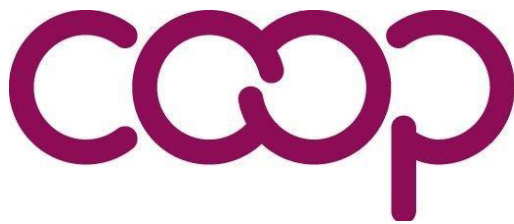


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# Assessment of impacts of EU CAP implementation on Bulgarian agricultural cooperatives

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## Abstract

The integration of Bulgaria into the European Union (EU) in 2007 and accompanying processes of transformation in the social-economic aspects have an impact on agricultural cooperatives. During 2007–2016 the processes of land restructuring farms in the country are decreased in the total number of agricultural cooperatives. For the ten-year period after our accession to the EU and the implementation of the CAP, agricultural cooperatives from 1156 in 2007 decreased to 767 in 2016

The purpose of this article is to analyze the economic efficiency of agricultural cooperatives in Bulgaria from implementation of EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and on this basis to outline the main trends in their development. Official data from the National Statistical Institute (NSI), the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (MAFF) "Agrostatistics", primary data of the Agricultural and Accounting Information System (AAIS) for the period 2007-2016 were used. The results present that the applied subsidies for support of the EU CAP increase the economic efficiency and profitability of production, which has a positive effect on income in agricultural cooperatives. In 2016, net profit and profitability in agricultural cooperatives without subsidies were negative.

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