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NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY – Provisional Data Situation as on 1 November 2024

According to the provisional data on the number of livestock and poultry in 2024, as compared to the final data for 2023, the number of cattle increased by **1.9%**, the number of pigs by **2.7%**, the number of sheep by **5.3%**, while the number of goats decreased by **2.7%**. The total number of poultry increased by **2.0%** in 2024, as compared to 2023.

1 NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

'000 head

	1 XI 2023	1 XI 2024	Indices <u>1 XI 2024</u> 1 XI 2023
Cattle – total	415	423	101,9
Young cattle under 1 year old	145	150	103,4
Cattle between 1 and 2 years old	115	114	99,1
Cattle of 2 years and over	155	158	101,9
Dairy cows	71	70	98,6
Pigs – total	853	876	102,7
Fattening pigs weighing over 50 kg (including culled ones)	391	390	99,7
Breeding pigs	87	90	103,4
Gilts	11	12	109,1
Sows	37	40	108,1
Sheep – total	552	581	105,3
Goats – total	73	71	97,3
Poultry – total	10 744	10 960	102,0

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 25 000 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 2024 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, Nos 25/20 and 155/23) and the Instruction on the protection rules and methods for the dissemination of official statistics of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics (NN, No. 78/21), are treated as confidential and are therefore 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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