

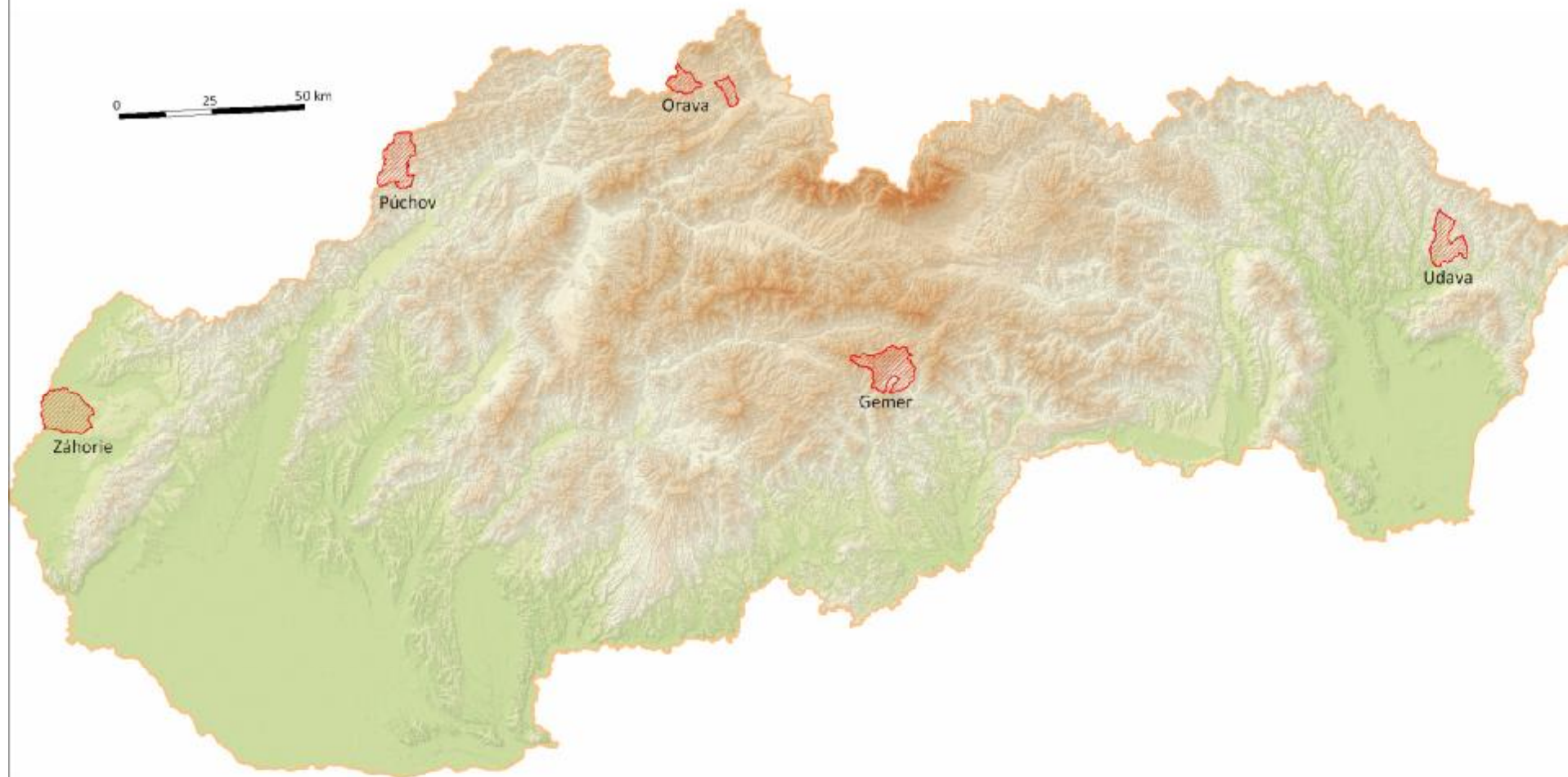
Agricultural production as a decreasing phenomenon of Slovak countryside?

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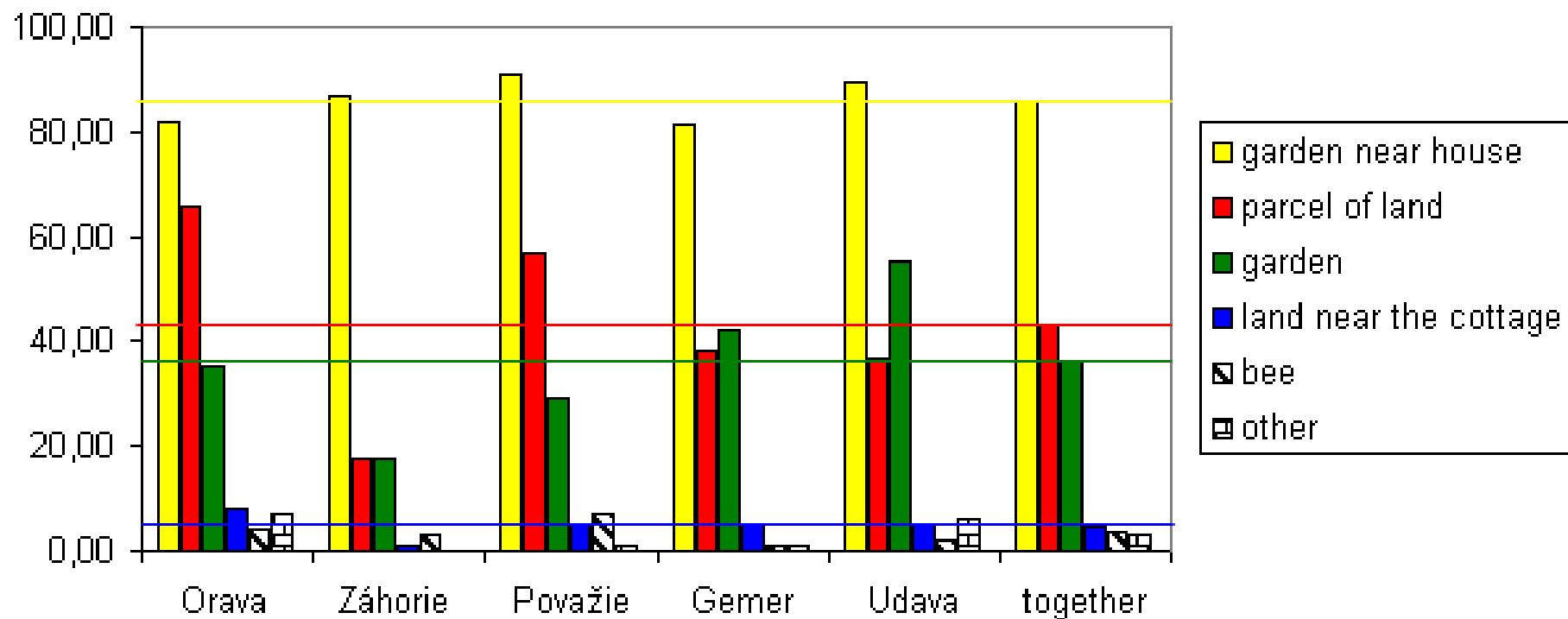
Theoretical notes

- According to Slavkovský (2005) there has been 2 types of discontinuities in Slovak agriculture
 - 1) Collectivisation (since 1950's)
 - forced interruption of hundred years lasting processes
 - 2) Decollectivisation (90's)
 - attempts to re-establish continuity (failed)
- both processes were politically controlled

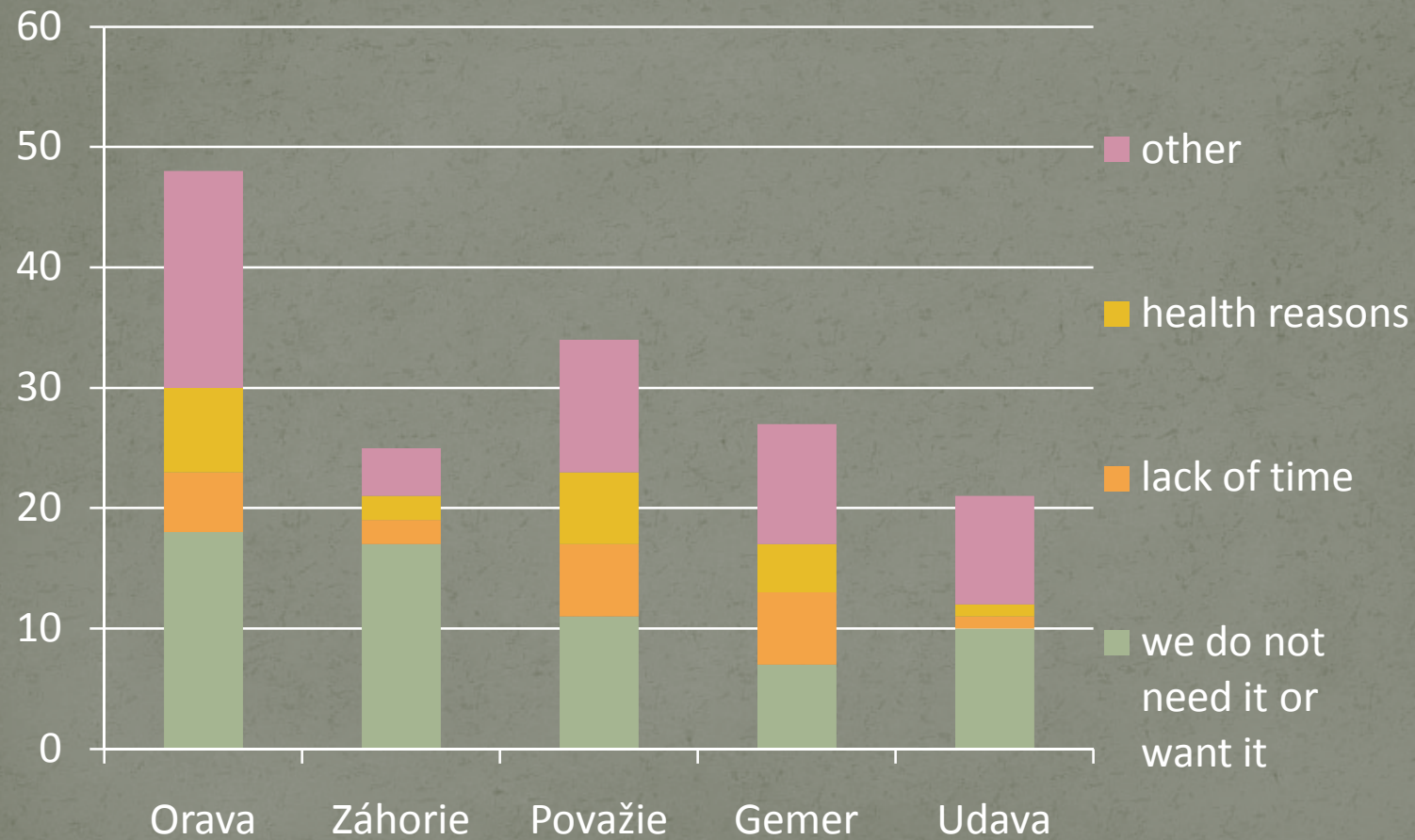
Researched areas (2009-2011):



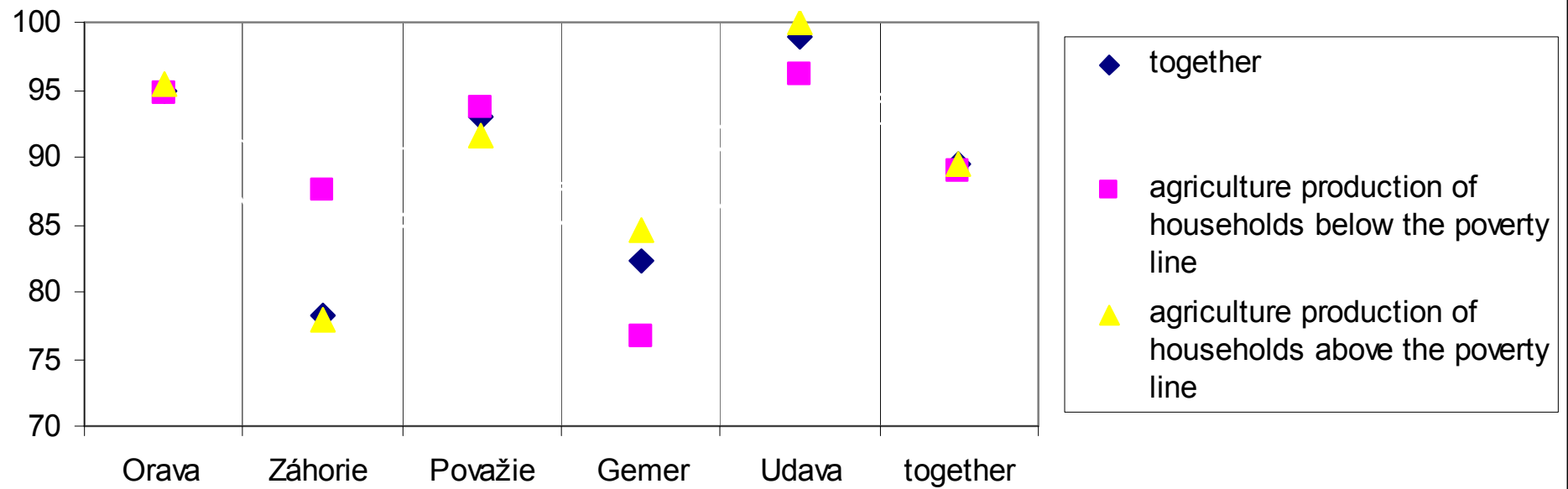
The agriculture property of households



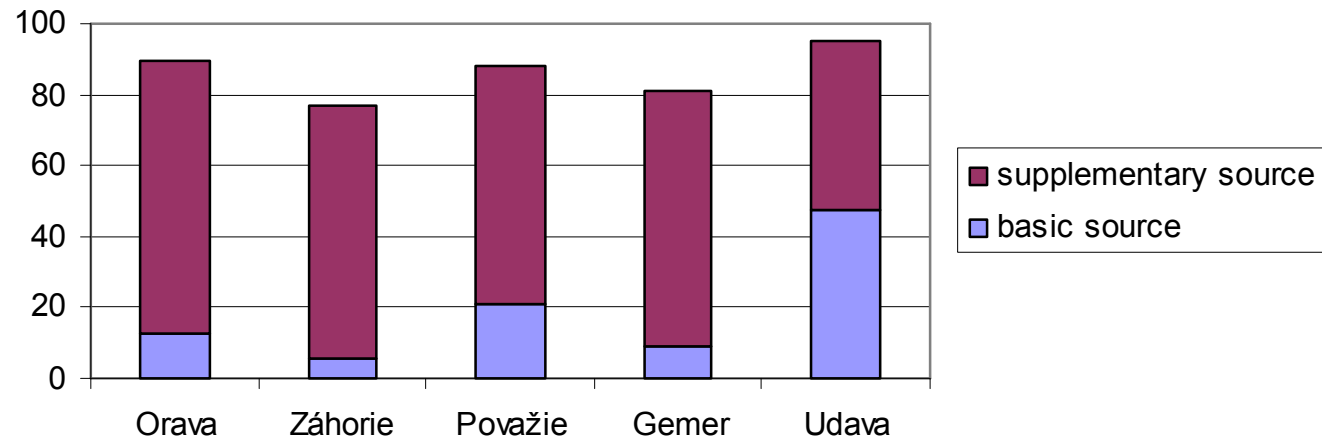
Reasons for not using field (garden, parcel):



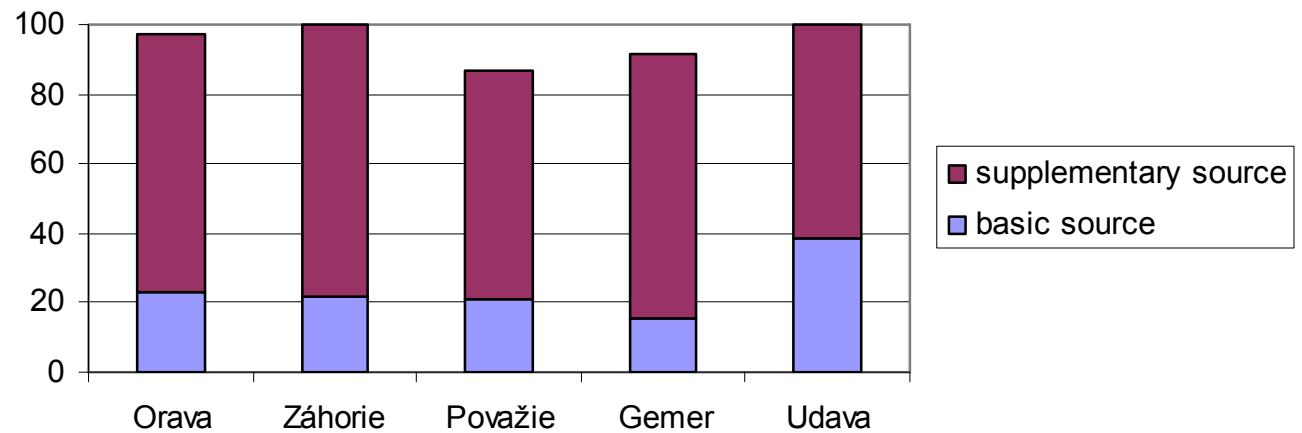
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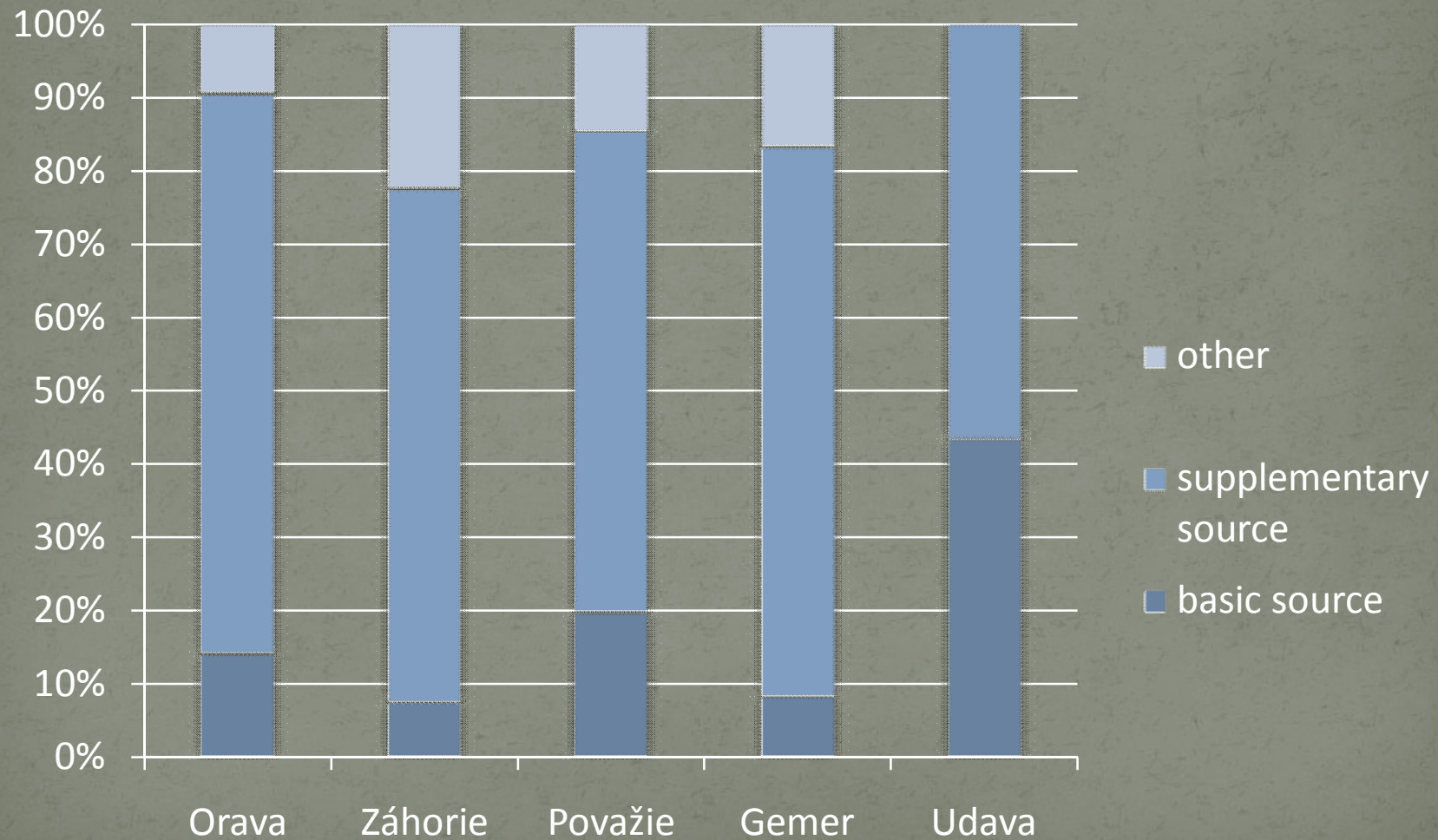
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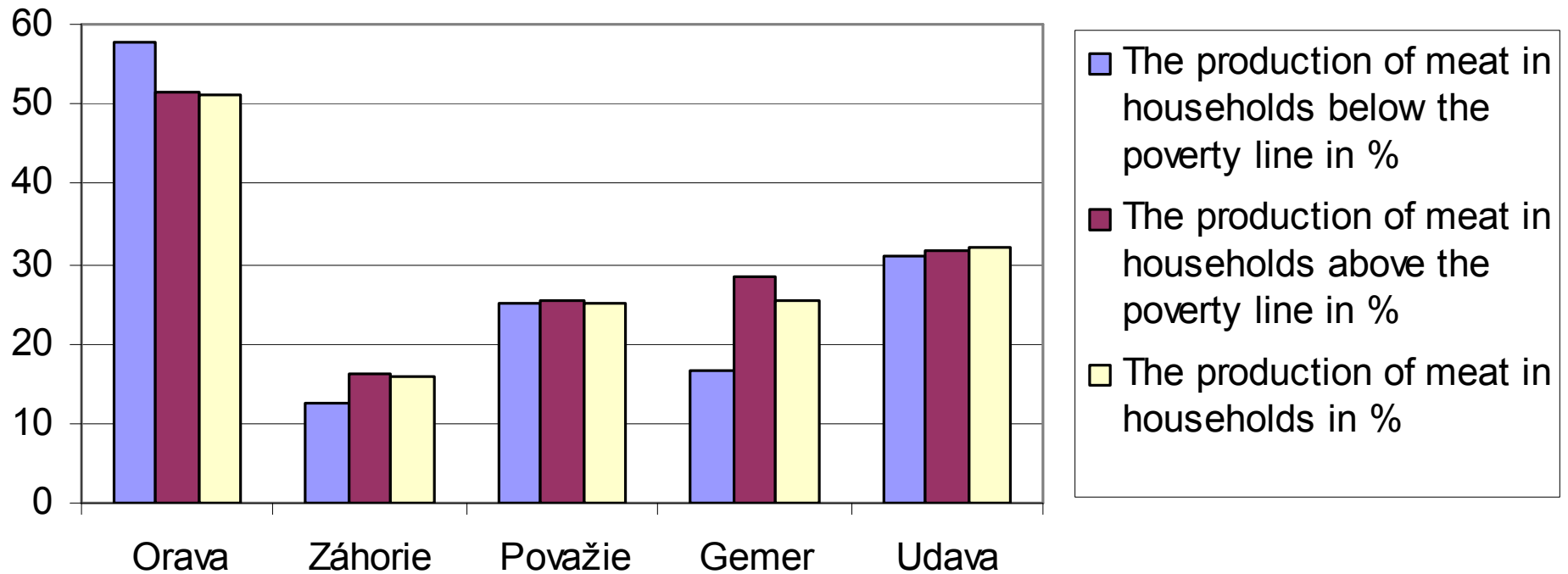
How important is production for households with feeling or occasionally feeling of poverty ?



Agricultural production as a source of living



The production of meat in the households of regions



Outcomes

- Agricultural land lost its social, cultural, psychological, and financial price and status
- Agricultural production is not longer essential source of food nor financial profit (surplus sale)
- Feeling of „subjective poverty“ is not inhibited by agricultural (horticultural) production
 - *40,7 % of all surveyed families feel poor, while 39,8 % of families who work in garden daily see themselves poor*
- Even though parcels, gardens, fields are being kept, though many times are not used, or even neglected (esp. remote ones)
 - *fields in Orava region in almost ½ of cases*

Outcomes

- 40 % respondents declared, they either do not want or need to use fields they own
 - still they want to keep it
- Nevertheless, most of the rural people work in garden daily
 - 86 % own garden near house, 73 % use it daily

Outcomes

- Agricultural production nowadays:
 - **Hobby, accessibility**
 - *„The carrot from supermarket is 4 times bigger and 4 times cheaper than mine, but it is still a hobby“ (male, 52, Gemer)*
 - **Alternative source to supermarkets (known origin)**
 - *„You can trust in own growth only. Nothing artificial there...“ (male, 47, Gemer)*
 - **Reminiscence of old times and community**
 - *„Long time ago they helped each other with work in fields, but today, it is different...today there are two cows, sometime there were around hundred“ (female, 39, Gemer)*