

Methodological notes

1. Data source: The statistical survey (EP) on the pigs livestock existent on May 1, 2015, was performed according to the provisions of the European Parliament and Council Regulation no. 1165/2008/CE regarding the statistics on the animal livestock and meat. The sample survey used a representative sample at national and development region level of 11998 agricultural holdings, out of which 527 agricultural holdings with legal status and 11471 individual agricultural holdings. The confidence level was 95% (the margin of error $\pm 3\%$).

2. Concepts and definitions

2.1 „pigs” mean domestic animals belonging to the species *Sus scrofa Domesticus*, including pigs in maternity, breeding and fattening farms, no matter of sex, weight category and economic destination;

2.2 „sows for breeding” (breeding livestock) – females that have farrowed at least once and gilts after 48 hours of birth, if they have farrowed healthy piglets and can ensure an appropriate suckling.