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TABLES:

Table 1. Individual rates of changes in volume of slaughter livestock (2010–2016)

Country	Beef and veal meat (%)	Pork meat (%)	Poultry meat (%)
Austria	0	–6	9
Belgium	6	–	–9
Bulgaria	–10	4	2
Croatia	3	–23	79
Czech Republic	–1	–21	–17

Source: Own calculations based on Eurostat Database (2019b)

Table 2. Break-even point analysis and the requirements for profitability

Item	Profitability (%)	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Milk price (EUR/L)	0 (break-even)	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.30	0.32
	5	0.35	0.33	0.33	0.31	0.34
	10	0.36	0.35	0.34	0.33	0.35
Milk yield (L/cow/year)	0 (break-even)	5 426	8 239	10 990	5 658	7 257
	5	6 012	9 356	12 777	6 354	8 176
	10	6 661	10 651	14 958	7 131	9 224
Total costs (EUR/cow)	0 (break-even)	2 586	2 333	2 113	2 721	2 362
	5	2 470	2 228	2 019	2 599	2 256
	10	2 365	2 134	1 934	2 487	2 160
Subsidies (EUR/cow)	0 (break-even)	–	286	484	8	177
	5	–	402	599	125	290
	10	92	518	715	241	404

Source: Authors' calculation based on FAO (2019)

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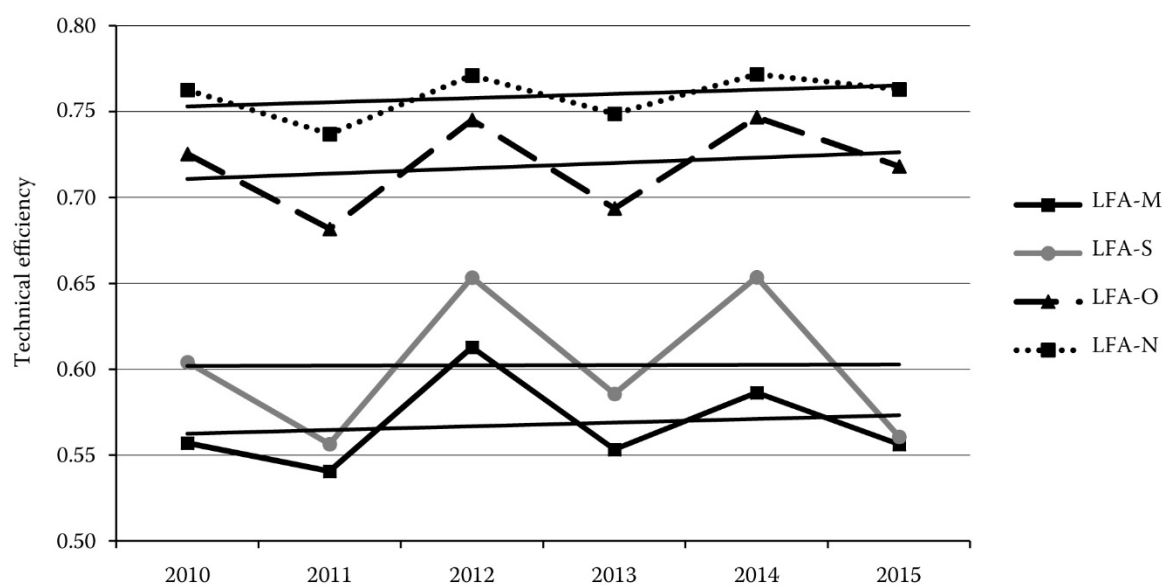


Figure 1. Development of technical efficiency in time

LFA-M – farms located in mountain area; LFA-S – farms located in areas with specific constraints, LFA-O – farms located in other areas; LFA-N – farms located in non-LFA areas

Source: Own processing based on Albertina database (Bisnode 2017) and LPIS database (Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic 2017a)

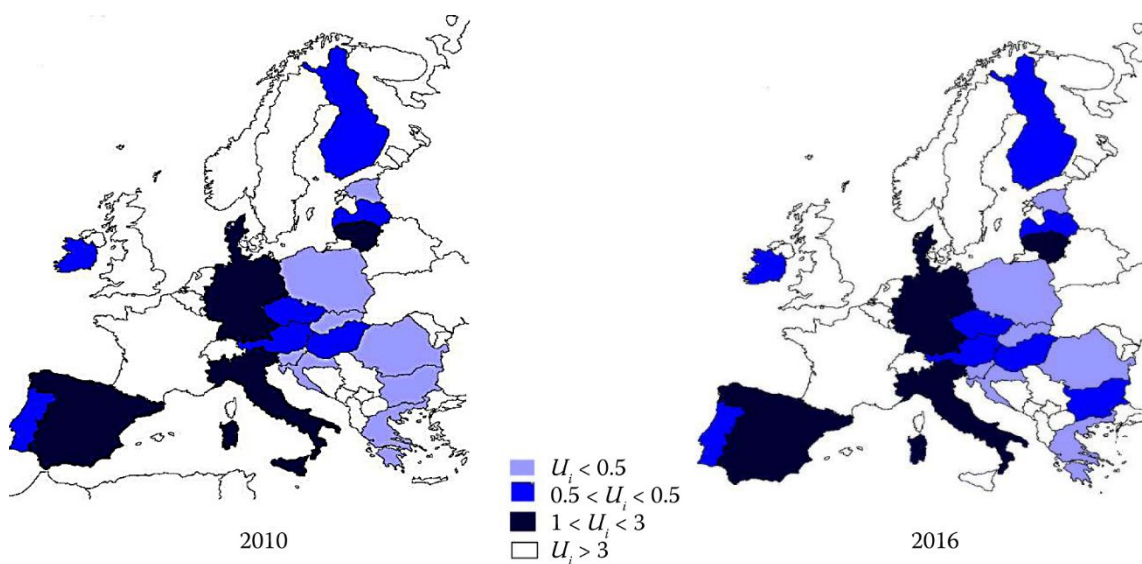


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