

Farm Advisory System in the Czech Republic

**during of the integration process
with CAP EU**

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Key macroeconomic indicators

in the end of 2007

Territory of the Czech Republic	(km²)	78,867
Population	(mil.)	10,381
Employed population	(mil.)	4,967
Average number of employers in agriculture	(1)	130 400
Employment in agriculture, forestry and fisheries as share of total employment	(%)	2,6
Registered unemployment rate in agriculture	(% avrg)	6,9
Agricultural Area (AA)	(mil. ha)	4,249
Arable land as share of the AA	(%)	71,4
GDP in agriculture as share of total GDP	(%)	2,71



Target groups

of the Farm Advisory System

- ***Holdings***

- 26 951 holdings total
- 23 995 natural person
- 20 770 individual farmers
- 2 230 corporate farms
- 581 co-operatives
- (22 000 of requests on direct payments)

- ***Farmer's Associations***

- Growers' and breeders' associations,
- Czech Agrarian Chamber
- Association of private farmers
- Agricultural Association



Agricultural Consulting Policy

(principles of implementation)

- Utilization of the state and private consulting activities
- Availability of information to all farmers
- Participation of farmers and agrarian non-governmental organizations in creation and evaluation of the consultancy
- Advisory activities are provided by programmes of the MoA (and of the EU)
- Carry out strategic, organizational and control exercise of the MoA



Main components

and advisory bodies in the frame of the FAS

- **Training of Advisors**

- IAEI, research institutes (24/8), agricultural universities (3)

- **Advisory Services** (276 of natural person are accredited for the FAS)

- individual private advisors
- business companies,
- commodity and breeding associations

- **Professional support**

- research institutes
- universities

- **Information support**

- IAEI, research institutes, universities



FAS operating bodies

strategic management level

MoA - Department of Education and Consultancy

- strategical management and control

IAEI - Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information

- information support of advisors and farmers
- education, training and accreditation of advisors
- methodology, supervision of advisors

NCC – National Council of Consultancy for Agriculture and Rural Development

- participation of the main target groups of the Agricultural



FAS operating bodies

regional level

Agricultural Agencies of the MoA (regional offices) and Agrarian nongovernmental organizations

- dissemination of general information to the agricultural public,
- basic information on CAP and policy of the MoA

Regional information centres (13)

- ensure administration of specific information to the target. users (farmers and vocational associations)



FAS operating bodies

implementation level

Advisory services

- private advisors
- advisors of research institutes
- advisors of commodity groups and associations (specialized professional consulting)

(more than 500 advisors which of 276 are accredited for FAS)

Farm Advisory System



organization

Ministry of Agriculture

Department of Education and Consultancy

**National
Council of
Consultancy**

Institute of Agricultural Economics and
Information (IEFI)

Regional Agencies of the MoA
Agrarian nongovernmental
organizations
Regional methodists of the IEFI

Specialized support of consultancy:

- research institutes
- universities
- experts of breeding and
- commodity associations
- experts of farmers associations

Certified private advisers

Agrobusiness (family farmers, business companies, co-operatives)



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