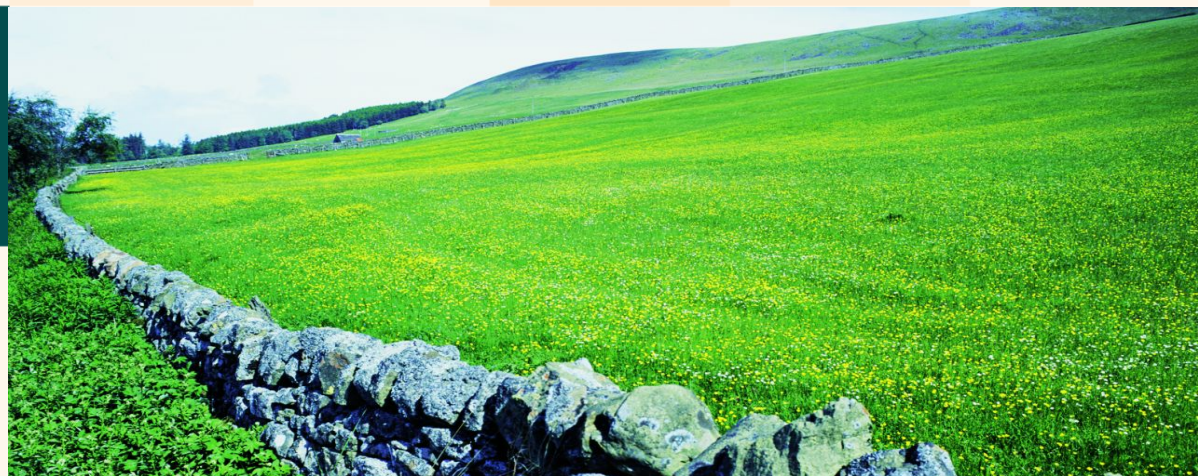




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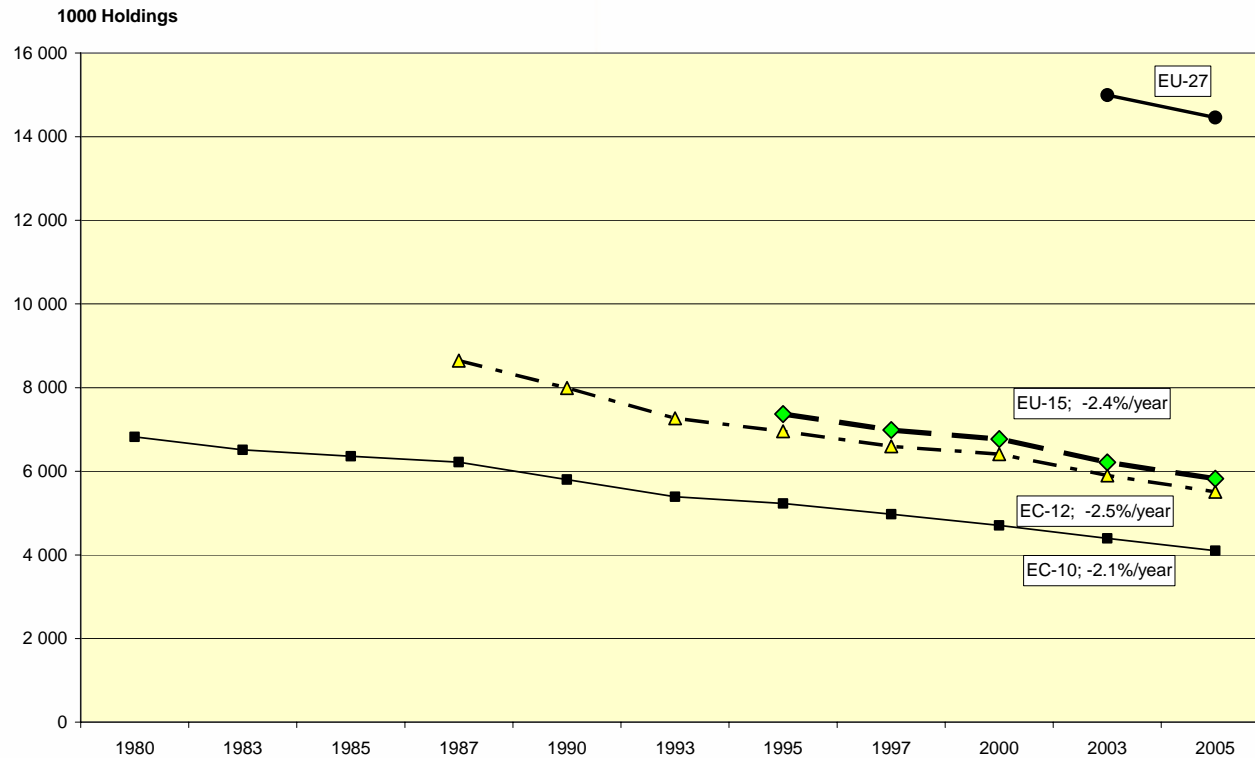


Challenges ahead

- Increasing world demand
- Increasing competitive pressure
- Increasing marginalisation
- Climate change
- Demographic change



Farmer as a red list species?





Need for policy intervention

- Too early to tell
- Farming sector is under pressure
- Environment is under pressure
- Proliferation of policy options
- More targeted payments?



Farming versus environment?

- No future for farming if not sustainable
- No environmental protection without farming
- Climate change



Next steps

- Need to assess current CAP critically
- Build up knowledge (climate change)
- Reinforce synergies farming and environment