



# FRANCE

*Europe's Leading Agricultural Power*

€88 Bn • 17.9% of EU • 7 key themes • Sources: INSEE & Agreste

# 1. EU's Leading Agricultural Power

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88

billion euros  
of agricultural production



#1 in Europe

## Share in EU agricultural production

France



17.9%

Germany



14.2%

Italy



13.8%

Spain



12.5%

- Dominates plant and animal production in Europe
- Ahead of Germany, Italy and Spain

Sources: INSEE, Agreste

## 2. A Major Economic Sector

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**88 Mrd €**

National agricultural production



**Agri-food**

Key processing sector



**Sovereignty**

Strategic food independence



**Exports**

Contribution to global trade

# 3. A Great Diversity of Products

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## Arable Crops

- Wheat
- Maize
- Barley
- Rapeseed

*World's leading wheat exporter*



## Livestock

- Cattle
- Pigs
- Poultry
- Milk

*Diversified animal production*



## Viticulture

- Wine
- Champagne
- Spirits
- AOC

*World reference*



## Dairy Products

- Cheeses
- Butter
- Yogurts
- Cream

*+1000 cheese varieties*

# 4. Modern & Mechanised Agriculture

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*Since the 1950s, French agriculture has undergone profound transformation:*



## Mechanisation

- Modern tractors
- Agricultural machinery
- Irrigation systems



## Specialisation

- Large farms
- Intensive production
- Organised supply chains



## Structural evolution

- Fewer farms
- Larger surfaces
- Increased productivity

# 5. The Essential Role of the CAP

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The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) — Central European policy supporting farmers

## OBJECTIVES

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- Improve agricultural production
- Stabilise markets and prices
- Guarantee farmers' incomes
- Ensure food security

## ACTIONS

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- Subsidies and direct financial aid
- Support for agricultural holdings
- Rural development
- Financing the ecological transition

# 6. Strategic Food Sovereignty

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Feed the national population



Guarantee food independence

Produce locally & sustainably

Secure natural resources

Reduce imports

Maintain rural territories

# 7. Current Challenges of French Agriculture

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*Despite its strength, French agriculture faces several major challenges.*

## Economic Challenges

- Low and unstable farm incomes
- Intense international competition
- Rising production costs

## Environmental Challenges

- Reduction of pesticides and inputs
- Adaptation to climate change
- Preservation of biodiversity

## Structural Challenges

- Decrease in number of farms
- Ageing of farmers
- Need for continuous modernisation



*Conclusion*

# France, A Global Agricultural Power

- EU's leading agricultural power with €88 Bn in production
- Exceptional diversity: cereals, livestock, viticulture, dairy
- Agriculture modernised and supported by the European CAP
- Strategic issue of national food sovereignty
- Challenges to address: economic, environmental, structural