Agriculture and forestry face the ongoing challenge of meeting the requirements and needs of our society. Citizens demand high-quality and healthy food, expect clear, clean drinking water, and approve of renewable energy and renewable resources. In order to comply with these tasks, respective fundamentals are required. Representation of interests the Austrian Chamber of Agriculture works on the best implementation and establishment of these important framework conditions to sustain our basic natural resources soil, water, and air.

The Austrian Chamber of Agriculture is:
- Agriculture’s and forestry’s voice to the outside world
- An expert panel, generator of ideas and think tank
- The platform and representation of interests of agriculture and forestry as well as land owners
- A proactive coordinator and service provider for the Chambers of Agriculture, Cooperatives, Unions and Associations

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Working groups in the Austrian Chamber of Agriculture:
- Working group for less favoured and mountainous areas
- Working group of Austrian female farmers
- Working group for issues of the rural youth organization

Committees of the Austrian Chamber of Agriculture:
- Committee for education and consulting services
- Committee for energy and climate
- Committee for forestry and timber industry
- Committee for dairy farming
- Committee for plant production
- Committee for legal, tax and social policy
- Committee for specialized crop
- Committee for animal production
- Committee for viticulture

The quality label for farmers who sell directly to the consumers guarantees farm products straight from the farm.
The initiative „Gut zu Wissen“ (good to know) provides transparency in community catering concerning the origin of meat and eggs.

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Tasks & Goals
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According to the federal constitution, professional representation of the agricultural and forestry sector falls under the jurisdiction of the regional governments. Therefore in all the regions the chambers of agriculture are public bodies by regional law.

Main tasks of the chambers of agriculture:
- representation of interests
- advisory services
- involvement in implementing funding programs
- education and advanced training of the members

The Austrian Chamber of Agriculture (Landwirtschaftskammer Österreich – LKÖ) is the umbrella organization of the nine chambers of agriculture as well as of the Austrian Raiffeisen Association and is set up as an association.

The LKÖ fulfills its tasks on behalf of the members on the federal level especially vis-a-vis ministries, the Parliament and public authorities, furthermore on the EU and international level.

As part of the Social Partnership the LKÖ aims at strengthening the national economy and labour market while at the same time taking ecological requirements into consideration.

Members of the Chamber of Agriculture in Austria

- owners of property used for agriculture and/or forestry,
- tenants of a farm or forest holding,
- family members involved in agriculture or forestry on a full-time basis,
- agricultural or forestry businesses or cooperatives and executive staff of the aforementioned enterprises

Value
Added acc. to sectors 2016
Contribution to GDP in %

Agriculture and Forestry 1.3 %
Industry 21.9 %
Building Industry 6.5 %
Services 70.8 %

Ratio
of agricultural raw material costs to consumer price

Agriculture and Forestry (1.3 Cent)
Industry (0.9 Cent)

Farms acc. to type of occupation 2016
Enterprises
Area in ha

All enterprises 161,200
Full-time farms 2,795,665
Part-time farms 1,632,337
Corporate bodies 2,011,187
Partnerships 342,611

Number of organic farms

Organic farmland AF (ha)

Development of organic farms

Number of organic farms
in comparison to the INVEKOS-enterprises

Source: BMLFUW

Sources:
Eurostat
LKO, Statistics Austria
Green Report
Statistics Austria