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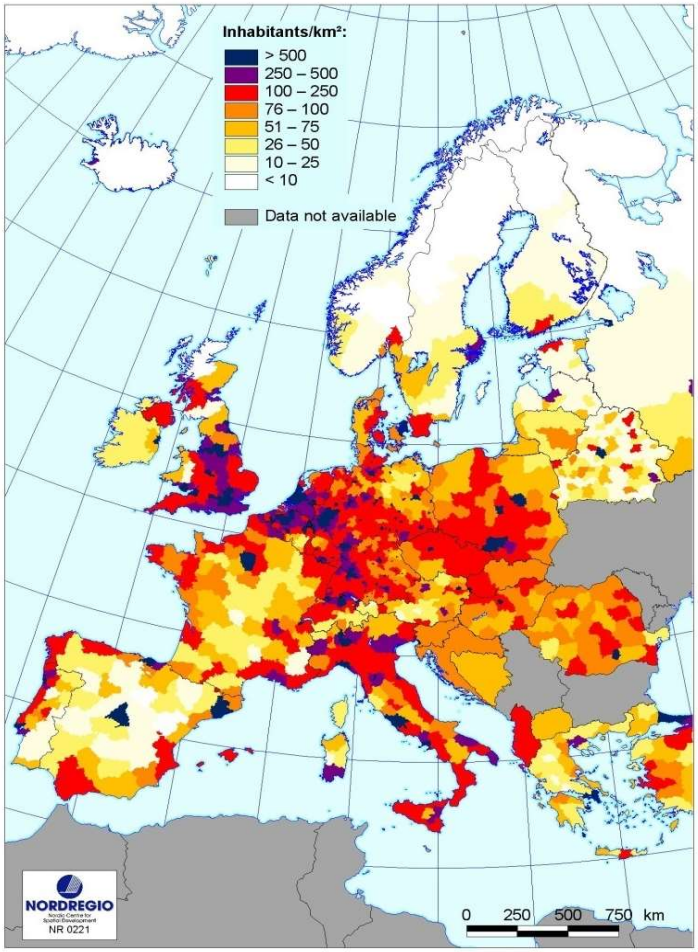
Sparsely populated - 3 % agricultural land



Agricultural Food Sector

- Total value at first sale, approximately 32,4 billion NOK (3,2 billion €)
- Production stable
- Employment - 95 000 man-labour year
  - Of which agriculture, 45 000 (about 2 % of total employment)
  - Of which food industry, 50 000 (19% total industry employment)
- 180.000 land owners, of which 45.000 active farms
- 44 % leasing of land
- Individual family farms dominate
- Long winter, animals are kept indoors 180-280 days
- Small-scale structure, average about 23,5 ha of land

Production in volume, 2016

Product	Volume	Unit
Milk	1 500	Million liters
Beef	80 000	Ton
Pigmeat	136 500	Ton
Sheepmeat	26 000	Ton
Poultry	97 000	Ton
Eggs	67 000	Ton
Grains	1 200 000	Ton
Potatoes	237 000	Ton
Vegetables	196 000	Ton
Fruits	12 500	Ton
Berries	12 400	Ton

Overall policy goals

Food safety and preparedness

- Secure consumers safe food
- Increased food preparedness
- Good animal and plant health, good animal welfare
- Focus on breeding, research and education to increase the use of biological resources

Agriculture across the whole country

- Ensure the use of soil and grazing resources
- Ensure opportunities for rural settlement and employment
- A diverse agriculture with a varied structure and geographical distribution of production
- Secure recruitments
- Sustainable reindeer production

Increased value creation

- Utilize market-based production opportunities
- Ensure a competitive and cost effective value chain for food
- Ensure efficient and profitable utilization of the farm's total resources
- Further develop Norway as a Food nation.
- Secure the farmer's income and ability to invest in the farm
- Sustainable forestry and competitive forest- and woodbased value chains

Sustainable agriculture with lower greenhouse gas emissions

- Reduced pollution from agriculture
- Reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, increased carbon storage and good climate adjustments
- Sustainable use and strong protection of the agricultural area (land protection) and resource base
- Ensure the cultural landscape and natural diversity