



Honey Market Presentation

Autumn 2020



Overview of EU honey market (1)

- EU second world producer (280 000 tons) after China
- Total number of beehives: 18.2 millions in 2019 (+5.1% since 2018)
- Total number of beekeepers: 612 000
- Small sector but important for agriculture for pollinisation



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Overview of EU honey market (2)

- EU is only 60% self-sufficient in honey
- Imports needed to cover EU domestic consumption
- Main supplier for imported honey: Ukraine (just below 30% of EU imports), and China (just above 20% of EU imports)
- EU honey trade balance largely negative: Imports > Exports

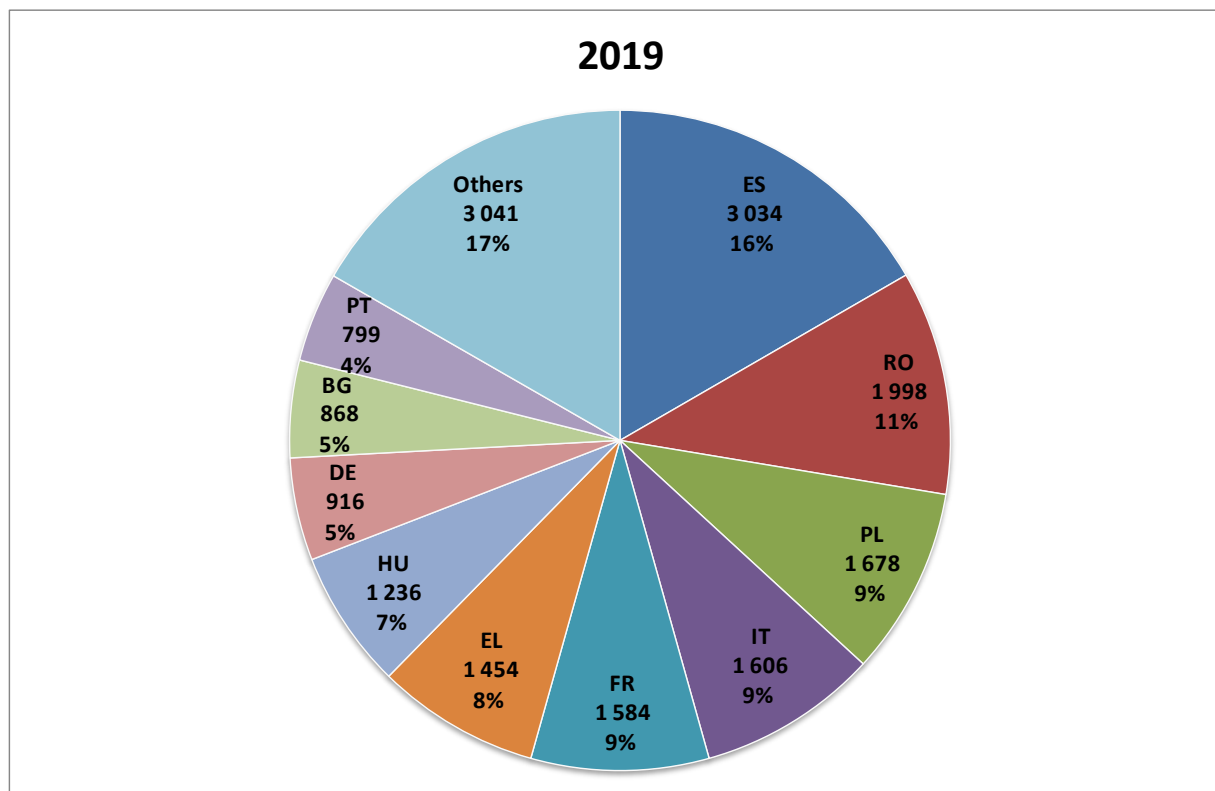


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Number of hives (in thousand)



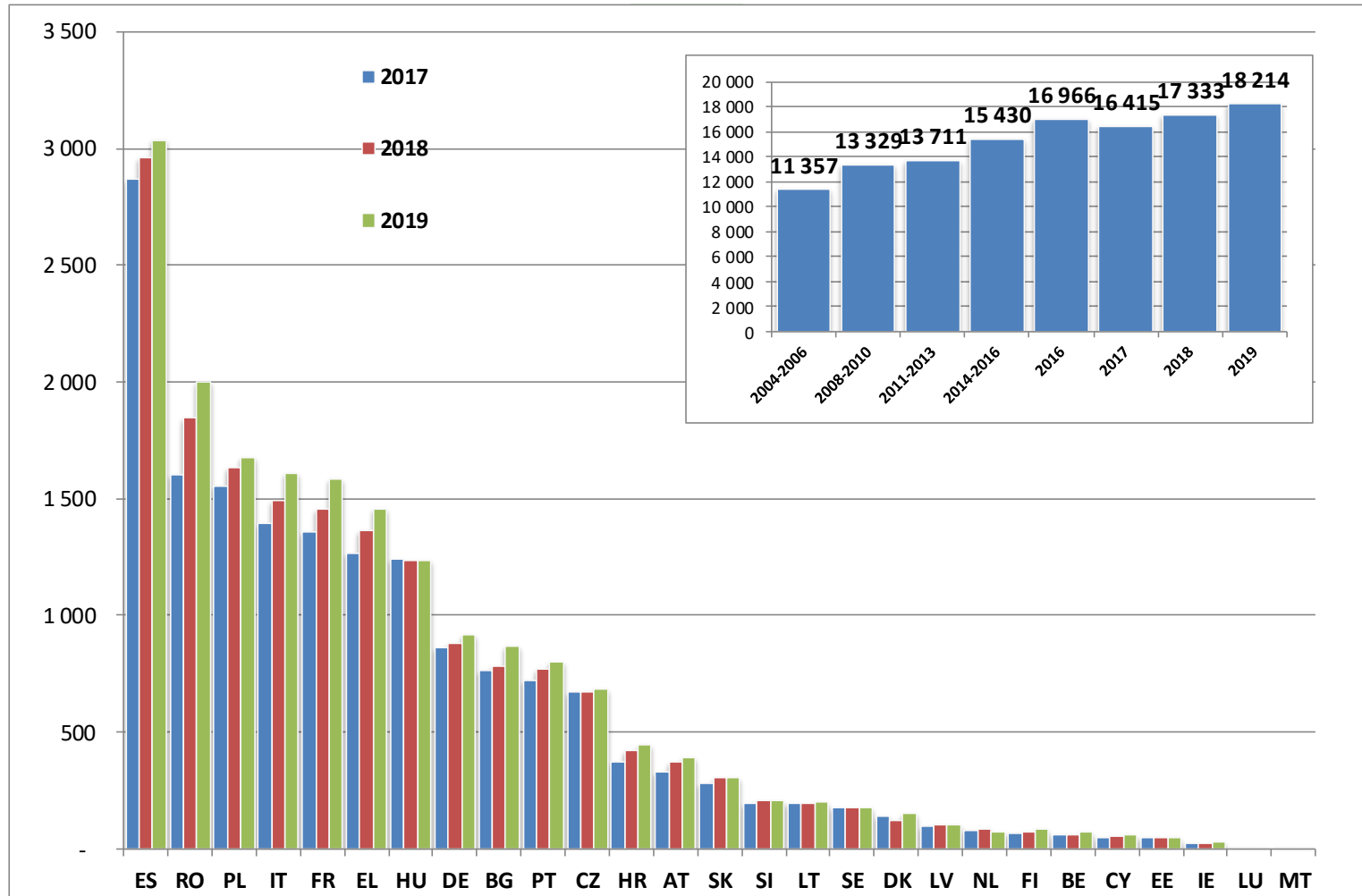
	2018	2019		
ES	2 961	3 034	↑	+2.4%
RO	1 849	1 998	↑	+8.1%
PL	1 633	1 678	↑	+2.7%
IT	1 494	1 606	↑	+7.5%
FR	1 454	1 584	↑	+9.0%
EL	1 361	1 454	↑	+6.9%
HU	1 237	1 236	↓	-0.0%
DE	879	916	↑	+4.2%
BG	783	868	↑	+10.8%
PT	768	799	↑	+4.1%
CZ	673	685	↑	+1.8%
HR	419	444	↑	+6.0%
AT	373	391	↑	+4.8%
SK	302	307	↑	+1.8%
SI	205	208	↑	+1.7%
LT	197	202	↑	+2.6%
SE	174	174	→	+0.0%
DK	120	153	↑	+27.3%
LV	103	103	↑	+0.3%
NL	82	75	↓	-8.1%
FI	72	84	↑	+16.0%
BE	60	70	↑	+17.6%
CY	51	57	↑	+12.2%
EE	49	49	↑	+1.2%
IE	25	27	↑	+10.1%
LU	6	7	↑	+11.2%
MT	4	4	→	+0.0%
EU	17 333	18 214	↑	+5.1%



Source: Member States National apiculture programmes 2020-2022, notified in March 2019 "MSs NAPs"

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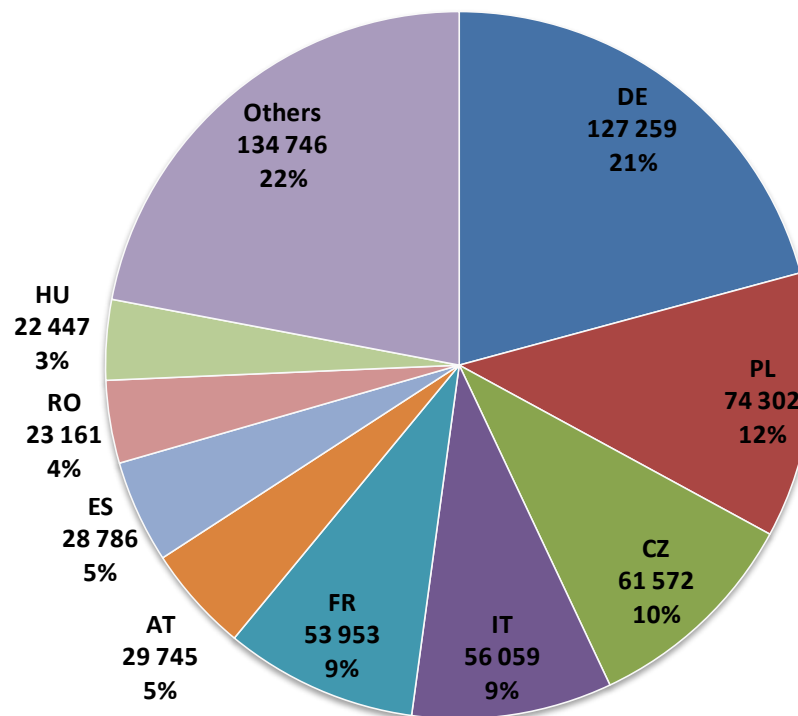
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Number of beekeepers



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	2017-2019	2020-2022		
DE	116 000	127 259	↑	+9.7%
PL	62 575	74 302	↑	+18.7%
CZ	49 486	61 572	↑	+24.4%
IT	50 000	56 059	↑	+12.1%
FR	41 560	53 953	↑	+29.8%
AT	25 277	29 745	↑	+17.7%
ES	23 816	28 786	↑	+20.9%
RO	22 930	23 161	↑	+1.0%
HU	21 565	22 447	↑	+4.1%
SK	17 171	18 586	↑	+8.2%
SE	14 000	16 000	↑	+14.3%
BG	17 969	12 260	↓	-31.8%
SI	10 145	11 349	↑	+11.9%
PO	10 698	11 301	↑	+5.6%
EL	24 582	9 266	↓	-62.3%
LT	8 536	8 950	↑	+4.9%
NL	7 000	8 393	↑	+19.9%
BE	9 490	8 223	↓	-13.4%
HR	12 526	7 283	↓	-41.9%
DK	7 000	7 000	→	+0.0%
EE	5 250	5 215	↓	-0.7%
IE	3 000	3 300	↑	+10.0%
FI	3 100	3 200	↑	+3.2%
LV	3 282	3 054	↓	-6.9%
CY	691	676	↓	-2.2%
LU	337	456	↑	+35.3%
MT	208	234	↑	+12.5%
EU	568 194	612 030	↑	+7.7%



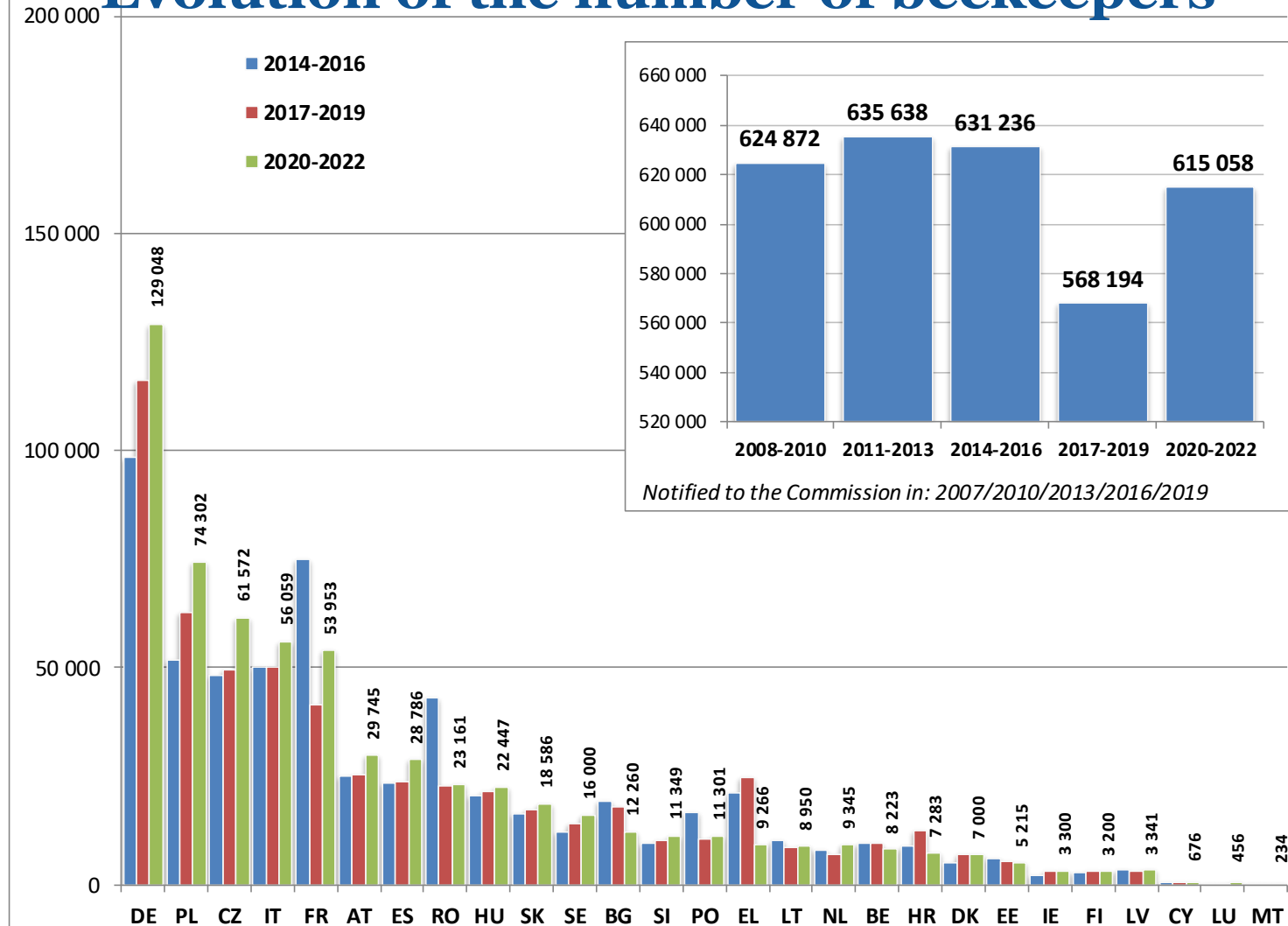
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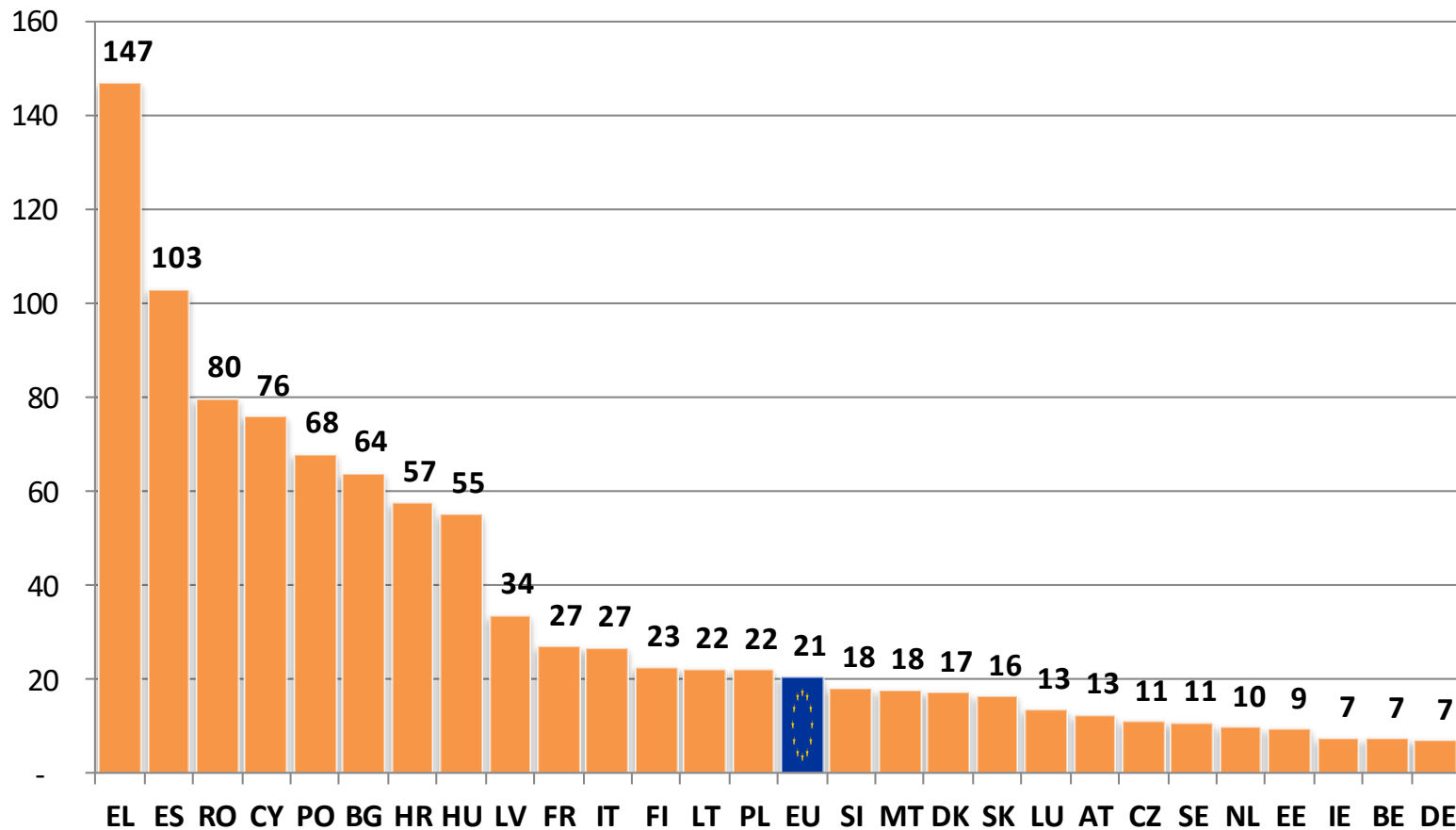
Evolution of the number of beekeepers





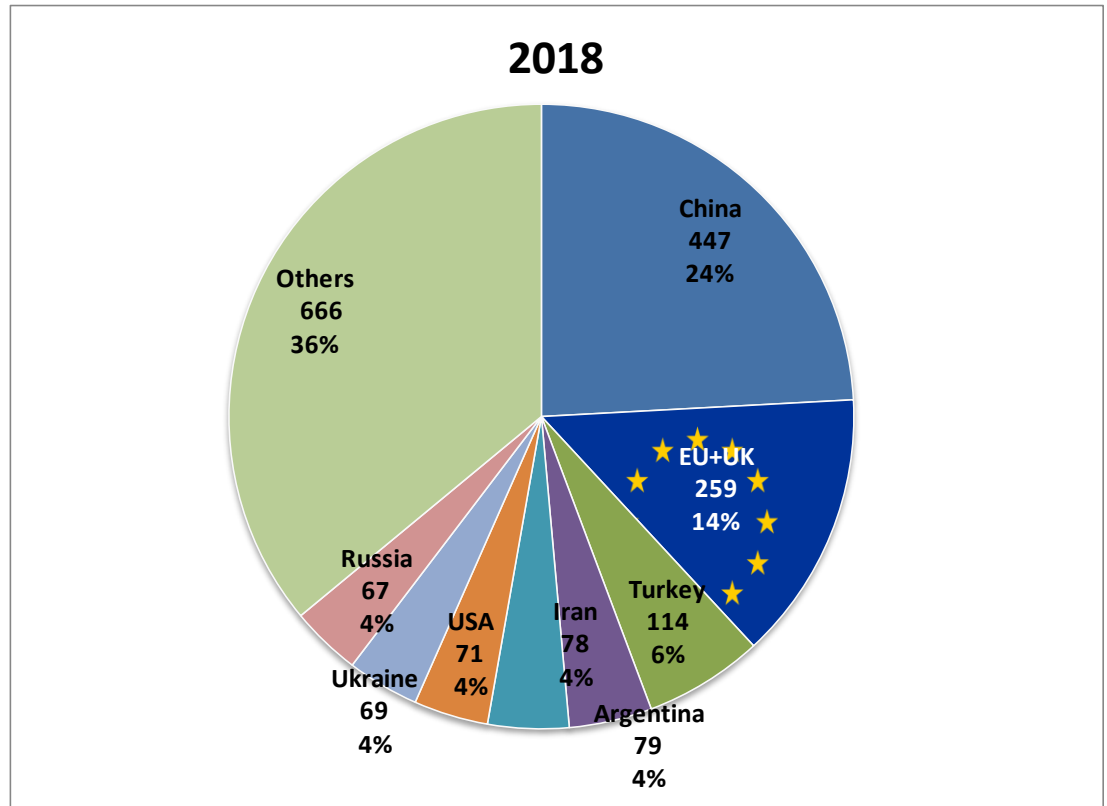
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Average Number of Hives per Beekeeper (2018)



World Production of Honey per Country (1 000 T)

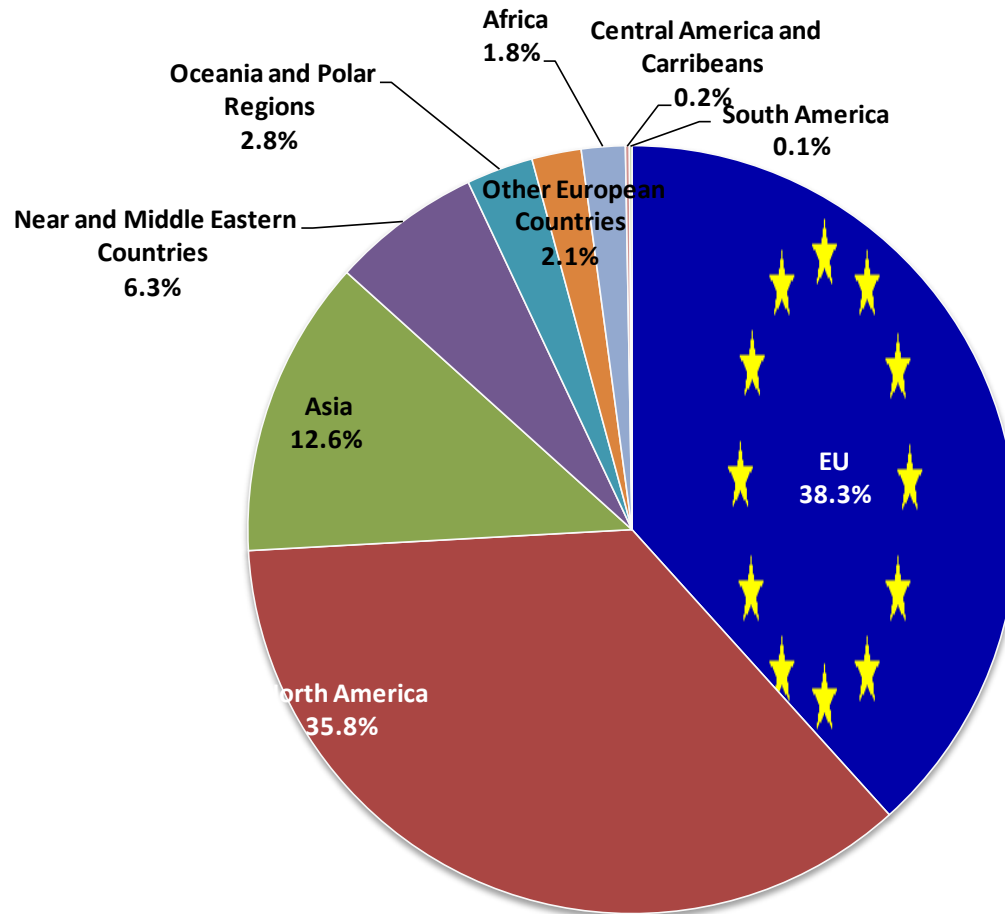
	2017	2018	Share of World Production
China	543	447	24%
EU	248	259	14%
Turkey	114	114	6%
Argentina	76	79	4%
Iran	71	78	4%
USA	66	71	4%
Ukraine	68	69	4%
Russia	66	67	4%
India	65	65	4%
Mexico	51	64	3%
Ethiopia	50	50	3%
Brazil	42	42	2%
Canada	39	39	2%
United Republic of	30	31	2%
Republic of Korea	26	27	1%
Angola	23	23	1%
Uruguay	18	21	1%
Viet Nam	20	20	1%
Kenya	19	20	1%
Central African Republic	15	20	1%
Mali	16	16	1%
New Zealand	12	13	1%
Australia	12	12	1%
Other	188	203	11%
	1 879	1 851	



Source : FAO

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The World's Honey importers (2018)

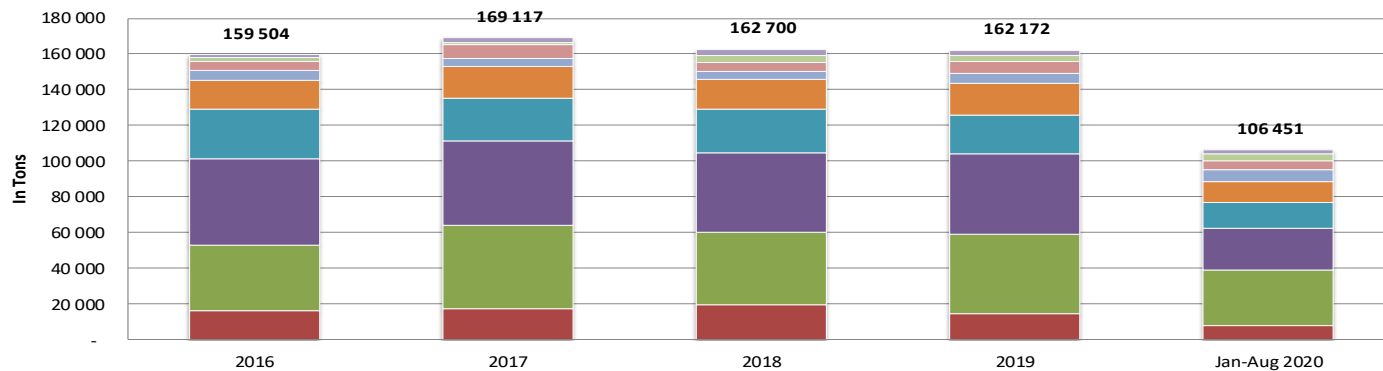


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Source : UN Comtrade

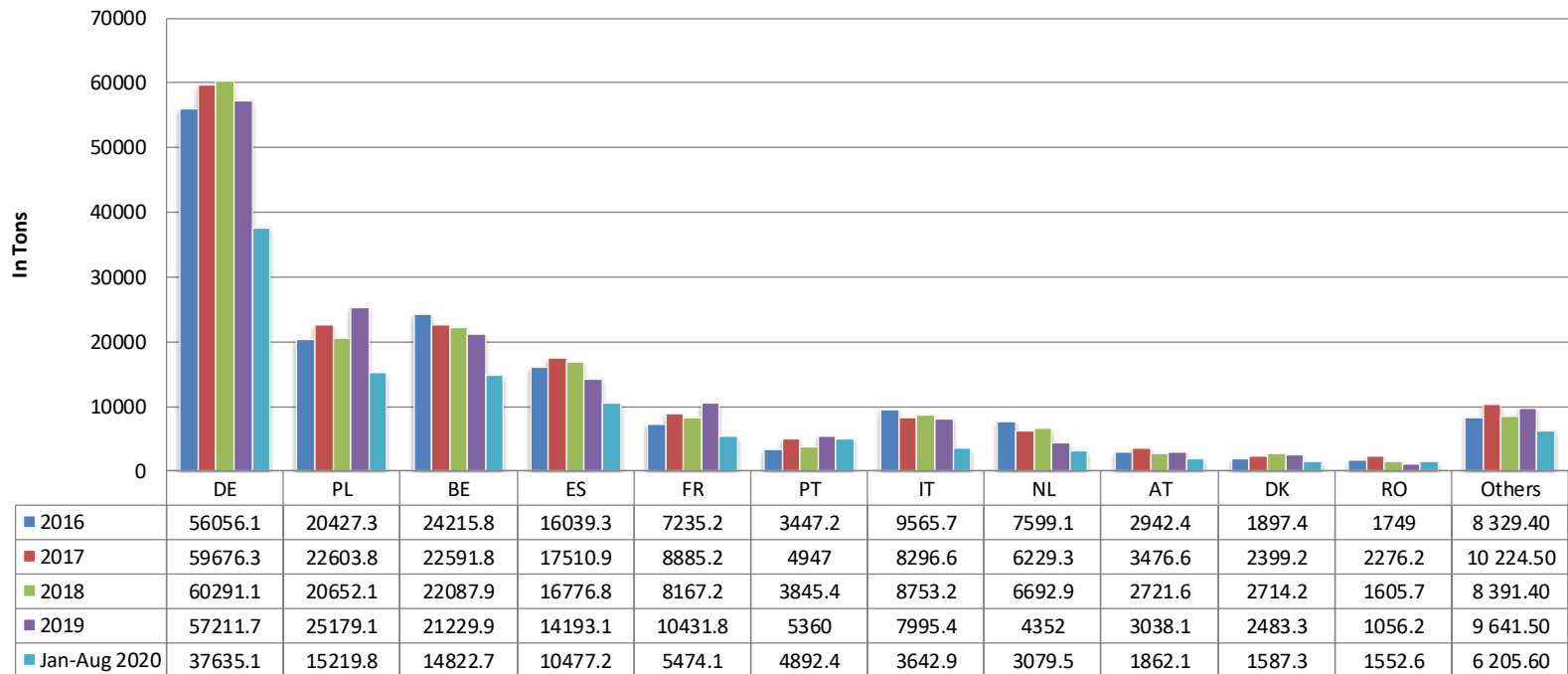
EU Imports of Honey by Origin (in Tons)

	2017		2018		2019		Jan-Aug 2020		Compared to Jan-Aug
	% Extra EU		% Extra EU		% Extra EU		% Extra EU		
Ukraine	46 625	27.6%	40 636	25.0%	44 523	27.5%	31 134	29.2%	↑ +15.7%
China	47 437	28.0%	44 680	27.5%	45 077	27.8%	23 390	22.0%	↓ -18.5%
Argentina	24 153	14.3%	24 485	15.0%	21 250	13.1%	14 804	13.9%	↑ +9.0%
Mexico	17 524	10.4%	16 309	10.0%	18 205	11.2%	11 432	10.7%	↑ +0.8%
Uruguay	4 272	2.5%	4 423	2.7%	5 382	3.3%	6 554	6.2%	↑ +97.2%
Cuba	7 890	4.7%	4 974	3.1%	6 477	4.0%	5 074	4.8%	↑ +11.0%
Brazil	1 106	0.7%	4 201	2.6%	3 562	2.2%	4 127	3.9%	↑ +111.3%
Turkey	2 801	1.7%	3 481	2.1%	2 954	1.8%	2 206	2.1%	↑ +28.4%
Others	17 310	10.2%	19 511	12.0%	14 743	9.1%	7 732	7.3%	↓ -17.7%
Extra EU	169 117		162 700		162 172		106 451		↑ +4.9%
% Change	↑ +6.0%		↓ -3.8%		↓ -0.3%				















Source : Eurostat Comext

Member States' Share of Imports from Third Countries (in Tons)



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	Jan-Aug 2019 <i>% Extra EU</i>		Jan-Aug 2020 <i>% Extra EU</i>		Compared to Jan-Aug	
DE	36 189	35.7%	 37 635	37.1%	↑	+4.0%
PL	14 305	14.1%	 15 220	15.0%	↑	+6.4%
BE	13 380	13.2%	 14 823	14.6%	↑	+10.8%
ES	9 368	9.2%	 10 477	10.3%	↑	+11.8%
FR	6 417	6.3%	 5 474	5.4%	↓	-14.7%
PT	4 055	4.0%	 4 892	4.8%	↑	+20.7%
IT	5 119	5.0%	 3 643	3.6%	↓	-28.8%
NL	2 428	2.4%	 3 080	3.0%	↑	+26.9%
AT	2 047	2.0%	 1 862	1.8%	↓	-9.0%
DK	1 703	1.7%	 1 587	1.6%	↓	-6.8%
RO	700	0.7%	 1 553	1.5%	↑	+121.7%
Others	5 760	5.7%	 6 206	6.1%	↑	+7.7%
EU	101 471		106 451		↑	+4.9%

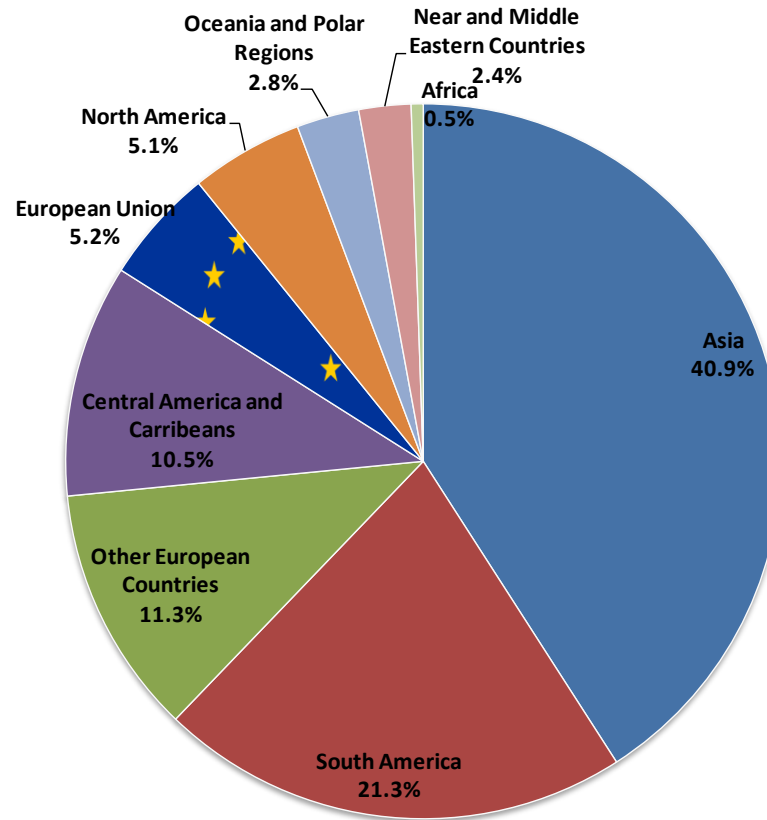
Member States Imports of Honey from United Kingdom (in Tons)

	2018		2019		% change 19/18	Jan-Aug 2019		Jan-Aug 2020		% change Jan-Aug 20/19
	<i>% of EU</i>		<i>% of EU</i>			<i>% of EU</i>		<i>% of EU</i>		
IE	2 571	54.0%	3 692	75.5%	↑ +43.6%	2 615	77.8%	2 128	73.1%	↓ -18.6%
NL	902	18.9%	384	7.8%	↓ -57.5%	203	6.0%	316	10.9%	↑ +56.0%
ES	227	4.8%	240	4.9%	↑ +5.9%	132	3.9%	155	5.3%	↑ +17.7%
PL	238	5.0%	186	3.8%	↓ -21.9%	138	4.1%	108	3.7%	↓ -22.3%
RO	52	1.1%	41	0.8%	↓ -22.4%	35	1.0%	67	2.3%	↑ +91.5%
IT	106	2.2%	79	1.6%	↓ -25.3%	65	1.9%	53	1.8%	↓ -17.6%
FR	150	3.1%	77	1.6%	↓ -48.4%	44	1.3%	26	0.9%	↓ -41.7%
DE	283	5.9%	95	1.9%	↓ -66.5%	63	1.9%	22	0.8%	↓ -64.9%
Others	234	4.9%	99	2.0%	↓ -57.7%	67	2.0%	34	1.2%	↓ -49.2%
Total EU	4 763		4 893		↑ +2.7%	3 363		2 910		↓ -13.5%

EU Average Unit Value for Imported Honey (€/Kg) by Origin

	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Ukraine	1.74	1.83	1.68	1.55	↓	-7.8%
China	1.63	1.51	1.40	1.40	↑	+0.2%
Argentina	2.23	2.35	2.28	2.21	↓	-3.3%
Mexico	2.83	2.89	2.56	2.25	↓	-11.9%
Uruguay	2.35	2.25	1.99	1.80	↓	-9.9%
Cuba	2.34	2.40	2.11	1.78	↓	-15.5%
Brazil	3.84	3.38	2.67	2.17	↓	-18.9%
Turkey	3.75	3.87	3.45	3.40	↓	-1.4%
Chile	2.89	2.96	2.71	2.75	↑	+1.3%
Moldova	2.49	2.47	2.69	2.25	↓	-16.4%
Serbia	3.06	3.74	3.51	4.80	↑	+36.9%
New Zealand	27.45	30.71	28.55	30.48	↑	+6.8%
Guatemala	2.59	2.84	2.31	2.42	↑	+4.6%
Nicaragua	3.82	3.89	3.06	2.74	↓	-10.5%
India	2.18	1.65	1.66	1.65	↓	-0.5%
Extra EU	2.19	2.26	2.06	2.02	↓	-1.9%
Extra EU (excl. NZ)	2.13	2.21	2.01	1.94	↓	-3.3%

The World's Honey exporters (2018)



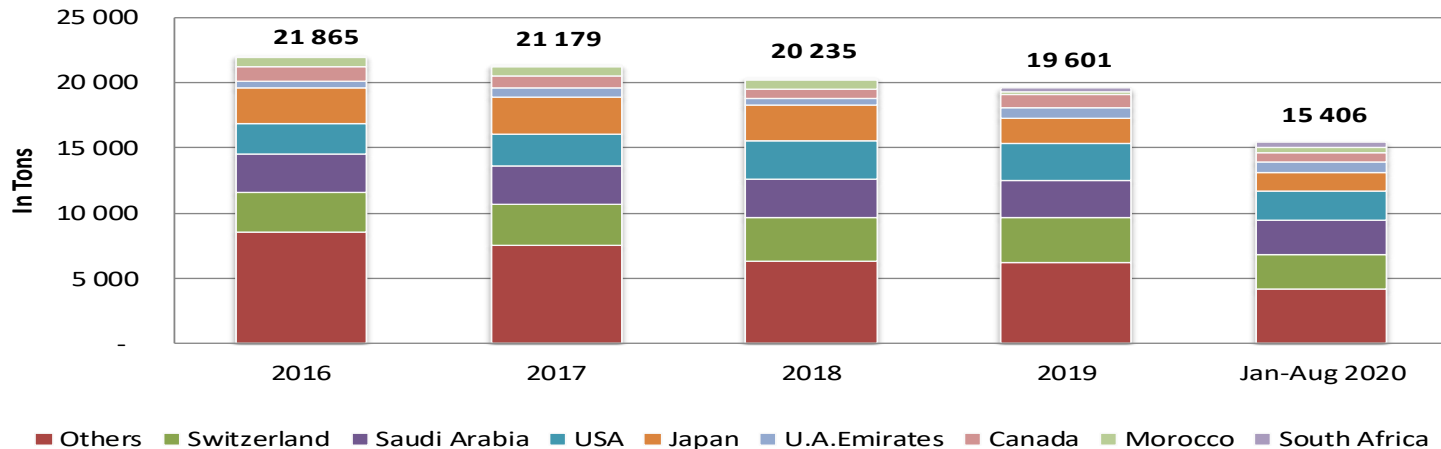
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EU Exports of Honey by Destinations

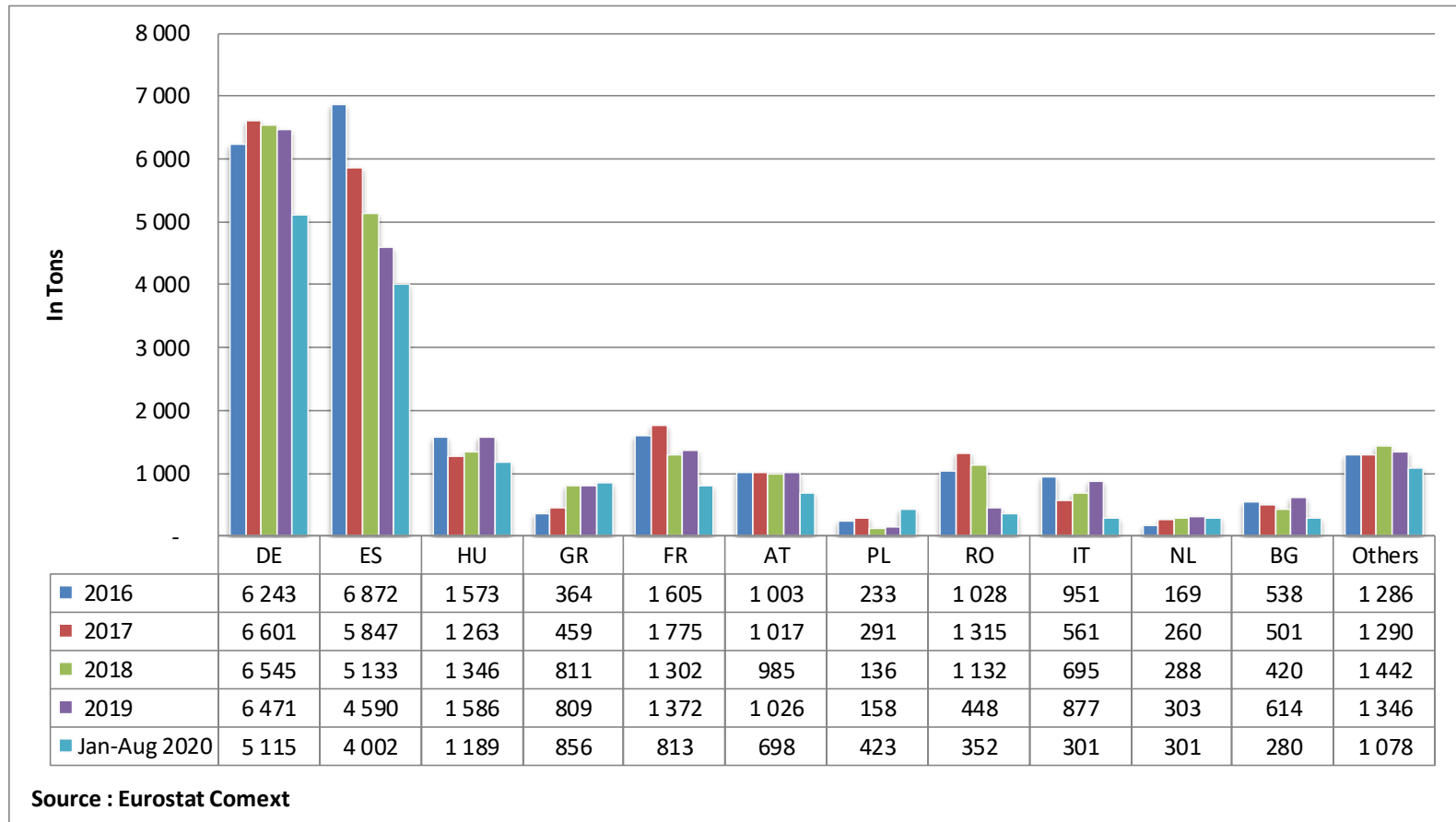
	2017 % Extra EU		2018 % Extra EU		2019 % Extra EU		Jan-Aug 2020 % Extra EU		Compared to Jan-Aug
Switzerland	3 152	14.9%	3 348	16.5%	3 439	17.5%	2 644	17.2%	↑ +25.6%
Saudi Arabia	2 875	13.6%	2 956	14.6%	2 815	14.4%	2 604	16.9%	↑ +32.7%
USA	2 441	11.5%	2 889	14.3%	2 825	14.4%	2 163	14.0%	↑ +7.8%
Japan	2 882	13.6%	2 712	13.4%	1 992	10.2%	1 462	9.5%	↑ +18.6%
U.A.Emirates	664	3.1%	561	2.8%	815	4.2%	812	5.3%	↑ +62.5%
Canada	928	4.4%	748	3.7%	969	4.9%	662	4.3%	↑ +1.6%
Morocco	695	3.3%	615	3.0%	250	1.3%	447	2.9%	↑ +93.0%
South Africa	1	0.0%	91	0.4%	283	1.4%	389	2.5%	↑ +151.4%
Others	7 541	35.6%	6 315	31.2%	6 213	31.7%	4 222	27.4%	↑ +8.4%
Extra EU	21 179		20 235		19 601		15 406		↑ +21.0%
% Change	↓ -3.1%		↓ -4.5%		↓ -3.1%				



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Member States Share of Export to Third Countries



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	Jan-Aug 2019 <i>% Extra EU</i>		Jan-Aug 2020 <i>% Extra EU</i>		Compared to Jan-Aug	
DE	4 351	34.2%	5 115	40.2%	↑	+17.6%
ES	3 223	25.3%	4 002	31.4%	↑	+24.2%
HU	799	6.3%	1 189	9.3%	↑	+48.7%
GR	477	3.7%	856	6.7%	↑	+79.2%
FR	943	7.4%	813	6.4%	↓	-13.8%
AT	680	5.3%	698	5.5%	↑	+2.6%
PL	105	0.8%	423	3.3%	↑	+303.5%
RO	299	2.3%	352	2.8%	↑	+17.8%
IT	564	4.4%	301	2.4%	↓	-46.7%
NL	181	1.4%	301	2.4%	↑	+65.9%
BG	382	3.0%	280	2.2%	↓	-26.6%
Others	733	5.8%	1 078	8.5%	↑	+47.1%
EU	12 737		15 406		↑	+21.0%



Member States Exports of Honey to United Kingdom (in tons)

	2018		2019		% change 19/18	Jan-Aug 2019		Jan-Aug 2020		% change Jan-Aug 20/19
		% of EU		% of EU			% of EU		% of EU	
PL	922	14.1%	2 131	27.1%	↑ +131.0%	1 222	23.7%	1 561	34.3%	↑ +27.7%
DE	1 020	15.6%	970	12.3%	↓ -4.9%	704	13.7%	609	13.4%	↓ -13.5%
ES	1 047	16.1%	890	11.3%	↓ -15.0%	596	11.6%	600	13.2%	↑ +0.7%
IE	817	12.5%	1 448	18.4%	↑ +77.2%	1 025	19.9%	424	9.3%	↓ -58.6%
BE	884	13.6%	670	8.5%	↓ -24.2%	501	9.7%	329	7.2%	↓ -34.4%
RO	294	4.5%	368	4.7%	↑ +25.2%	264	5.1%	235	5.2%	↓ -10.8%
IT	464	7.1%	490	6.2%	↑ +5.7%	330	6.4%	188	4.1%	↓ -43.2%
GR	137	2.1%	282	3.6%	↑ +105.8%	148	2.9%	172	3.8%	↑ +16.2%
Others	936	14.4%	624	7.9%	↓ -33.3%	365	7.1%	429	9.4%	↑ +17.7%
Total EU	6 521		7 873		↑ +20.7%	5 155		4 546		↓ -11.8%

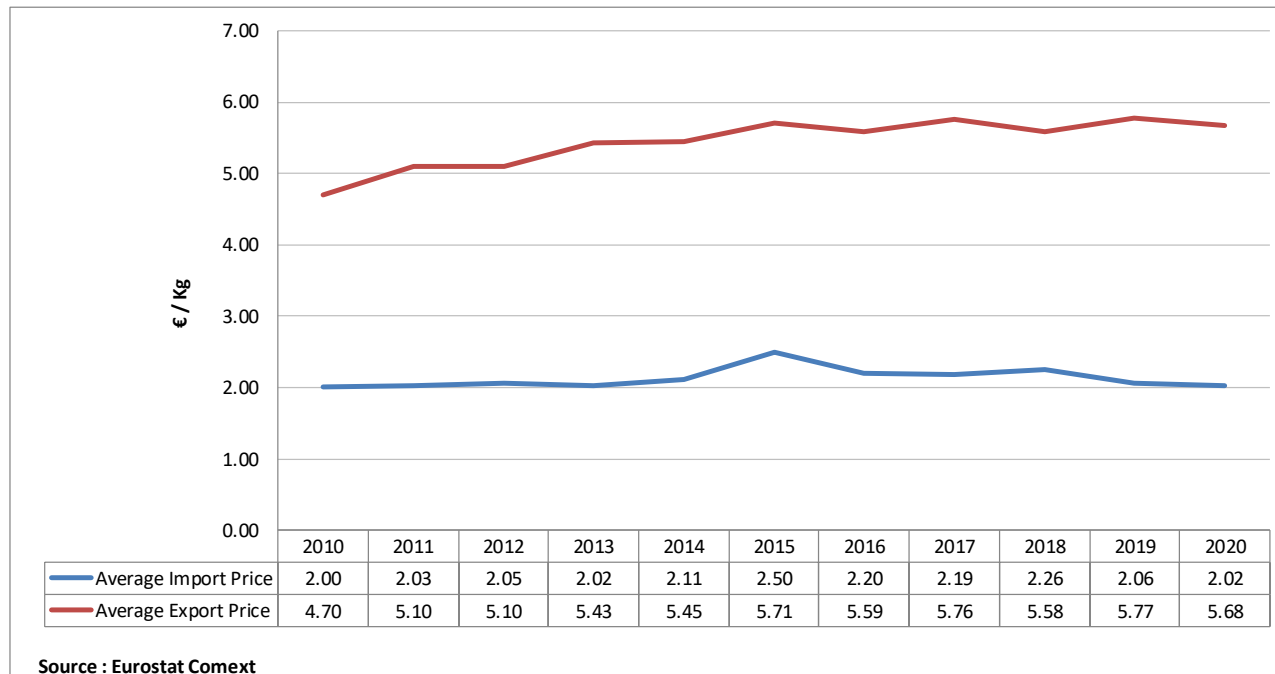
EU Average Unit Value for Exported Honey (€/kg) by Destination

	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Switzerland	5.56	5.53	5.41	5.59	↑	+3.4%
Saudi Arabia	7.83	6.88	7.53	6.51	↓	-13.5%
USA	6.30	5.89	6.29	5.47	↓	-13.0%
Japan	5.50	5.22	5.75	6.26	↑	+8.7%
U.A.Emirates	7.60	7.65	7.51	7.60	↑	+1.1%
Canada	3.74	4.15	3.89	3.82	↓	-1.6%
Morocco	1.98	1.97	2.80	2.36	↓	-15.9%
South Africa	8.62	2.23	2.29	2.41	↑	+5.1%
Israel	2.97	2.96	2.84	3.00	↑	+5.9%
Norway	5.04	5.99	5.39	5.18	↓	-3.9%
Algeria	5.46	3.25	3.14	3.68	↑	+17.1%
China	5.73	6.02	7.44	6.17	↓	-17.0%
Hong Kong	6.39	6.98	6.99	6.70	↓	-4.2%
Philippines	5.82	5.52	6.01	6.01	↑	+0.0%
Jordan	4.82	5.04	4.85	4.88	↑	+0.6%
Extra EU	5.76	5.58	5.77	5.68	↓	-1.6%

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Average Import and Export Prices





Where to find data:

New homepage

https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/animals-and-animal-products/animal-products/honey_en