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# Woman and Youth in the German Food and Agriculture Systems

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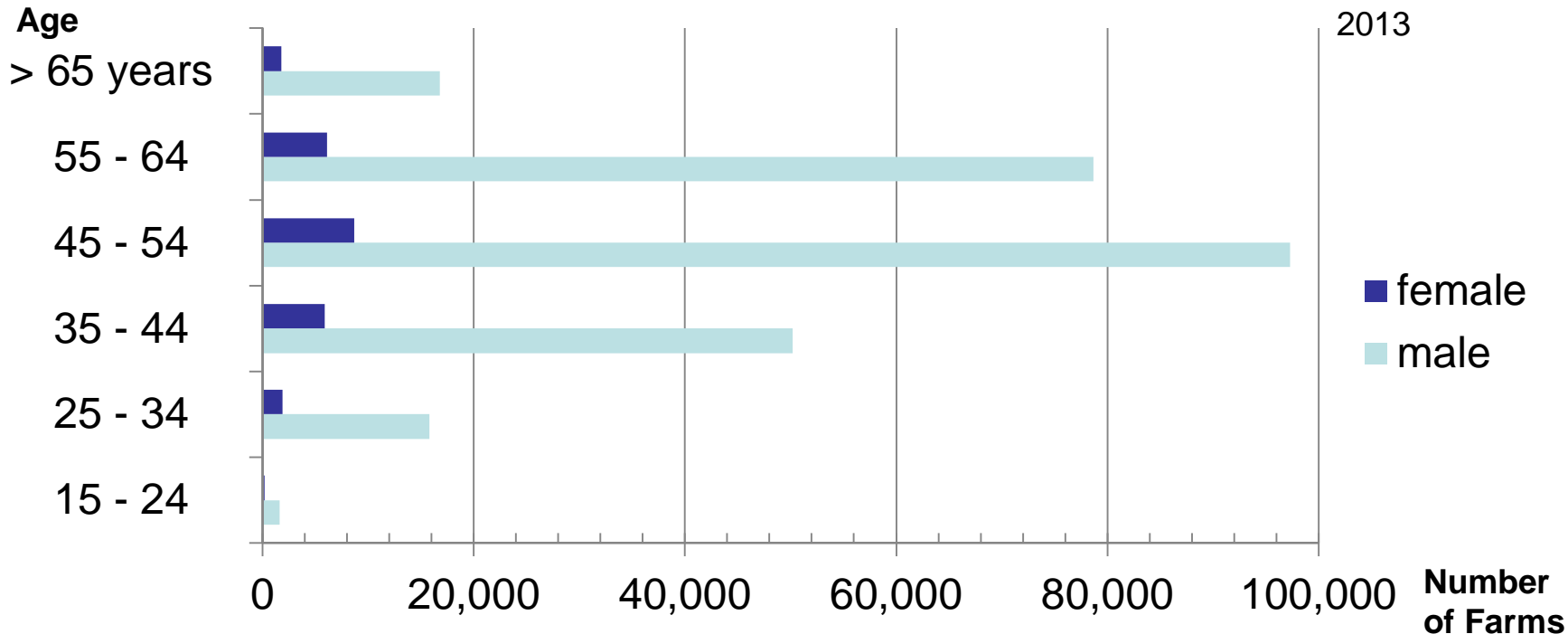


# Farms in Germany are mainly family run business

	1999	2010	2013
Total number of farms in Germany	466.541	299.134	285.000
➤ Private management	450.393 (96%)	273.030 (91%)	256.000 (90%)
➤ Joint shareholder/ partnership enterprise	13.727 (3%)	21.042 (7%)	23.700 (8%)
➤ Legal person	5.419 (1%)	5.062 (2%)	5.300 (2%)
Farms run by women	No data	25.000 (8%)	24.500 (9%)

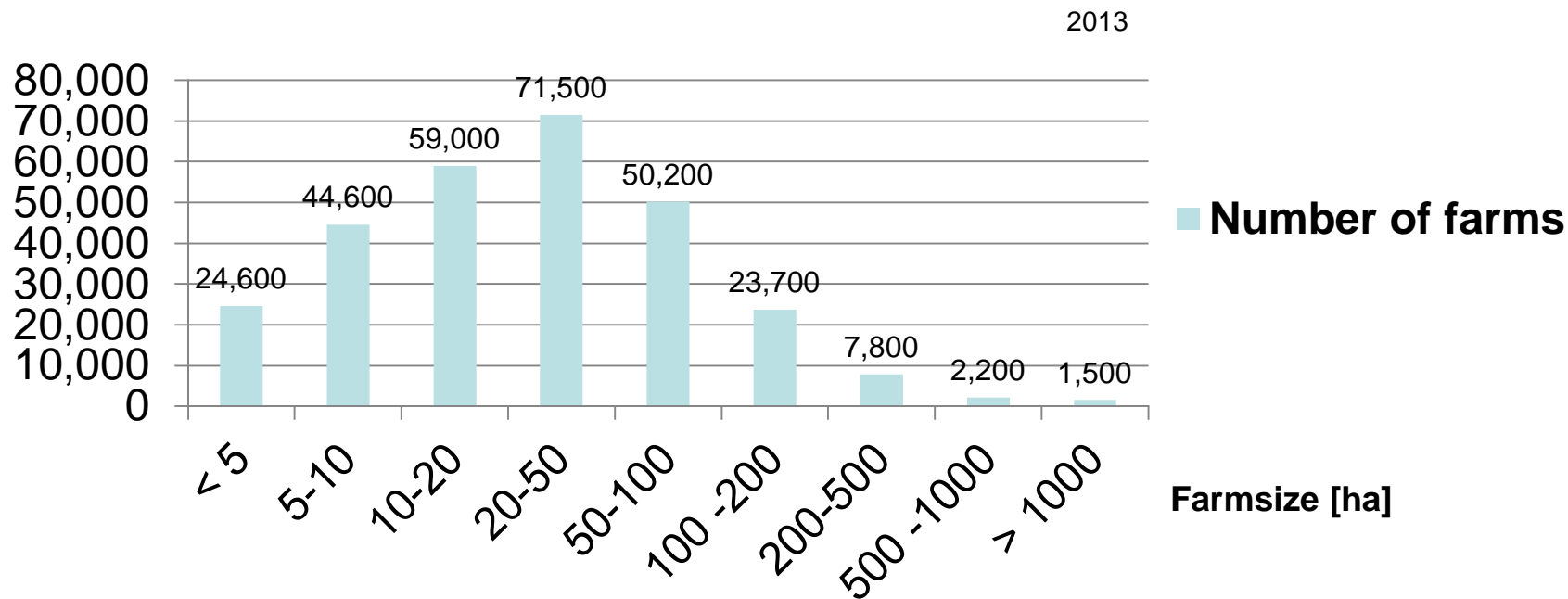


# German farmers are fairly young





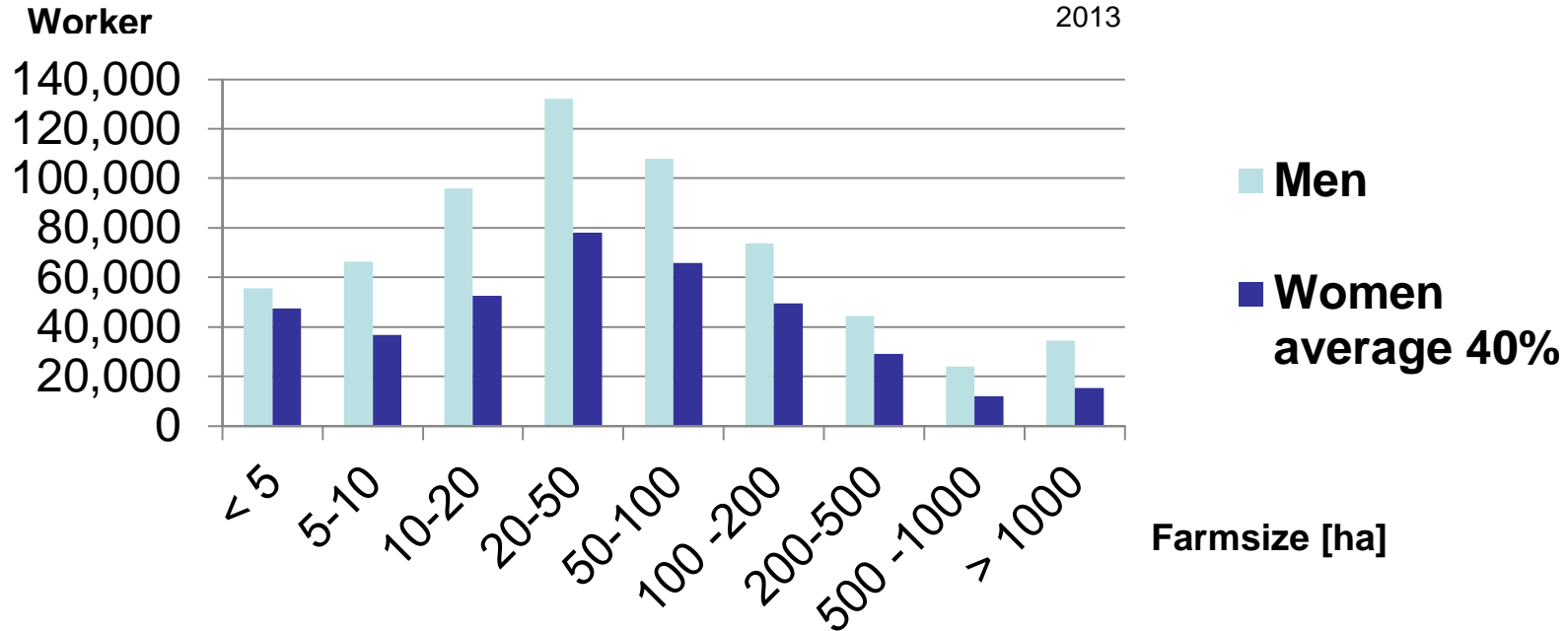
# Number of farms in Germany by the size of farmland





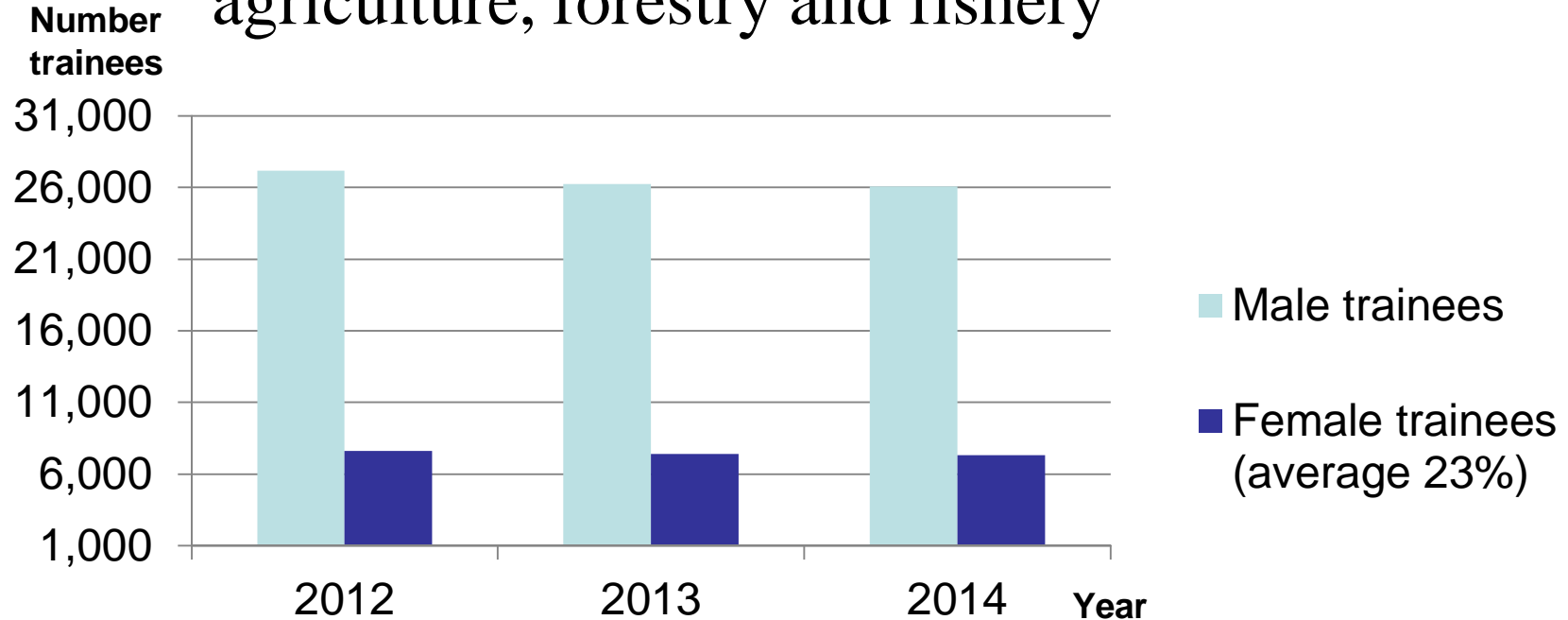
# Labourforce by the size of farmland

Women are strongly involved in management decisions in family run farms



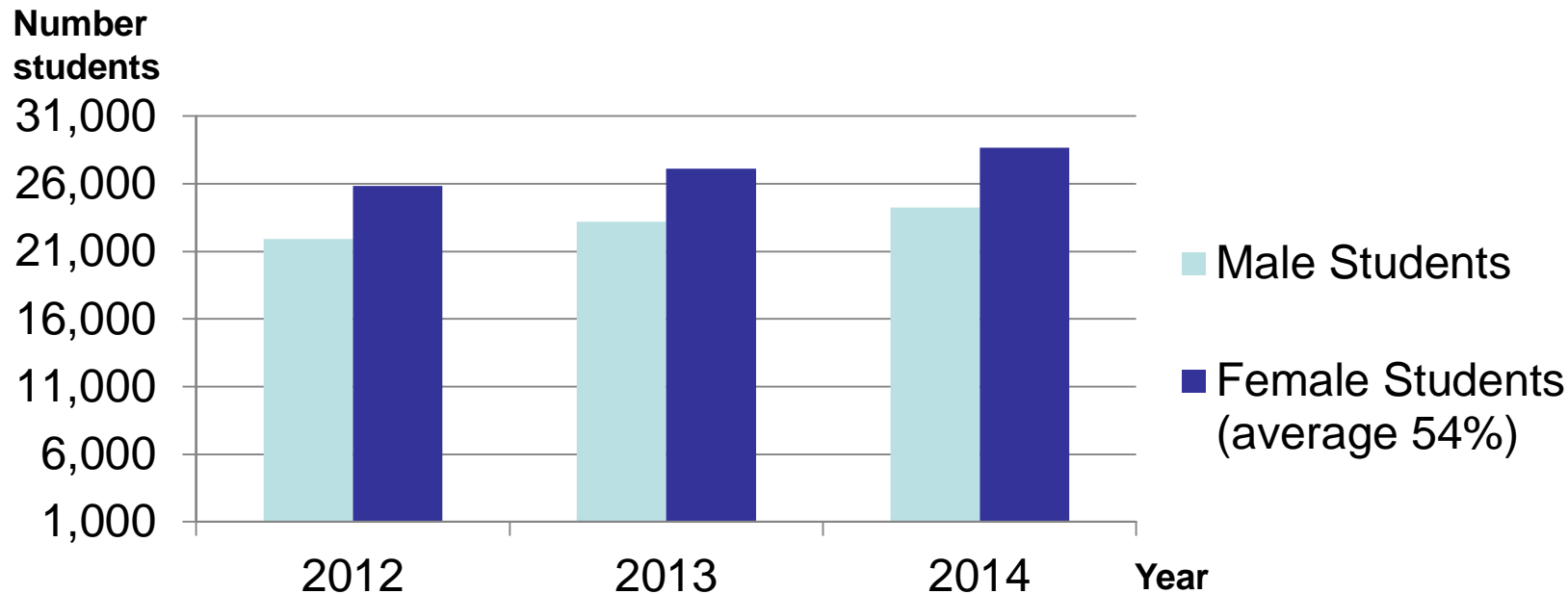


# Trainees of apprenticeship professions for agriculture, forestry and fishery





# Students of **Science** in Agriculture, Forestry and Food





# Policy measures to empower women in agriculture

- **Diversification into agricultural-related business** to enhance the value-added chain, vocal training/coaching for new business area
- **Braodband expansion** is essential to manage modern business in an increasingly digitized world. Market participants have to be visible in the Internet with their products to survive, especially in the field of direct sale of genuine farm products, agrotourism, farm café or restaurant, catering or service sector.
- **Reconciliation of family and work**, reliable framework conditions are needed. Availability of facilities for childcare and other dependant care is of crucial importance.
- Access to all kind of **education**





# Policy measures to empower the youth in agriculture

- **Aid for** young farmers, setting up for the first time in an agricultural holding as head of the holding (no more than 40 years of age at the moment of submitting the application):  
44 €/ ha for a maximum of 90 ha. Utilisation by 28.500 young farmers in 2016 (about 113 Mio. Euro). Part of direct CAP payment.
- **Subsidy** by investments is ten percentage points (10%) higher for young farmers. Maximum 20.000 € per investment. Part of the national programm for Rural Development
- **Planning security for successors** to a farm by a “give away rule”: To receive the full pension, the retiring farmer has to pass over the farm at the age of 65.



# Best practice of empowering woman: Public subsidies for diversification

- Income combination and the added value in agriculture contribute to stable economic situation on the farm. **These business are mainly managed by women.**
- Structural change in agriculture is going on. Diversification makes rural areas more attractive and opens professional perspectives, **predominantly for women.**
- Starting on a small scale with few beds for overnight guests, today **agrotourism** has become a **popular and well known brand** with about 138.330 beds and 15,4 Mio overnight stays per year.
- **Subsidy** for investments in agrotouristic holdings by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture helped from the very beginning to develop agrotourism into a secure pillar for many farms.



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