



# Agriculture in Bavaria

Bavarian agriculture is characterised by its great diversity. In addition to the main activities of milk and cereal production, many places grow typical regional crops, including fruit and vegetables, which are marketed locally.

The different regional structures and climatic specificities are an important determining factor. Each region has its own specialities, its own culture and its own traditions, which have developed from the location-specific use of nature.

They have a comparatively high amount of rainfall due to the geographical position. The hillier an area and the steeper the slopes, the less suitable it is for agricultural cultivation. That is why the grasslands of the Alpine foothills and the mountains have been used as pastures for centuries and why there are many dairy farms there. Mountain pasture farming and Alpine agriculture have shaped the characteristic Alpine countryside to this day.

## Examples of typical regional crops

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**In Lower Franconia**, winegrowers produce excellent wines of world renown.
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**Upper Franconia** is a region known for its beer. Malting barley is grown and processed locally here.
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**Middle Franconia** and **Upper Palatinate** are famous for fish farming and pond culture.
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Franconian vegetable growing is typified by the **Nuremberg Knoblauchsland** ("Garlic Country") and the **Bamberger Gärtner**, the "gardeners of Bamberg".

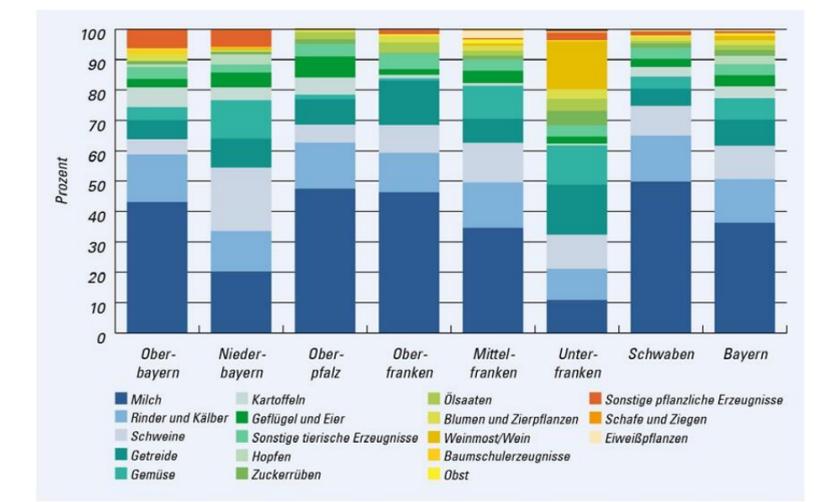
**Lower Bavaria** is Europe's largest gherkin growing area. The Gäuboden area around Straubing and Plattling, with its loess and loamy soils, boasts the areas with the highest agricultural value in Bavaria.

The **Hallertau** area, also known as **Holledau**, between Ingolstadt and Landshut, is the world's largest single hop-growing area.

The **Lake Constance Region** is famous for apple growing, and an important supplier of fruit and vegetables.

The **Alpine foothills** in Upper Bavaria and Swabia (Allgäu) predominantly consist of meadows and forests.

## Shares of agricultural sales revenues for selected product groups



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