

Annex 4: Standard Output (SO) Holding Value for Livestock and Crops

How to calculate the SO value

The SO of a holding is calculated by assigning the SO value of each crop/livestock, which coefficient value can be accessed in the link below⁴³.

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/agriculture/data/ancillary-data>

Please note in the case of crops, the SO value is per crop planted on a parcel⁴⁴ on a particular year. Therefore if a farmer grows two or more crops on a single parcel all grown crops need to be added, in order to work out the SO Value of that parcel.

Horticulture example

Example 1: if a farmer has a field of 8.9 Tumoli (1 hectare) and in a given year he plants potatoes which SO value of 6,664 per hectare and melons with an SO value of 12,708 per hectare, the SO Value of the holding would be 19,372.

Potatoes: 6,664
Vegetables: 12,708
Total: 19,372

Livestock example

Example2: If a farmer has 10 breeding sows with an SO value of 8,720 (SO value of one head=872) and 50 pigs with an SO value of 8,150 (SO value of one head= 163) the SO value of the holding would be 16,870

Sows: $872 \times 10 = 8,720$
Pigs: $163 \times 50 = 8,150$
Total = 16,870

⁴³ Please note that the standard Output Coefficient table is in the process of being updated by NSO.

⁴⁴ In the case of horticulture, Standard Output calculation is to include only parcels registered as 'agriclaim'. Parcels registered as 'agridec' on LPIS are not eligible in determining the Standard Output of crops.

SO Calculation

The applicant is to insert below the SO value of his holding and the date he accessed the Standard Output Coefficients table⁴⁵ which can be downloaded from the Eurostat website from the link below <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/agriculture/data/ancillary-data>

In the case of the Horticulture Sector the calculations have to be based on the crop plan submitted with the application covering the year prior to year of application, i.e. N-1⁴⁶. In the case of Livestock Sector, calculations have to be based on an average of three years covering the three year period prior to year of application, i.e. N-3, N-2, N-1. This calculation needs to be based on certificates provided by VPRD.

Please insert the SO value of your holding _____

Please indicate the date you accessed the Standard Output coefficients table _____

Notes to SO:

- Applicants must be farms which are efficient and economically viable. Efficient and economically viable farms are defined as agricultural holdings with a standard output (SO) which is higher than the established minimum threshold of **15,000** SO/holding; this is applicable for both the crop and the livestock sectors.
- **Only** agricultural outputs featured on the Eurostat list (for Malta) can be considered for SO calculation purposes.
- The SO **cannot** be generated by the natural 'upkeeping' of an area, regardless of its categorisation with ARPA Holding certificate (seasonal flowers, for example, will **not** be considered for SO).
- The following outputs shall **not** be used in the SO calculation
 - Sheep & Sheep Total
 - Goats & Goats Total

⁴⁵ NB: The Standard Output Coefficient table may be updated by NSO; hence the PSC will be verifying the SO value of a holding based on the latest data as per closing date of the Measure 4.1 applicable block. Closing dates of Measure 4.1 blocks can be checked on the below link:

[https://eufunds.gov.mt/en/EU%20Funds%20Programmes/European%20Agricultural%20Fund/Pages/Measure s/Measures-of-the-Rural-Development-Programme-2014-2020.aspx](https://eufunds.gov.mt/en/EU%20Funds%20Programmes/European%20Agricultural%20Fund/Pages/Measure%20s/Measures-of-the-Rural-Development-Programme-2014-2020.aspx)

⁴⁶ N is the calendar year when the Application is submitted