



SESAM - Regular assessment report for all Alpine countries South Tyrol

Partner region description

South Tyrol is an autonomous province in northern Italy, one of the two that make up the autonomous region of Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol. The province is the northernmost of Italy with an area of 7,400 square kilometers. Its capital and largest city is Bolzano. The landscape itself is mostly cultivated with different types of shrubs and forests and is highly mountainous. Entirely located in the Alps, the province's landscape is dominated by mountains.

General statistic – number of farms, total cows, average herd size, average and typical farm size

In South Tyrol there are about 4500 active milk production farms, which count an average of 15 cows and 8 calves. The milk farms produce in total about 400 million kg of milk annually, which they deliver to the 9 local dairies. The dairies are organized in cooperatives in which the dairy farmers own a stake. South Tyrolean alpine farmsteads are generally located high above the valley floor. They are usually of a modest scale, averaging 14 hectares in size. On average, every South Tyrolean dairy farm has 9 hectares of permanent pasture which has been under cultivation in this form for generations.

Specific conditions of the typical Alpine farms, especially small family farms: environment, climate conditions, types of cows, seasonal changes.

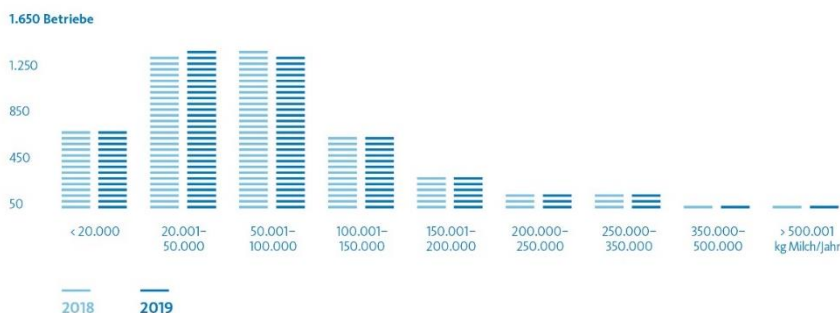
The climate is of continental type with hot summers and cold winters and ambiguous springs and autumns. On the mountains and in upper valleys the climate is strongly alpine (very cold winters and fresh summers). Summers in the lower valleys (Bolzano and Merano surroundings) can be very sultry. Annual average temperature in Bolzano is 11.6°C and the extreme records there go from -17 to +40°C. On the upper valleys the temperature is considerably lower (annual average from 3 to 5°C). South Tyrol has a unique and unmistakable landscape characterized by no fewer than 350 mountain peaks with altitudes of more than 3,000 meters above sea level, an abundance of fertile valley floors, and, above all, verdant, well-tended acreage and meadows. Here, the alpine farmsteads have always been family-run operations. The following breeds are present in South Tyrol:

- Simmental 39.670
- Brown Swiss 29.689
- Holstein 20.853
- Tyrolean Grey Cattle 18.464
- Pinzgau 1.999
- Jersey 1.117
- Pustertaler Sprinzen 663
- Other 15.874

Selection criteria for the farms to participate at the Big Pilot, why did you chose those – short explanation what is the aim and how those farms represent the farms at your Alpine space region.

The farms selected are representative of South Tyrol in terms of both breed and size. Simmental is the most common animal breed. Tyrolean Grey Cattle is a traditional breed of cattle and is one of the breeds threatened with extinction. The company size corresponds to the medium size in South Tyrol. This can be seen from the attached table. These farms are family businesses without outside workers. Two companies are located in the Pustertal area. Cattle breeding is still the most common here, as alternatives such as fruit and wine growing are not possible due to the climatic conditions.

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Betriebe/kg Milch pro Jahr



One farm is located in Vöran, an area where traditionally quite a lot of grey cattle is kept.

Short information for each farm at the Big Pilot – number of cows, total arable land, average milk yield, fat and protein content

Farm name: Duregger

Owner: Egger Hansjörg

Place: Aschlerweg 6, Vöran

Livestock: 36 cows, Tyrolean Grey cattle

Milk production: 6657 kg/year; fat content: 3,93; protein content: 3,69

Total arable land: 22,4 ha

Farm name: Treyackerhof

Owner: Treyer Michael

Place: St. Georgen/Bruneck

Livestock: 47 cows, Simmental

Milk production: 9190 kg/year; fat content: 4,11; protein content: 3,56

Total arable land: 20,5 ha

Farm name: Pahler

Owner: Taschler Hannes

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Place: Kandellen/Toblach

Livestock: 18 cows, Simmental

Milk production: 7710 kg/year; fat content: 3,84; protein content: 3,46

Total arable land: 11,8 ha