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STUDY REGARDING CURRENT SITUATION AND EVOLUTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY

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Abstract: The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on Romanian agriculture, affecting different aspects of the food supply chain and causing various problems in the agricultural sector. This study aims to present some of the challenges faced by an agricultural society.

Introduction

The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the labor market appeared at the end of the first quarter of 2020, with the establishment of the state of emergency in the country (starting on March 17, 2020). The Covid-19 pandemic continued to affect the labor market in the following quarters as well. The biggest effects were recorded in the second quarter of 2020, when every fourth employed person declared that the pandemic affected their relationship with the labor market. At the same time, in the following quarters of the year, the effects of the crisis caused by Covid-19 decreased in intensity and were much less felt

Material and method

This paper presents the main characteristics of the national grain market and the changes that took place during the Covid-19 pandemic. To carry out the study, statistical data, presented by different sources, were used

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has shaken societies and economies around the world. One of the most affected sectors was agriculture, which faced unprecedented challenges in ensuring food security in communities. This paper aims to analyze the impact of the pandemic on agriculture, focusing on the different dimensions of its consequences.

The impact of the pandemic on agriculture was also reflected in its economic and financial aspects. Many farmers, especially small farmers, have suffered financial losses due to the decrease in income and the increase in production costs. Some supportive government policies have been put in place to boost the agricultural sector, but these have not always been sufficient to mitigate the economic damage caused by the pandemic. [7]

FRIA is a company with one hundred percent Romanian capital, and has activities in agriculture and animal husbandry, founded in 1994. Currently FRIA exploits over 10,000 hectares of agricultural land, with a storage capacity of around 100,000 cubic meters, the agricultural machinery has a performance of 10 million euros and a farm of 2,500 dairy cows.

The success and performance of the group can also be found in the consolidated financial statements for the year 2022, with a profit of over 10 million euros, turnover of over 70 million euros, a number of over 250 employees, ebitda worth over 15 million euros, and assets worth over 80 million euros.

Result and Discussions

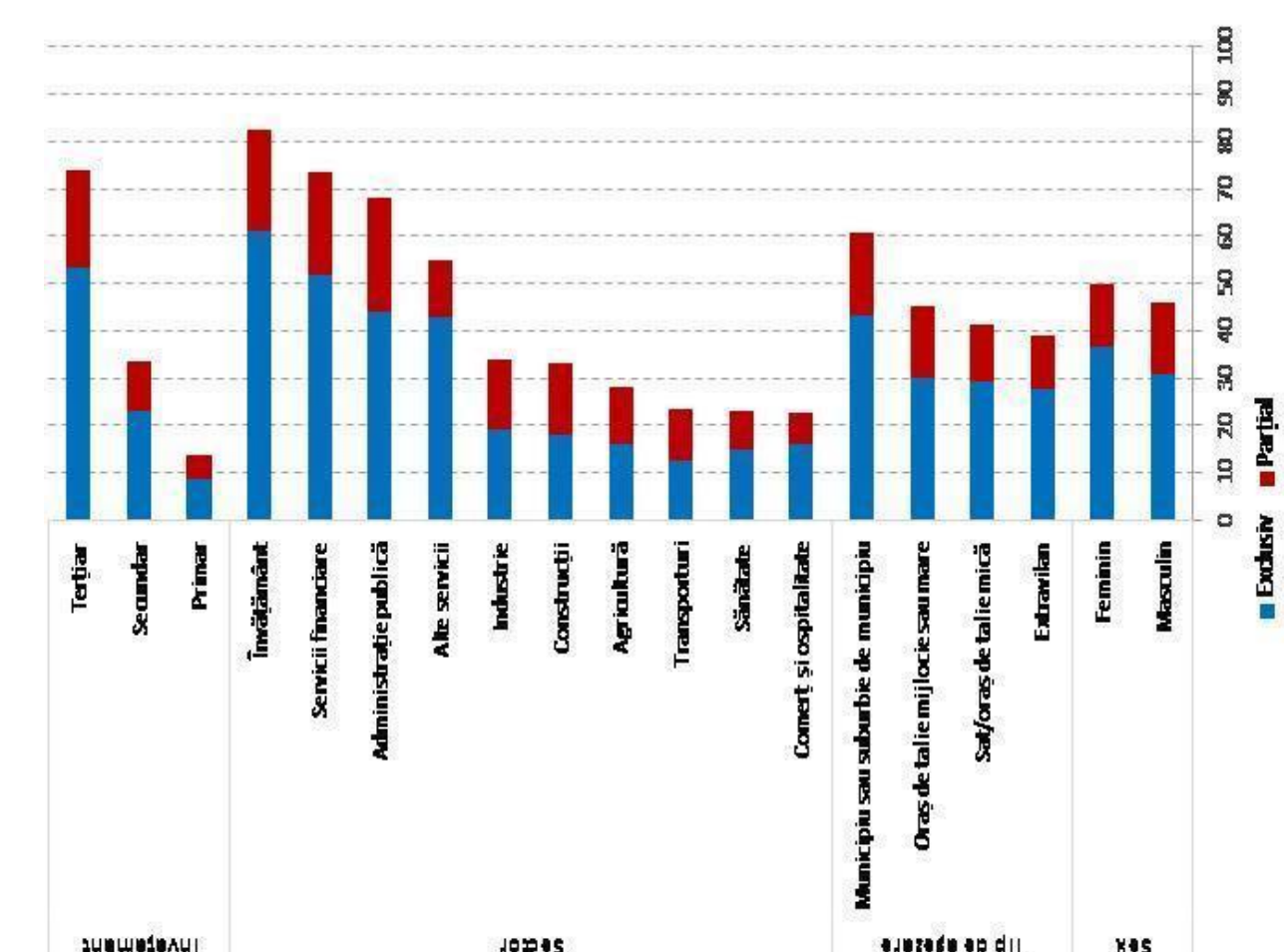


Figure 1 Working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic, main characteristics of participating workers (EU-27, in %)

ANUL	GERMANIA	POLONIA	ROMANIA	UE 28
2019	35500	14500	9200	28500
2020	34000	13000	9000	28800

Tab.1 Evolution of real GDP (Euro)

The agricultural sector managed to rise again due to the adoption of several strategies. [8]

BULGARIA	37%
ROMANIA	25%
CEHIA	17%
UNGARIA	14%
CROATIA	12%
AUSTRIA	10%
SPANIA	9%
OLANDA	8%

Tab2. The value of agricultural production in %, between EU states in the period 2020/2021

Over the entire period 2019-2021, the net profit of the sector reached 1.7 billion euros, indicating a rapid recovery after the pandemic that affected profits in 2020. [9]

YEAR	FISCAL VALUE	NET PROFIT
2016	15.893.297 EUR	1.414.707 EUR
2017	17.064.159 EUR	2.393.512 EUR
2018	17.854.755 EUR	1.617.984 EUR
2019	16.459.902 EUR	1.178.169 EUR
2020	15.097.312 EUR	1.414.515 EUR
2021	14.796.037 EUR	2.586.321 EUR
2022	30.313.235 EUR	7.892.841 EUR

Tab. 3 Turnover and net profit in euros, at the FRIA company in the period 2016-2022

Conclusions

By adopting innovative strategies, government support and guidance on food security, the agricultural sector has managed to face challenges, recover quickly and prepare for a sustainable future. The resilience shown by the agricultural sector during the pandemic provides an example of how collaboration between farmers, institutions and consumers can contribute to building a stronger and more resilient society.