

Domain: Agriculture

Livestock existent on December 1, 2017

- *In 2017, compared to the previous year, the sheep and goats livestock increased, while the cattle, pigs and poultry livestock decreased.*
- *Regarding the sheep and goats livestock, Romania occupied the fourth place in 2017 among the European Union Member States.*

Table 1: Animal and poultry livestock existent on December 1, 2017 compared to December 1, 2016
-thou heads-

	December 1, 2016	December 1, 2017*)	Differences (+) 2017*) compared to 2016
Cattle - total	2049.7	2011.1	-38.6
of which:			
- cows, buffalo cows and heifers	1314.9	1294.8	-20.1
Pigs - total	4707.7	4406.0	-301.7
of which:			
- sows for breeding	361.2	349.9	-11.3
Sheep and goats - total	11358.6	11485.1	+126.5
of which:			
- sheep, ewes and goats	8730.5	8833.9	+103.4
Poultry - total	75689.9	73288.7	-2401.2
of which:			
- adult laying poultry	40833.1	38312.1	-2521.0

*) Provisional data

[Table data in \(xls\)](#)

The total number of cattle and the origin livestock (milk cows, buffalo cows for reproduction and heifers for reproduction) decreased by 1.9% and by 1.5%, respectively, on December 1, 2017 compared to December 1, 2016.

The total number of pigs and the origin livestock (sows for breeding) decreased by 6.4% and by 3.1%, respectively.

The total number of sheep and goats and the origin livestock (sheep, ewes and goats) increased by 1.1% and by 1.2%, respectively.

The total number of poultry and the number of adult laying poultry decreased by 3.2% and by 6.2%, respectively.

The livestock evolution in the period 2006 – 2017

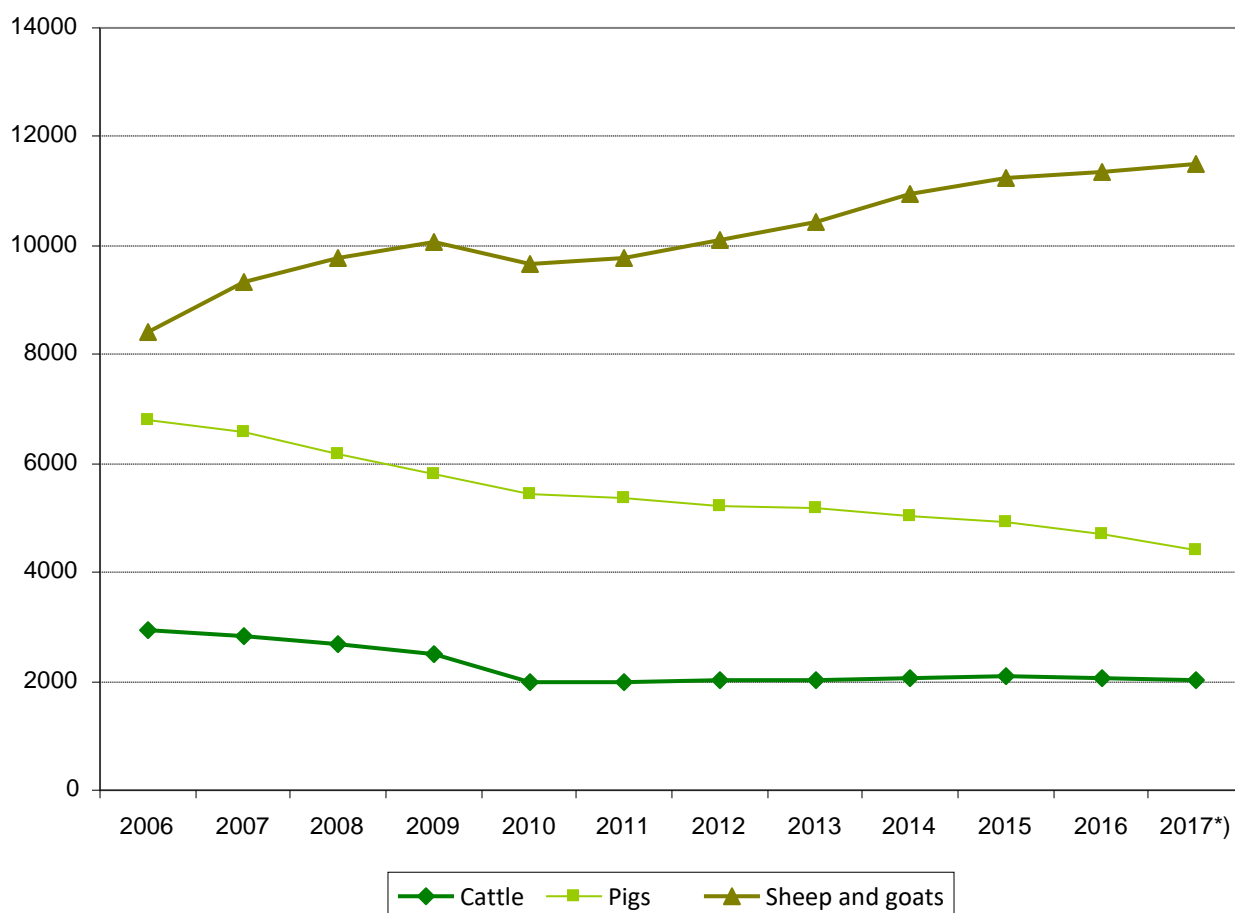
The cattle livestock decreased continuously from 2006 until 2011, reaching 1988.9 thousand heads. Since 2011, the cattle livestock has been kept at an approximately constant level, reaching to 68.6% in 2017 compared to 2006.

The pigs livestock constantly decreased, reaching to 64.7% in 2017 compared to 2006.

The sheep and goats livestock have registered annual increases (except 2010), reaching 11485.1 thousand heads in 2017, 36.6% more than in 2006.

Chart :The evolution of the livestock existent on December 1, in the period 2006 – 2017

-thou heads-



*) Provisional data

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Livestock and animal density per 100 hectares of land in Romania and in some European Union Member States, at the end of 2017

Table 2: Cattle livestock

Country	Cattle livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Romania	2011.1	15.4
Belgium	2386.0	178.9
Bulgaria	552.2	11.3
Czech Republic	1366.4	39.7
Denmark	1558.0	60.0
Germany	12281.2	74.6
Ireland	6673.6	150.1
Greece	555.0	13.8
Spain	6467.2	34.1
France	18580.0	66.6
Italy	6349.8	61.3

*) Provisional data.

**) Concerning the land (arable land, pastures and hayfields), provisional 2017 data were used for Romania and final 2016 data for the other Member States.

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Regarding the cattle livestock, Romania is placed among the first ten countries of the European Union after France, Germany, United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Poland, Netherlands and Belgium. Regarding the density per 100 hectares of land, our country placed 20 from the 22 presented countries, followed by Greece and Bulgaria.

Table 3: Pigs livestock

Country	Pigs livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Romania	4406.0	50.8
Belgium	6108.1	714.1
Bulgaria	593.0	17.0
Czech Republic	1531.7	61.3
Denmark	12832.0	541.0
Germany	27577.6	234.4
Ireland	1616.4	362.6
Greece	759.0	38.0
Spain	30138.3	241.6
France	13097.0	70.4
Italy	8570.8	128.0

*) Provisional data.

**) Concerning the land (arable land), provisional 2017 data were used for Romania and final 2016 data for the other Member States

[Table data in \(xls\)](#)

Country	Cattle livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Lithuania	676.3	23.2
Hungary	870.0	17.0
Netherlands	4030.0	229.2
Austria	1943.5	74.2
Poland	6035.5	43.2
Portugal	1670.0	58.5
Slovenia	479.6	106.6
Slovakia	439.8	23.5
Finland	874.5	38.5
Sweden	1448.6	48.0
United Kingdom	9791.0	57.4

Regarding the pigs livestock, Romania holds the tenth place in the European Union after Spain, Germany, France, Denmark, Netherlands, Poland, Italy, Belgium and the United Kingdom. Regarding the density per 100 hectares of land, our country placed 17 from the 22 presented countries, followed by Finland, Slovakia, Greece, Lithuania and Bulgaria.

Table 4: Sheep and goats livestock

Country	Sheep and goats livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)	Country	Sheep and goats livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Romania	11485.1	87.7	Lithuania	184.0	6.3
Bulgaria	1572.7	32.3	Hungary	1226.0	24.0
Germany	1719.8	10.4	Netherlands	1561.0	88.8
Greece	12383.0	308.0	Austria	492.6	18.8
Spain	19024.5	100.4	Portugal	2387.3	83.6
France	8090.0	29.0	Slovakia	402.4	21.5
Italy	8207.5	79.2	United Kingdom	24671.0	144.7

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Regarding the sheep and goats livestock, Romania holds the fourth place among the Member States, after the United Kingdom, Spain and Greece. Regarding the density per 100 hectares of land, our country holds the fifth place from the fourteen presented countries, after Greece, United Kingdom, Spain and Netherlands.

Additional information:

For the correct interpretation of the indicators, kindly see [the Methodological Notes attached to the press release on the homepage](#).

Additional information can be obtained from the publication "Livestock and animal production in 2017", date of issue July 16, 2018.

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