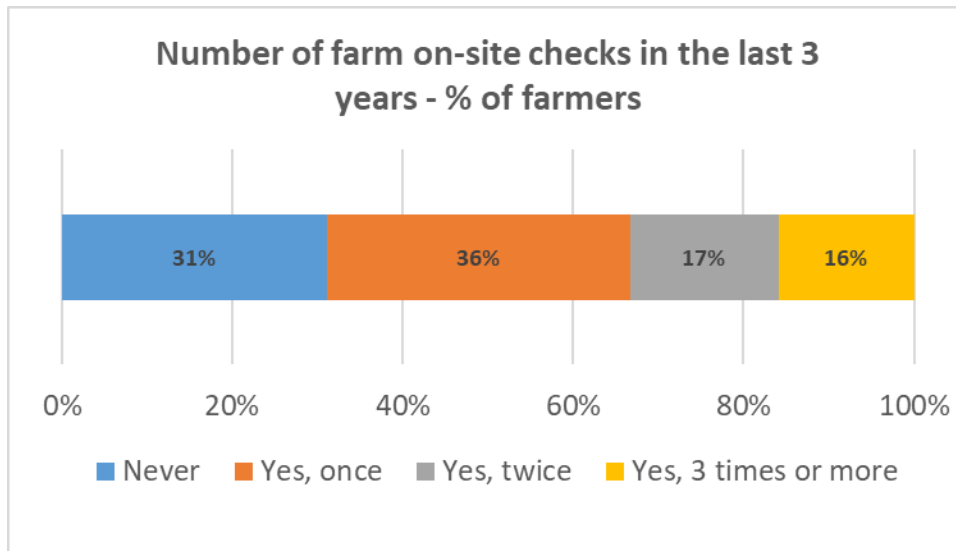
First insights: recording data



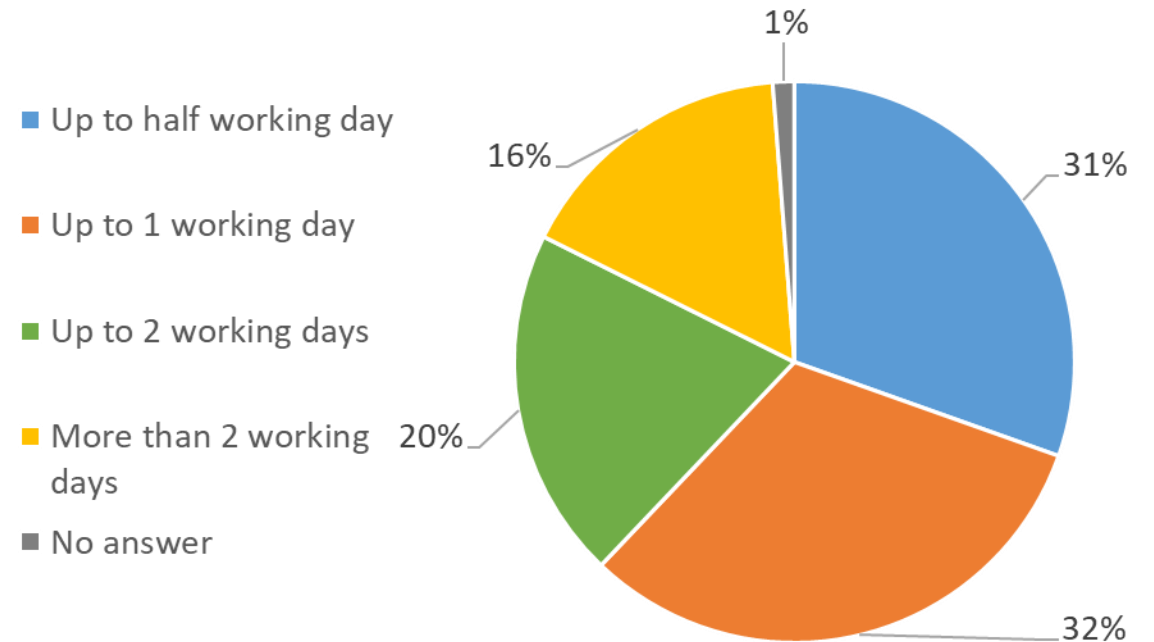
First insights: reporting obligations



First insights: on-site checks



Time spent on average on a single on-site check visit (incl. preparation & follow-up) - % of farmers who have been checked at least once



Next steps

- Further and in-depth analysis of the replies to the survey
- Complemented by in-depth follow-up interviews with selected participants who have given their consent to be contacted
- The results will be integrated in the analysis to be published by autumn 2024 on simplification from farmers' viewpoint
- Another study will cover the New Delivery Model as a whole and feed the report to EP and Council due by end of 2025

Thank you