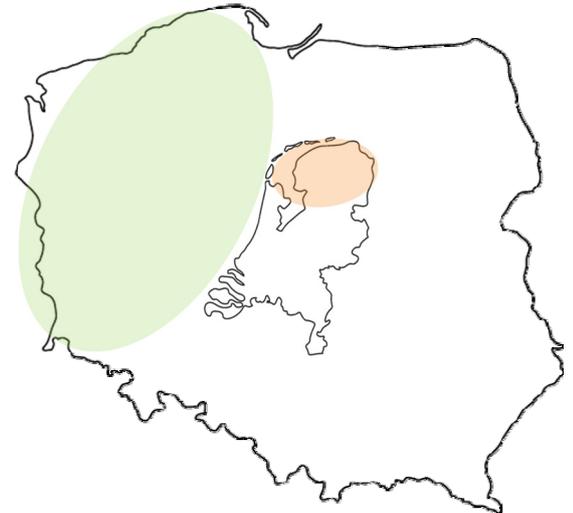


# Facts about Agriculture

## Land & agricultural use

- Poland is about 8 times bigger than the Netherlands.
- Both countries have a similar share of arable land, approximately 1/3 of the country. More specifically, 30,5% for the Netherlands and Poland 35,3%.
- The Netherlands has about 1 million hectares of arable land, for Poland this is almost 11 million hectares.
- The map on the right shows the Netherlands' size compared to Poland and the green and orange colors show the size of arable land in the two countries.



Comparison land and arable land size Netherlands & Poland

## Agricultural production

		
Number of dairy cows	2,2 million	1,5 million
Number of pigs	11 million	11,9 million
Production of poultry meat	2,55 million tonnes	1,1 million tonnes
Production of cereals	7.806.000 hectares	136.400 hectares

## Fun facts

- The Netherlands is the second biggest exporter of agricultural goods.
- Poland is the Netherlands' 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest growing agricultural export market.
- With a value of 2,7 billion euros, Poland was the 9<sup>th</sup> export destination of Dutch agricultural products and goods in 2018.
- 80% of the cut flowers sold on the Polish market is from the Netherlands. Poland is the Netherlands' 5<sup>th</sup> export market for cut flowers.
- Every second Polish strawberry is exported. The Netherlands is Poland's main export market (23%) for fresh strawberries.
- Poland is the EU's 3<sup>rd</sup> potato producing country. Polish people eat about 100 kilo of potatoes per year, this is twice the average of the EU. Dutch seed potato companies have a market share of 38%.
- Poland is the largest poultry producer in the EU. NL is the 2<sup>nd</sup> supplier of machinery & technologies with about 20% market share (2017).

## Farms & Farmers

		
Number of farms	1,4 million	55.700
Average farm size in hectares	10,1 ha	27,4 ha
Large farms (>50ha)	33.856 (2,4%)	11.976 (21,5%)
Small farms (<5ha)	766.000 (54%)	11.251 (20,2%)
% of population employed in agriculture	10,5%	2,1%
% of farmers under the age of 35	12,1%	3,1%
% of farmers over age of 64	9,6%	21%
% of young farmers with higher education	38%	75,3%

## Agriculture in the economy

		
Agriculture's share of GDP	2,5%	1,8%
Agricultural export value	€27,5 billion	€91,7 billion
Agricultural import value	€17 billion	€72,7 billion

## Polish food days

<b>February 20</b>	Fat Thursday, Pączki and other pastries
<b>October 8</b>	Pierogi Day
<b>November 11</b>	St. Martin Croissant, Poznan
<b>December 24</b>	"Wigilia", a 12 dish Christmas Eve supper