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NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY – Provisional Data

Situation as on 1 November 2023

According to the provisional data on the number of livestock and poultry in 2023, as compared to the final data for 2022, the number of cattle decreased by 1.7%, the number of pigs by 10.4%, the number of sheep by 14.2% and the number of goats by 11.0%. The total number of poultry decreased by 3.9% in 2023, as compared to 2022.

1 NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

'000 head

	1 XI 2022	1 XI 2023	Indices 1 XI 2023 1 XI 2022
Cattle – total	422	415	98,3
Young cattle under 1 year old	149	145	97,3
Cattle between 1 and 2 years old	112	115	102,7
Cattle of 2 years and over	161	155	96,3
Dairy cows	79	71	89,9
Pigs – total	945	847	89,6
Fattening pigs weighing over 50 kg (including culled ones)	474	374	78,9
Breeding pigs	87	87	100,0
Gilts	8	11	137,5
Sows	44	35	79,5
Sheep – total	643	552	85,8
Goats – total	82	73	89,0
Poultry – total	10 918	10 495	96,1

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

Data on the number of livestock and poultry were collected separately for business entities and parts thereof and for private family farms. These surveys serve for collecting data on the number and weight of livestock and poultry, balance of pigs, sheep, and poultry, balance of eggs, balance of milk produced on private family farms, production of cows', sheep's and goats' milk, wool and eggs.

Data for business entities are collected in two ways: on reports which are submitted to the Croatian Bureau of Statistics by postal service and via a web application through which the reporting units themselves fill in data.

Data for private family farms are collected by using the CATI method applied to the selected stratified sample. The sample for the Annual Survey on Crop and Animal Production (PO-71 form) has been selected on the basis of the Statistical Register of Agricultural Holdings and numbers approximately 17 000 units.

The expanded data have been compared to the data from previous years and to available administrative sources (the Single Register of Domestic Animals of the Ministry of Agriculture). On the basis of all available data, corrections were implemented as needed.

Data on the number of cattle, sheep and goats for 2023 have been taken over from the Single Register of Domestic Animals as an administrative data source and refer to the reporting units entered in the Register of Farmers.

The methodology for carrying out the livestock survey is based on Regulation (EC) No. 1165/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 concerning livestock and meat statistics, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 of 27 June 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs for hatching and farmyard poultry chicks and the Methodological Basis for Gathering Data on Milk and Dairy Products Statistics (NN, No. 42/13).

Coverage and comparability

Reporting units are business entities and parts thereof, which are defined by section A Agriculture, forestry and fishing according to the National Classification of Activities, 2007 version (NN, Nos 58/07 and 72/07), as well as other business entities and parts thereof engaged in agricultural production that are classified elsewhere.

Reporting units are also private family farms engaged in the production of livestock and poultry.

Having in mind that these are provisional data, there is a possibility that these data will have to be changed when the final data of the survey on the number of livestock and poultry are published.

Confidentiality

Aggregate data for which there are reasons for confidentiality (small number of units, the dominance rule or the secondary confidentiality rule), in accordance with the Official Statistics Act (NN, No. 25/20) and the Ordinance on the Statistical Data Protection Method, are treated as confidential and therefore are not published.

Definitions

Cows are female bovine animals, which have already calved.

Sows are female breeding animals that have farrowed for at least once. This category does not include mated sows.

Gilts are selected young female breeding animals that have not farrowed yet. This category does not include mated gilts.

Poultry includes broilers, hens, turkeys, geese, ducks and other poultry.

Abbreviations

CATI	Computer assisted telephone interviewing
EC	European Community
kg	kilogram
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia
'000	thousand

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