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	2017	11 429	1 000
Population density	2017	374.4	inhab/km²
Rural population	2017	402	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	km³/year
Long-term average annual RWR			
Internal (IRWR)		12	km³/year
External (ERWR)		6.3	km³/year
Total Actual (TRWR)		18.3	km³/year
Dependency ratio		34.43	%
TRWR per capita	2017	1 601	m³/year
Total dam capacity	2015	0.1443	km³

WATER WITHDRAWAL	Year	Value	Unit
By sector			
Agricultural	2015	0.045	km³
Municipal	2015	0.739	km³
Industrial	2015	3.21	km³
Total	2015	3.994	km³
Total water withdrawal per capita	2015	349.5	m³
By source			
Surface water withdrawal	2015	3.362	km³
Groundwater withdrawal	2015	0.6319	km³
Total freshwater withdrawal	2015	3.994	km³
Desalinated water produced		-	km³
Direct use of treated municipal wastewater	2000	0.003	km³
Direct use of agricultural drainage water		-	km³
Pressure on water resources			
Total freshwater withdrawal as % of TRWR	2015	21.83	%
Agricultural water withdrawal as % of TRWR	2015	0.2459	%

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