

Isle of Wight 2011 census atlas

Section 9

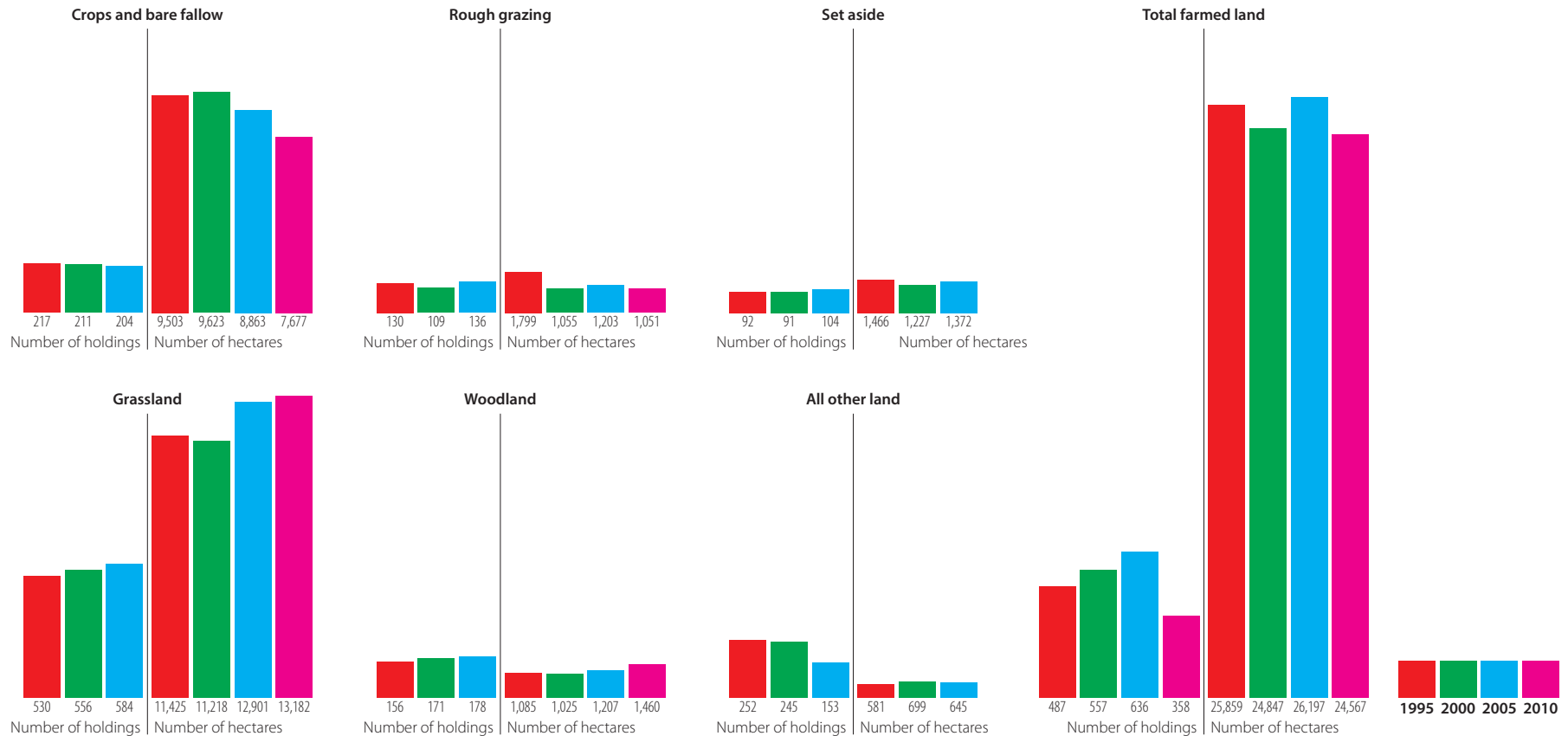
Agriculture



The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) regularly carry out an annual agricultural census which collects information relating to land use, crops, livestock, labour, horticulture and glasshouse activity. The latest updates of these detailed results are from the 2010 Census. In 2011 and 2012 the survey sample was reduced in size so these low levels of results will not be available for these years. The next update for the results below will be following the 2013 survey. This information is made available to the public and can be accessed by visiting www.defra.gov.uk.

Agricultural land use

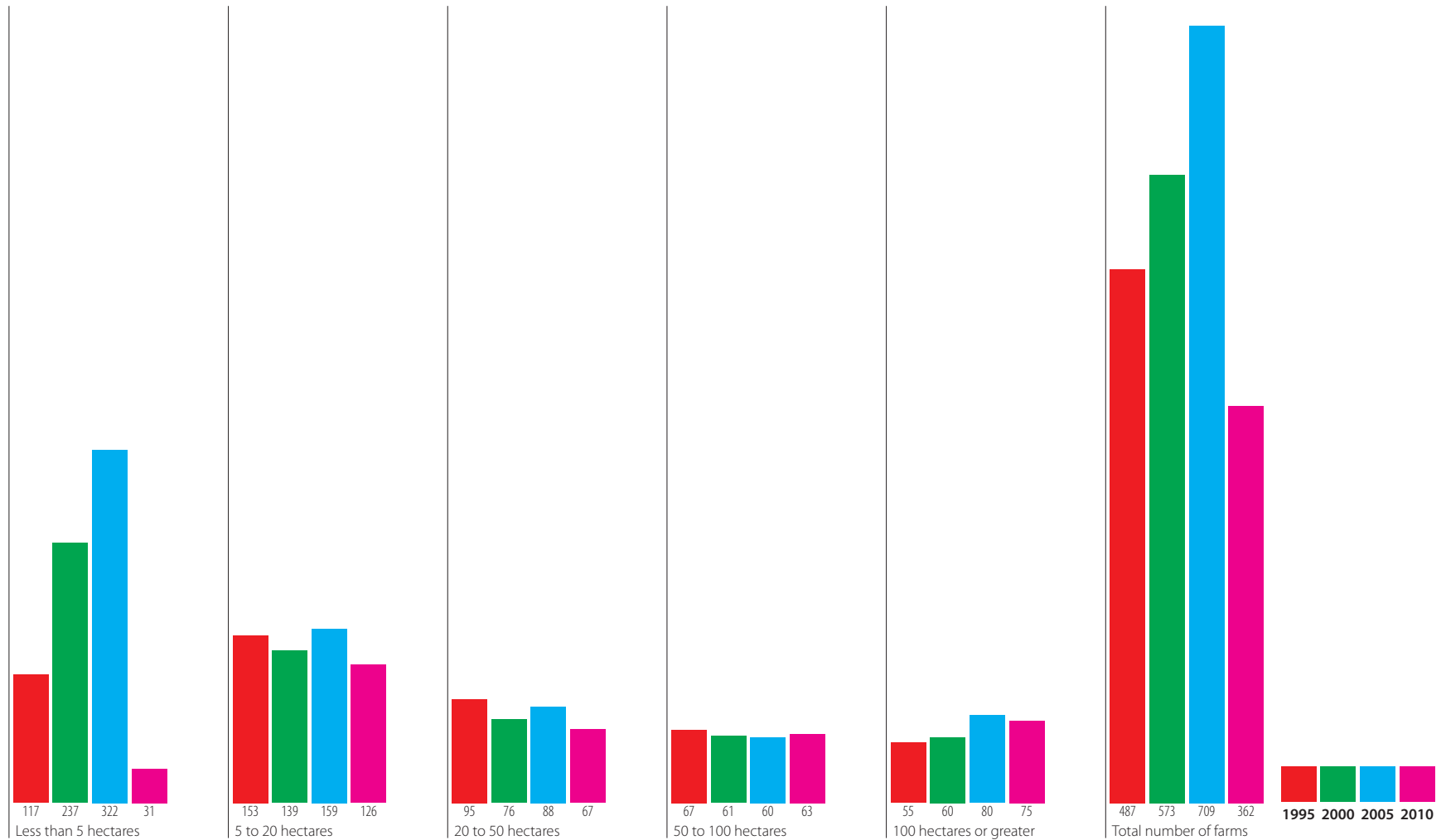
Although there is a slight decline in the total area of farmed land over the last 15 years, the largest category of land use on the island is still grassland





Farm size

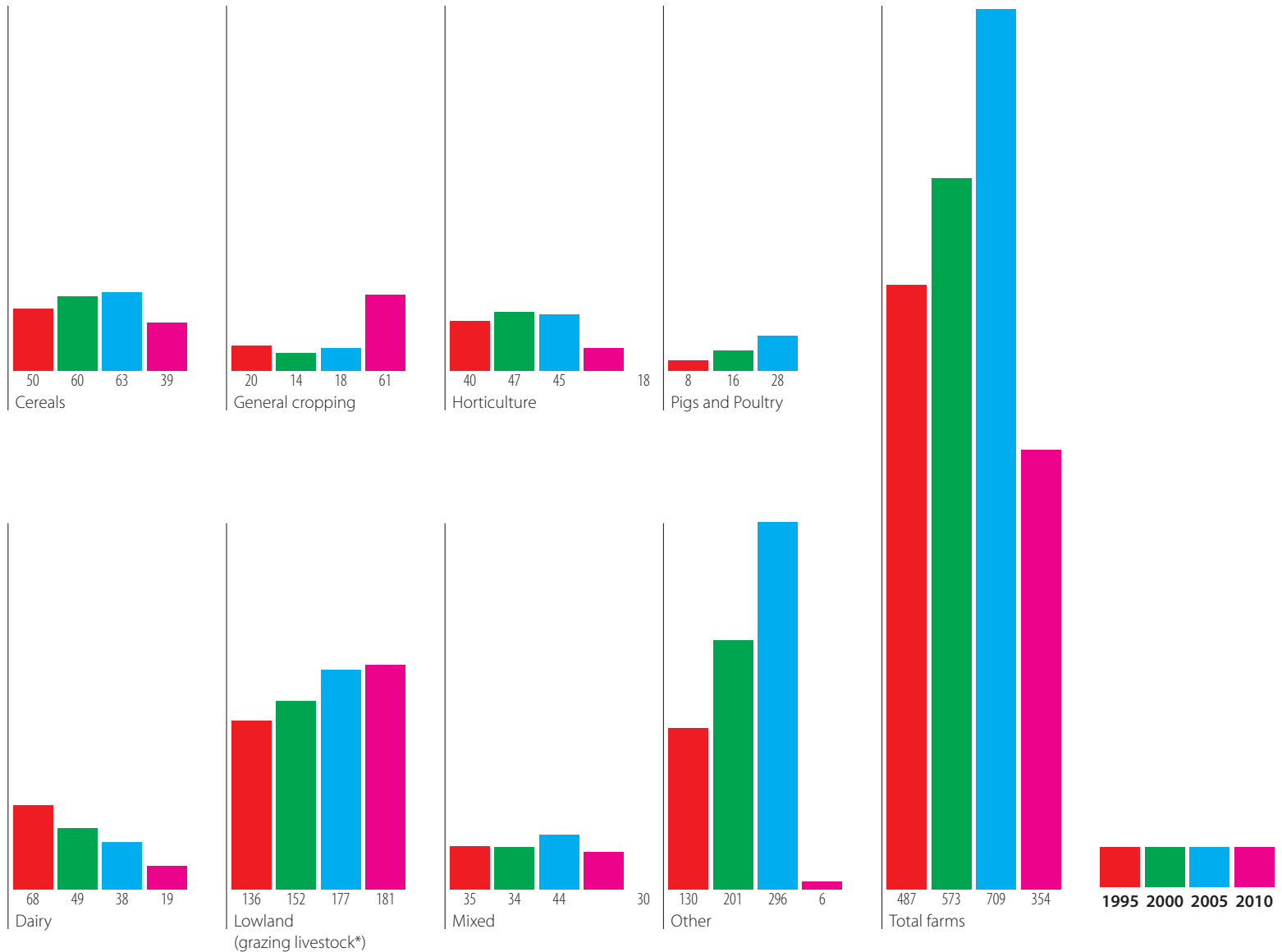
The number of small farms almost tripled between 1995 and 2005; however between 2005 and 2010 it then dropped by over 90%. Overall, the total number of farms has almost halved in the last five years.





Farm types

Most farm types have decreased over the last 15 years; however 'General cropping' has tripled its number of holdings.

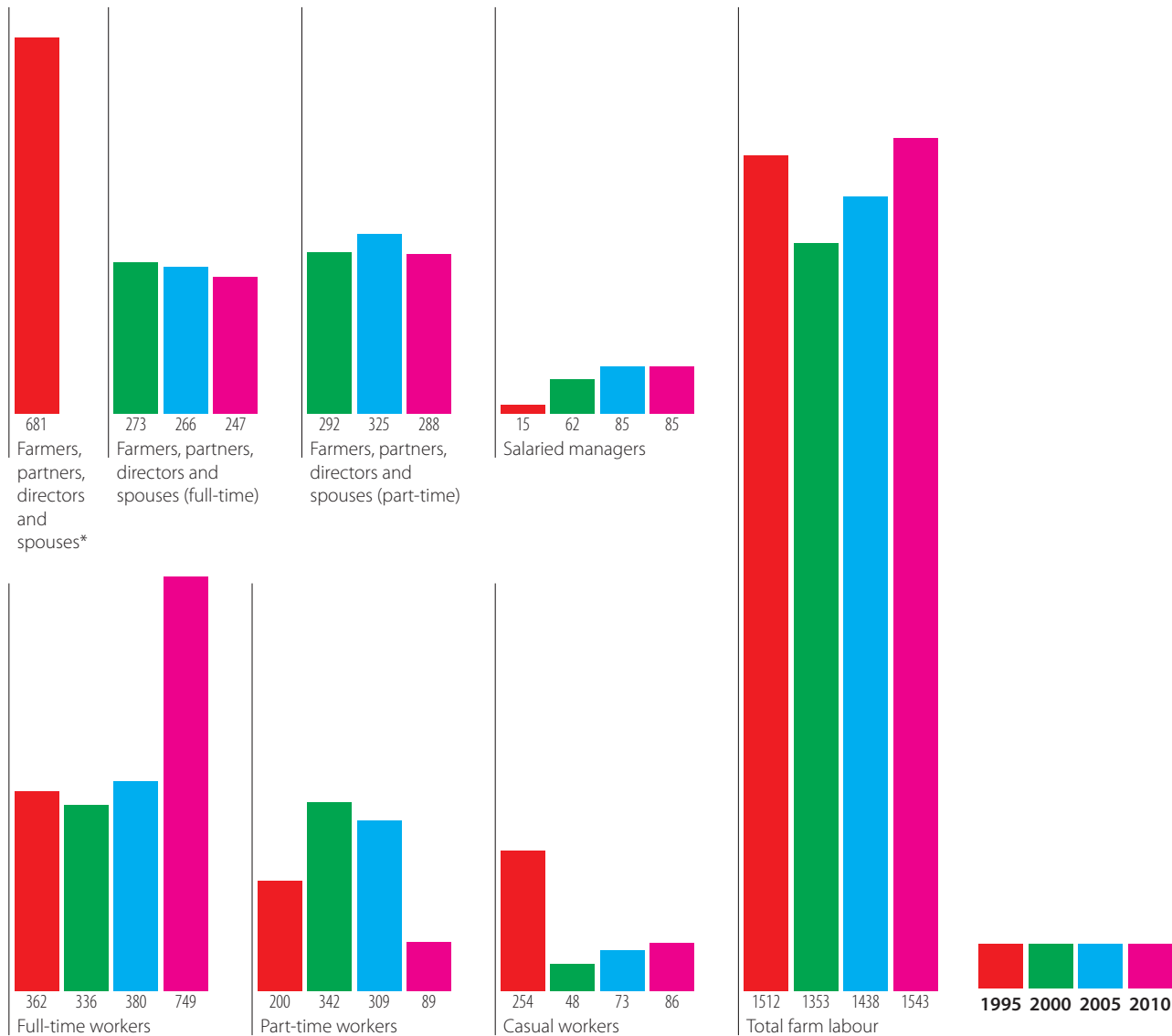


*Known as 'cattle and sheep (lowland)' up to and including the year 2003.



Labour

Overall, total farm labour has stayed relatively stable over the last 15 years, however, casual workers, part-time workers and Farmers, Partners, Directors and Spouses (FPDS) have all decreased and appear to have been replaced by full-time workers..

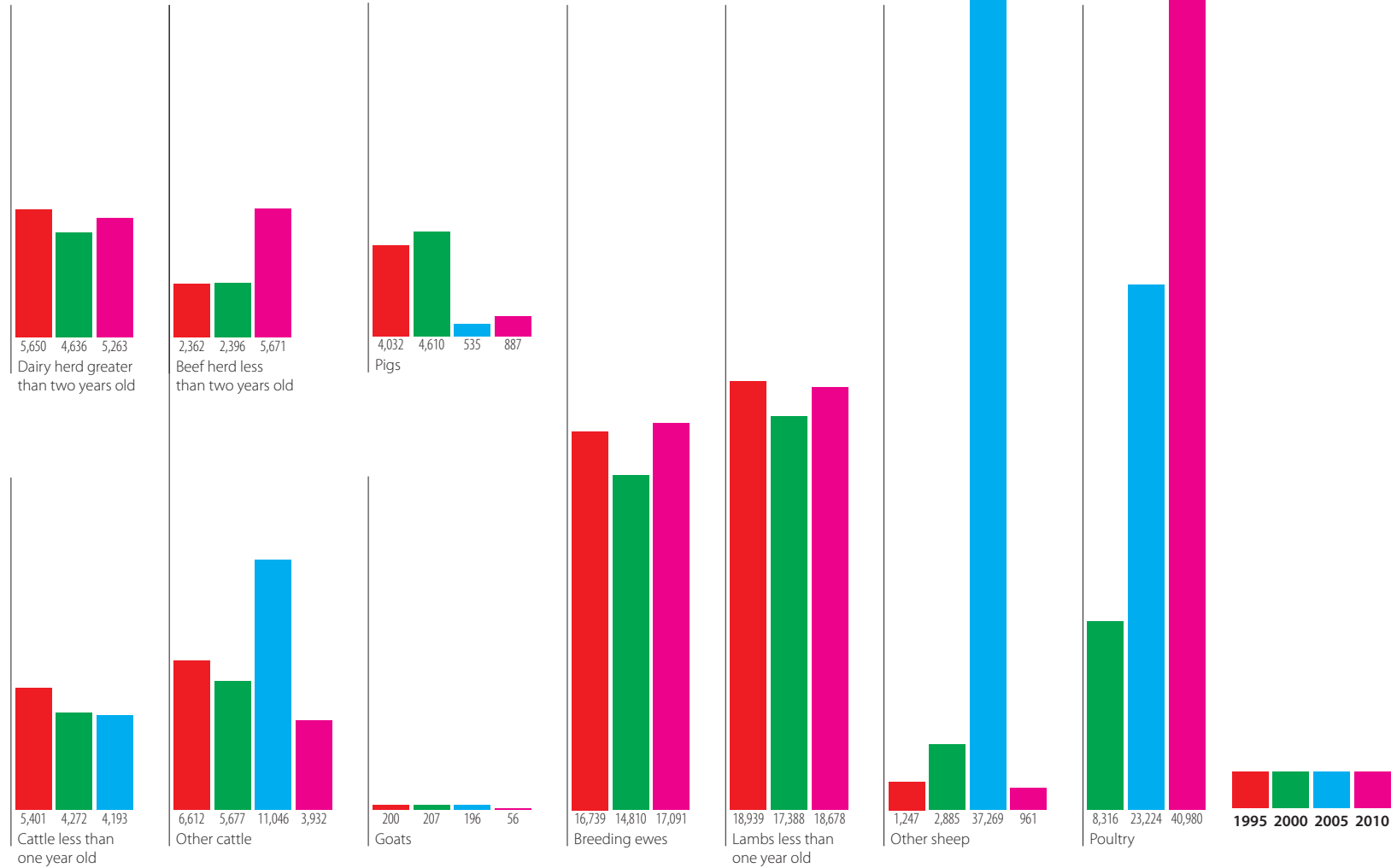


*In 1995 the survey didn't ask whether farmers, partners, directors and spouses were full or part time, so this is a combined figure.



Livestock

Most of the livestock numbers have stayed relatively similar over the last 15 years. One noticeable difference shows poultry has increased almost five-fold over the last ten years.





Horticultural crops

