

Grazing in Europe



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Survey 2018



96 responses (92 completed)
opinions and thoughts
'facts' and educated guesses

Estimate of % cows grazing
2/3: an educated guess
1/3: based on data, e.g. statistical surveys, projects etc.

Importance of grazing for different groups on a scale of 1 to 10

Farmers, government, scientists, teachers, students: 6-7

General public 2016: 7.46

General public 2018: 7.85

You 2016: 8.33

You 2018: 8.41



Grazing in Europe - North

	2010	2014	2016	2018
Norway			90	80-85
Sweden (2-4 months)	100	100	100	100
Finland			70	60

Grazing in Europe - West

	2010	2014	2016	2018
Ireland	99	98	95-100	95-100
UK		92	80-90	80-95

Grazing in Europe – Central – more than 50%

	2010	2014	2016	2018
Netherlands		70	65	65-70
Belgium	85-95	75-80	60-85	40-95 Flanders - Wallonia
Luxembourg	75-85	73	75	75
France	90-95	90	75-95	70-95
Switzerland	85-100	75-90	80-97	75-95

Grazing in Europe - Central – less than 50%

	2010	2014	2016	2018
Denmark	35-45	25-30	25	20-30
Germany	42		10-50	20-42
Austria	25		40	44

Grazing in Europe - East

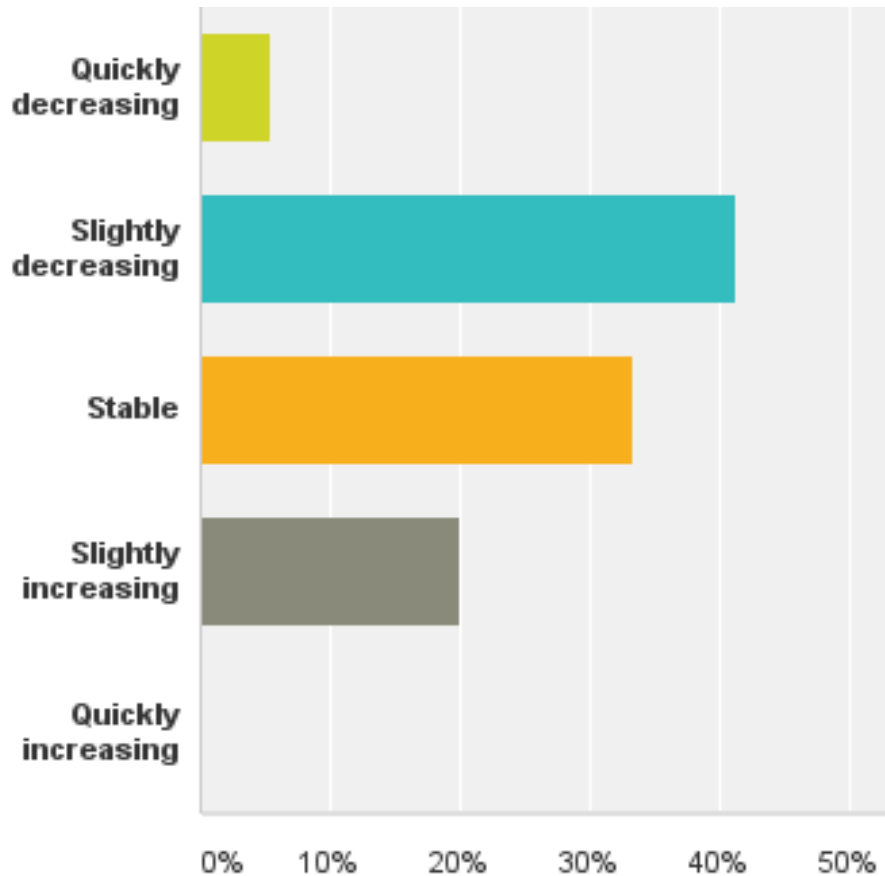
	2010	2014	2016	2018
Poland			20	20
Lithuania		50-70		75
Czech Republic	20		3	5
Slovenia	25		20	20-40
Hungary			2-3	3-5

Grazing in Europe - South

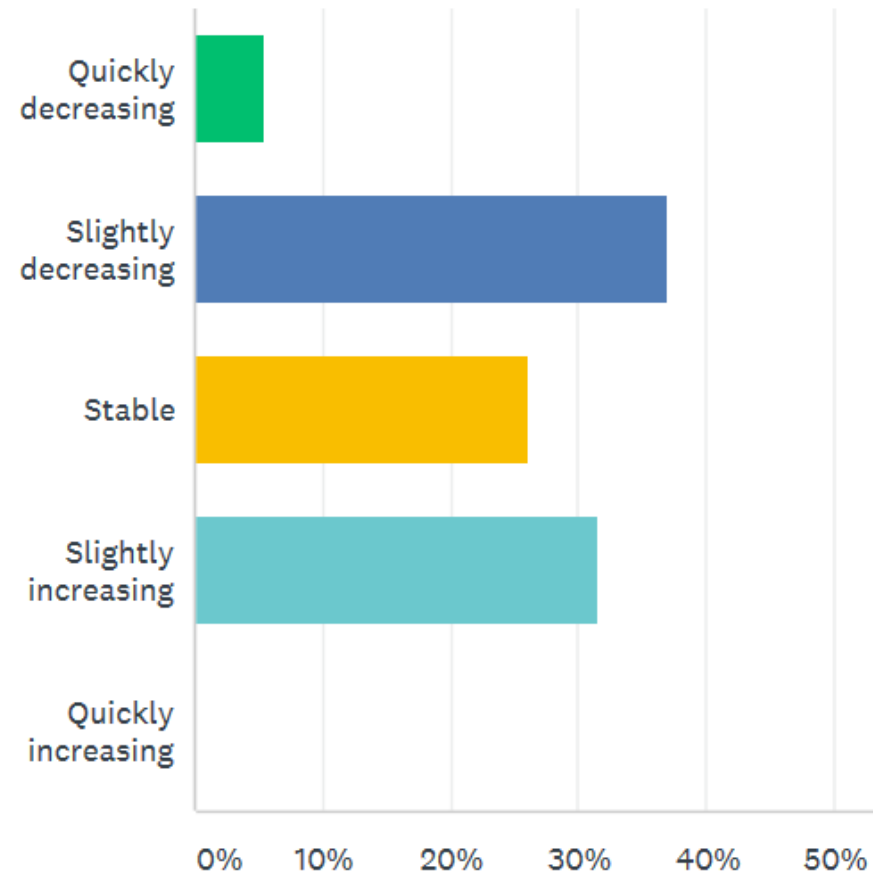
	2010	2014	2016	2018
Spain	20		10-30	20
Greece	15		10	15
Italy			10-20	10-30

Is the percentage grazing increasing or decreasing?

2016



2018



Grazing in Europe - conclusions



Country specific

East and South < North and West

In general, the popularity of grazing is declining, but a few exceptions can be seen

Looking forward

Grazing is profitable: agree

Grazing contributes to the image of the dairy sector: agree

Biggest challenge for grazing in next decade

- Growing farms / growing herd size
- Climate change / weather
- Costs / labour
- Market mechanisms

Promoting or stimulating: Laws / Regulations / Subsidies / Labelling /
Grazing research, innovation, advice

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