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NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY – Provisional Data, Situation as on 1 December 2021

According to the provisional data on the number of livestock and poultry in 2021, as compared to the final data for 2020, the number of cattle increased by 1.2%, while the number of pigs decreased by 6.8% and of sheep by 4.5%. The number of goats remained the same as in the previous year. The total number of poultry decreased by 11.9% in 2021, as compared to 2020.

1. NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

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Cattle – total	423	428	101,2
Young cattle under 1 year old	146	156	106,8
Cattle between 1 and 2 years old	111	107	96,4
Cattle of 2 years and over	166	165	99,4
Dairy cows	110	102	92,7
Pigs – total	1 033	963	93,2
Fattening pigs weighing over 50 kg (including culled ones)	456	426	93,4
Breeding pigs	113	108	95,6
Gilts	13	15	115,4
Sows	50	51	102,0
Sheep – total	662	632	95,5
Milk ewes	95	95	100,0
Goats – total	86	86	100,0
Poultry – total	13 057	11 501	88,1

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Source and 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 new sample has been selected on the basis of the Statistical Register of Agricultural Holdings and numbers approximately 7 000 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 and goats for 2021 have entirely been taken over from the Single Register of Domestic Animals as an administrative data source.

The methodology for carrying out the livestock survey is based on the 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. The sample of the Annual Report on Livestock Production of 1 December 2021 was selected from the Statistical Register of Agricultural Holdings.

Having in mind that this First Release deals with provisional data, it might happen that, at the time when final data of the survey on the number of livestock and poultry are to be published, the data issued here have to be changed.

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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