

Typical Suisse apple farm

Region	Thurgau: CH-6-TH
Total farm size, ha	6
- full production, ha	5.2
- non-full bearing, ha	0.4
- in establishment & fallow, ha	0.4
- other farm branch, ha	0
Lifetime orchard, years	18 years
Average time to first full yield after planting	4
Yield on farm 2012, t/ha	35-47
Total production 2012, t/farm	229
Average use of plant protection products, EUR/ha	2,765
Average use of fertiliser, EUR/ha	341
Average rainfall, mm/year	1,100
Share of irrigated orchards (%)	0
Irrigation system	none
Top 3 varieties grown	
– Name 1	Royal Gala
– ha	1.5
– Name 2	Golden Delicious
– ha	1.3
– Name 3	Jonagold
– ha	1
trees per ha	2,500
Distance between the rows (m)	3.5
Canopy management / production system	Spindel
Legal form	Family farm
Coupled and decoupled payments, Swiss government (EUR/ ha)	1,394
Subsidies (per farm) (e.g., for irrigation system, hail nets etc.)	0
Vertical market integration/marketing channels	Marketing cooperative
Participation in private quality certification scheme	Swiss Gap
Family labour (hours per year)	2,200
Hired labour (hours per year)	0
Seasonal workers (hours per year)	2,000
Use of own machinery	yes
Use of hired machinery / contractors / co-operative machine pool	yes
Harvest	Manual