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LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, 2024 – PROVISIONAL DATA

According to provisional data, in 2024, as compared to the 2023 final data, the increase of cattle rose by **10.6%**, of pigs by 13.4%, of sheep by 26.8% and of goats by 20.1%. The increase of poultry in 2024 was 2.2% higher compared to the previous year.

As compared to the same period of the previous year, the production of cows' milk decreased by **3.7%**, the production of sheep's milk by 3.3% and the production of goats' milk by 3.8%.

The production of chicken eggs increased by **4.1%** and the production of wool decreased by 4.7%.

1 LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, 2024

	Unit of measure	Total		Indices <u>2024</u> 2023
		Production in 2023	Production in 2024	
Increase of cattle	t	74 889	82 824	110,6
Increase of pigs	t	149 296	169 365	113,4
Increase of sheep	t	8 131	10 307	126,8
Increase of goats	t	601	722	120,1
Increase of poultry	t	130 496	133 422	102,2
Cows' milk	'000 l	454 315	437 437	96,3
Sheep's milk	'000 l	4 423	4 276	96,7
Goats' milk	'000 l	5 656	5 441	96,2
Wool	t	976	930	95,3
Eggs	'000 p/st	642 550	668 967	104,1

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

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

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

Data on private family farms were collected using the CATI method (Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing) applied to a selected stratified sample. The sample for the Annual Survey on Crop and Animal Production (PO-71 form) was selected from the Statistical Register of Agricultural Holdings as a base and numbers approximately 25 000 units.

All expanded data were compared to the data from previous years, available administrative sources and other available data. On the basis of all available data, corrections were implemented as needed.

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, the 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 on 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 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 but classified elsewhere.

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

Confidentiality

Aggregate data for which there are reasons for confidentiality (due to a 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 Method of the Protection of Confidential Statistical Data in the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, are treated as confidential and are, therefore, not published.

Definitions

Increase of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and poultry indicates the gross meat production in the reference year and is calculated by adding the difference in the weight of export and import to the weight of the slaughtered livestock and the difference of the weight of the herd at the end and at the beginning of a reference period.

Milk. The production of cows', sheep's and goats' milk in legal entities as well as on private family farms is presented. The total milked quantity in a reference period is presented, irrespective of the way of milking.

Wool. The quantities of unwashed trimmed (clipped) wool from the grown up and young sheep are reported.

Production of eggs. Data for the total number of laid eggs by all categories of hens (eggs for setting and eggs for human consumption) are reported.

Abbreviations

EC	European Community
l	litre
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia
p/st	pieces/sticks
t	tonne
'000	thousand

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