



Country Fact Sheet Belgium

LAND AND POPULATION	Year	Value	Unit
Area			
Country total area	2016	3 053	1 000 ha
Cultivated area (arable land + permanent crops)	2016	872.4	1 000 ha
Population			
Total population	2015	11 299	1 000
Population density	2016	370.1	inhab/km ²
Rural population	2015	355	1 000
Economically active population in agriculture	2014	53	1 000
As % of total economically active population	2014	1.079	%
RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES (RWR)	Year	Value	Unit
Long-term average annual precipitation			
Depth		847	mm/year
Volume		25.86	km ³ /year
Long-term average annual RWR			
Internal (IRWR)		12	km ³ /year
External (ERWR)		6.3	km ³ /year
Total Actual (TRWR)		18.3	km ³ /year
Dependency ratio		34.43	%
TRWR per capita	2014	1 620	m ³ /year
Total dam capacity	2015	0.1443	km ³
WATER WITHDRAWAL	Year	Value	Unit
By sector			
Agricultural	2009	0.0402	km ³
Municipal	2009	0.7093	km ³
Industrial	2009	5.256	km ³
Total	2009	6.005	km ³
Total water withdrawal per capita	2009	542	m ³
By source			
Surface water withdrawal	2009	5.39	km ³
Groundwater withdrawal	2009	0.6125	km ³
Total freshwater withdrawal	2009	6.002	km ³
Desalinated water produced		-	km ³
Direct use of treated municipal wastewater	2000	0.003	km ³
Direct use of agricultural drainage water		-	km ³
Pressure on water resources			
Total freshwater withdrawal as % of TRWR	2009	32.8	%
Agricultural water withdrawal as % of TRWR	2009	0.2197	%
IRRIGATION AREAS	Year	Value	Unit
Area equipped for irrigation			
Full control irrigation	2013	19.18	1 000 ha
surface irrigation		1 000 ha	
sprinkler irrigation		1 000 ha	
localized irrigation		1 000 ha	
Equipped lowland areas		-	1 000 ha
Spate irrigation		-	1 000 ha
Total area equipped for irrigation	2013	19.18	1 000 ha
As % of cultivated area	2013	2.199	%
Area actually irrigated	2013	5.74	1 000 ha
As % of area equipped for irrigation	2013	29.93	%

Notes: 1 km³ = 10⁹ m³ = 1 000 million m³; 1 ha = 1 hectare = 10 000 m²