



The Chestnut season 2025

 **Austria**

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Cultivated fruit areas in Austria in 2025 vs. 2016

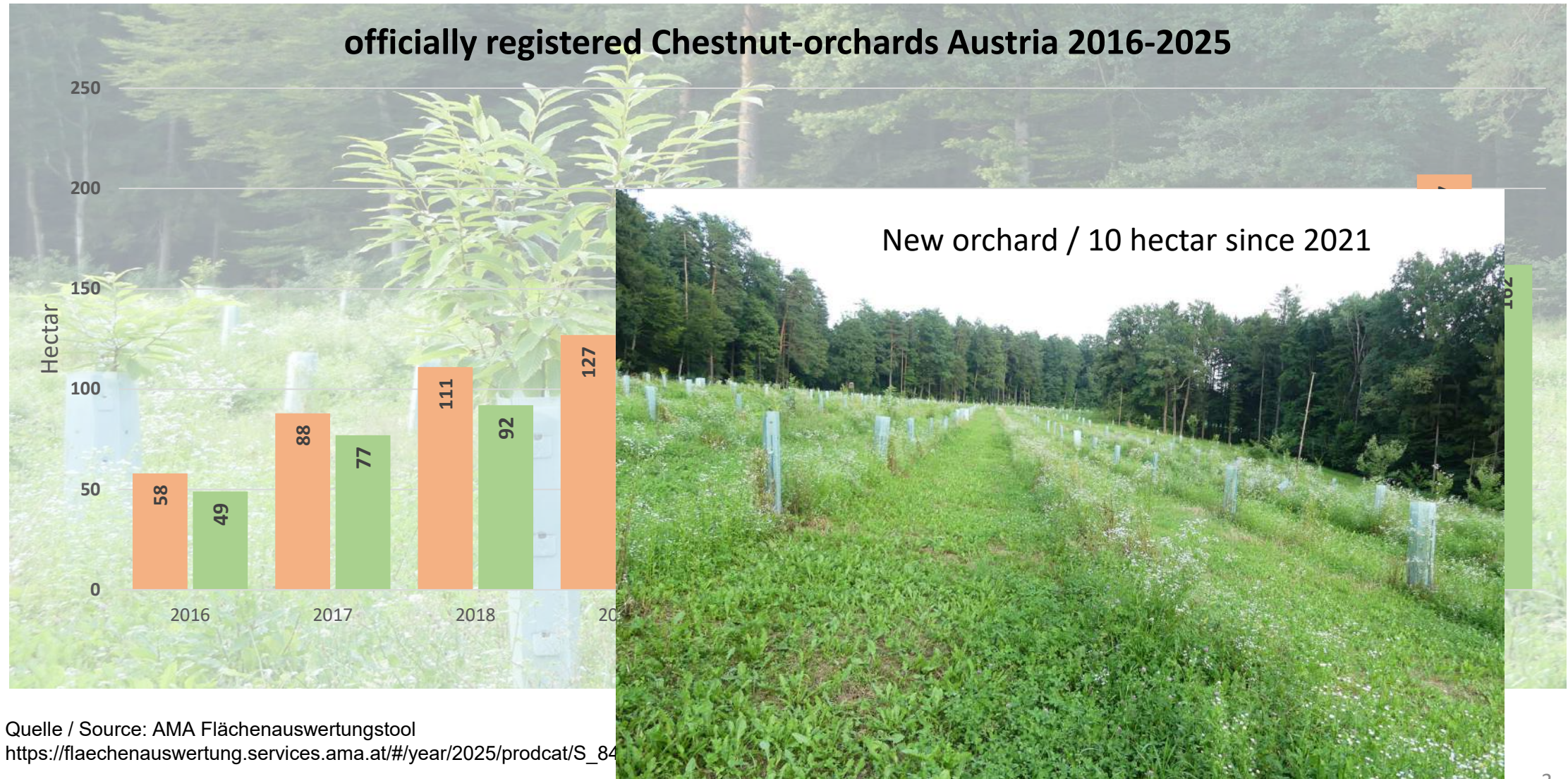
Officially registred areas

<i>Kultur</i>		Steiermark /Styria			Österreich / Austria		
		Hektar			Hektar		
		2016	2025	Saldo +/-	2016	2025	Saldo +/-
Tafeläpfel	apples	5.728	4.585	- 1.143	7.332	6.000	- 1.332
Holunder	elder	1.117	569	- 548	1.389	742	- 647
Birnen	pears	251	402	151	475	638	163
Walnuss, Haselnuss	walnut, hazelnut	758	230	- 528	1.113	1.064	- 49
Edelkastanie	sweet chestnut	49	162	+ 113	58	207	+ 149
Zwetschke	plum	115	158	43	207	254	47
Pfirsich	peach	136	125	- 11	179	177	- 2
Marille	apricot	109	112	3	710	903	193
Kirsche	cherry	104	105	1	255	290	35

Quelle / Source: AMA Flächenauswertungstool

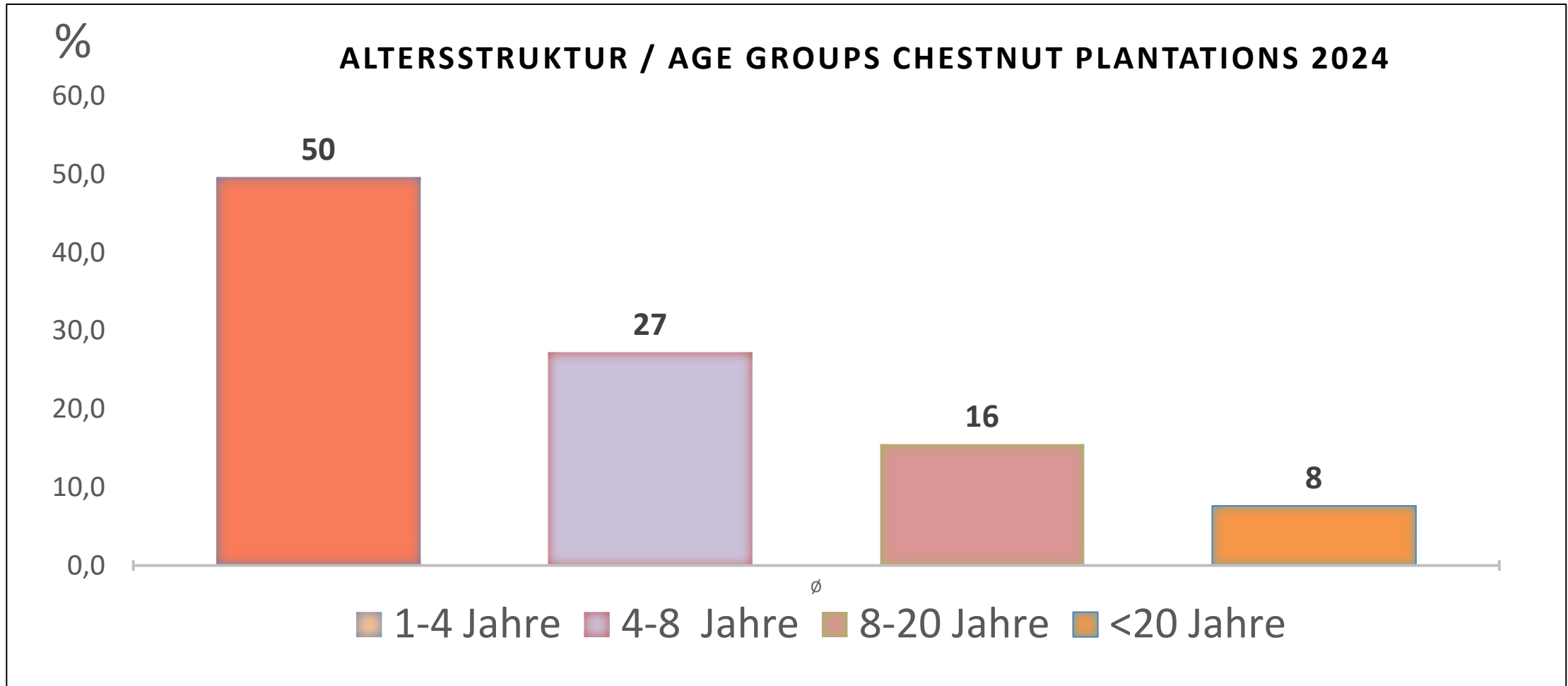
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Cultivated Chestnut areas in Austria 2025 vs. 2016





Harvest statistics 2024



Average yield per tree around 3 Kg



Harvest forecast 2025

- Expectations are positive
- No late frost in spring; not much, but regularly rainfall during the vegetation period, drought in last weeks of august
- Uncertainty factor is pollination (rain in June in some regions)
- Harvest expectation of 300-400 tons, no export, only inland consumption



Market situation in Austria/Styria

- Only direct marketing to consumers lead to good producer prices.
- Price range was 2024 from 6 – 10 € by direct selling, depending on size and point of sale
- Last year late harvest/small quantities from abroad lead to high demand
- Sweet chestnuts from Chile are currently available, but demand is low in summer





Brown rot situation

- First ripe fruits show few infestation with brown rot
- No approval for useful pesticides against brown rot in Austria
- One test area with treatment according to the European protocol
- Products are Fungicrops Bio and Flav-One plus





Chestnut blight

- Problems occur in young & old orchards
- 1 plant protection agent (cuprozin progress - copper hydroxide) in young plantations allowed



ARGE is strategic partner in the EIP-Project CASTANEA

- Focus on sustainable tree health, with a particular focus on investigating the use of the fungal genus *Trichoderma spp.* as a biological antagonist of *C. parasitica*. Based on current knowledge, *Trichoderma* could be a relevant part of the solution: Self-funded laboratory studies showed that after two treatments of *C. parasitica* with *Trichoderma atrobrunneum* (a pre-selected strain from MycoSolutions, Switzerland), the pathogen's growth was completely inhibited. This investigation will in the next three years be continued in the glasshouse and in a field trial



Treatment in the glasshouse
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new phenomenon: Sun burn in August – variety Bouche de Bétizac

Promotion / Styria: Kastanienfest / Chestnut Festival in October 19th (this year 5th edition)





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Promotion / Burgenland: Klosterer Kastanienfest / Chestnut Festival in October 26th (this year 30th edition)



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