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NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY – Provisional Data Situation as on 1 November 2025

According to the provisional data on the number of livestock and poultry in 2025, as compared to the final data for 2024, the number of cattle decreased by **0.9%**, the number of sheep by **5.8%** and the number of goats by **2.9%**, while the number of pigs increased by **0.5%**. The total number of poultry decreased by **4.8%** in 2025, as compared to 2024.

1 NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

'000 head

	1 XI 2024	1 XI 2025	Indices <u>1 XI 2025</u> 1 XI 2024
Cattle – total	422	418	99,1
Young cattle under 1 year old	150	148	98,7
Cattle between 1 and 2 years old	114	114	100,0
Cattle of 2 years and over	158	156	98,7
Dairy cows	71	71	100,0
Pigs – total	873	877	100,5
Fattening pigs weighing over 50 kg (including culled ones)	389	395	101,5
Breeding pigs	92	80	87,0
Sheep – total	553	521	94,2
Goats – total	68	66	97,1
Poultry – total	11 300	10 759	95,2

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

Data on the number of livestock and poultry are collected in two ways: on regular annual statistical survey on crop and animal production and by using administrative data sources.

Data on the number of pigs and poultry are collected using the Annual Survey on Crop and Animal Production (PO-71 form), which, in addition to data on the number, also serves to collect data on the weight of pigs and poultry, production and losses of pigs and poultry, production and balance of eggs, production of milk (cows', sheep's and goats'), balance of milk as well as production of milk products and wool. The data are collected separately for business entities and parts thereof and for private family farms.

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

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.

Data on the number of cattle, sheep and goats for 2025 have been taken over from the Single Register of Domestic Animals (JRDŽ), kept by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as an administrative data source and refer to the reporting units entered in the Register of Farmers and engaged in the production and breeding of cattle, sheep and goats. This First Release does not include reporting units recorded in JRDŽ that are engaged exclusively in circulation of livestock, without keeping them longer for the purposes of fattening and breeding.

The expanded data have been compared to the data from previous years, available administrative sources and other available data. Based on all available data, corrections were implemented as needed.

The methodology for carrying out the livestock survey is based on Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2022 on statistics on agricultural input and output, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 617/2008 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1165/2008, (EC) No 543/2009 and (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 96/16/EC (OJ L 315, 7.12.2022, pp. 1–29) and on Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2745 of 8 December 2023 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards animal production statistics.

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, 2025 version (NN, No. 47/24), as well as other business entities and parts thereof engaged in animal 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, 155/23 and 124/25 – corr.) and the Instructions 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.

Breeding pigs include gilts, mated gilts, sows, mated sows, and boars.

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

Abbreviations

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

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