

Domain: Agriculture

## Livestock existent on December 1, 2018

- *In 2018, compared to the previous year, the sheep and goats livestock and the poultry livestock increased, while the cattle and pig livestock decreased.*
- *Regarding the sheep and goats livestock, Romania occupied the fourth place in 2018 among the European Union Member States.*

Table 1: Animal and poultry livestock existent on December 1, 2018 compared to December 1, 2017  
-thou heads-

	December 1, 2017	December 1, 2018*)	Differences (+) 2018*) compared to 2017
<b>Cattle - total</b>	<b>2011.1</b>	<b>1984.1</b>	<b>-27.0</b>
of which:			
- cows, buffalo cows and heifers	1294.8	1284.5	-10.3
<b>Pigs - total</b>	<b>4406.0</b>	<b>3957.3</b>	<b>-448.7</b>
of which:			
- sows for breeding	349.9	308.8	-41.1
<b>Sheep and goats - total</b>	<b>11485.1</b>	<b>11693.7</b>	<b>+208.6</b>
of which:			
- sheep, ewes and goats	8833.9	8899.4	+65.5
<b>Poultry - total</b>	<b>73288.7</b>	<b>73693.0</b>	<b>+404.3</b>
of which:			
- adult laying poultry	38312.1	38134.0	-178.1

\*) 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 1.3% and by 0.8%, respectively, on December 1, 2018 compared to December 1, 2017.

**The total number of pigs** and the origin livestock (sows for breeding) decreased by 10.2% and by 11.7%, respectively.

**The total number of sheep and goats** and the origin livestock (sheep, ewes and goats) increased by 1.8% and by 0.7%, respectively.

**The total number of poultry** increased by 0.6% and the number of adult laying poultry decreased by 0.5%.

## The livestock evolution in the period 2006 – 2018

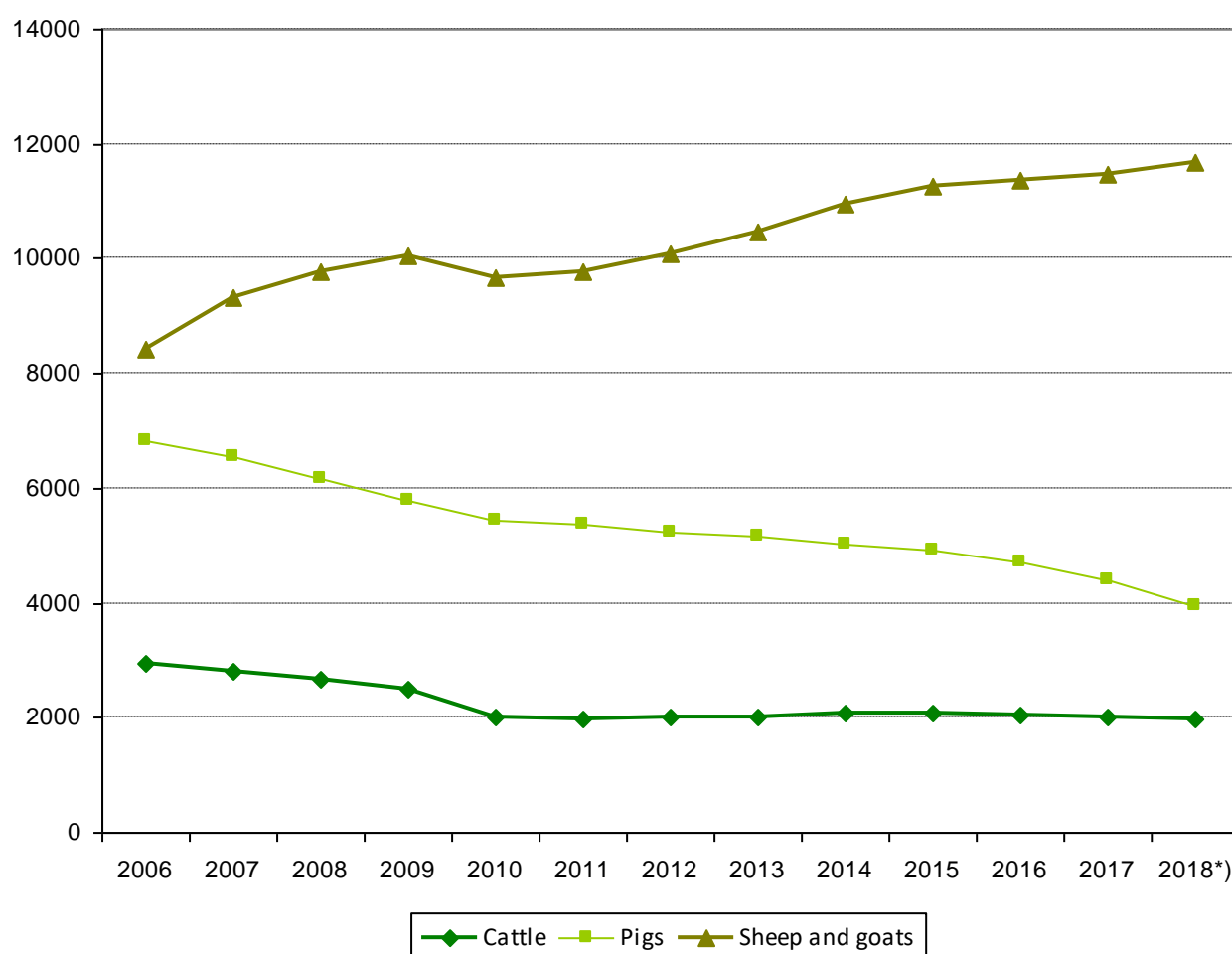
The cattle livestock decreased continuously from 2006 until 2011, reaching 1988.9 thousand heads. From 2011 to 2018, the cattle livestock maintained an approximately constant level, representing 67.6% in 2018 compared to 2006.

The pigs livestock constantly decreased, reaching to 58.1% in 2018 compared to 2006.

In the analysed period, the sheep and goats livestock began to increase, reaching 11693.7 thousand heads in 2018, 39.1% more than in 2006.

**Chart :The evolution of the livestock existent on December 1, in the period 2006 – 2018**

-thou heads-



\*) Provisional data

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

**Livestock and animal density per 100 hectares of land in Romania and in some European Union Member States, at the end of 2018**

**Table 2: Cattle livestock**

Country	Cattle livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
<b>Romania</b>	<b>1984.1</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	2398.1	183.1
<b>Bulgaria</b>	542.1	11.1
<b>Czech Republic</b>	1365.2	39.2
<b>Denmark</b>	1530.0	58.8
<b>Germany</b>	11949.1	72.5
<b>Ireland</b>	6593.5	147.6
<b>Greece</b>	555.0	14.2
<b>Spain</b>	6510.6	34.5
<b>France</b>	18563.2	66.5
<b>Italy</b>	6311.2	60.9

\*) Provisional data.

\*\*) Concerning the land (arable land, pastures and hayfields), provisional 2018 data were used for Romania and final 2017 data for the other Member States (except Italy, for which final 2016 data have been used).

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Regarding the cattle livestock, Romania ranked tenth in 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 ranked twentieth from the 22 presented countries, followed by Greece and Bulgaria.

Country	Cattle livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
<b>Lithuania</b>	653.5	22.6
<b>Hungary</b>	885.0	17.3
<b>Netherlands</b>	3690.0	210.6
<b>Austria</b>	1912.8	73.9
<b>Poland</b>	6183.3	43.9
<b>Portugal</b>	1632.4	57.9
<b>Slovenia</b>	476.8	105.1
<b>Slovakia</b>	440.2	23.7
<b>Finland</b>	859.4	37.9
<b>Sweden</b>	1435.5	47.7
<b>United Kingdom</b>	9676.0	55.5

**Table 3: Pigs livestock**

Country	Pigs livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
<b>Romania</b>	<b>3957.3</b>	<b>46.1</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	6209.1	737.5
<b>Bulgaria</b>	654.6	18.8
<b>Czech Republic</b>	1507.6	60.3
<b>Denmark</b>	12642.0	533.7
<b>Germany</b>	26445.4	224.6
<b>Ireland</b>	1572.2	357.4
<b>Greece</b>	758.0	39.9
<b>Spain</b>	30804.1	250.5
<b>France</b>	13713.0	73.7
<b>Italy</b>	8492.2	126.8

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

Regarding the pigs livestock, Romania ranked tenth 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 ranked nineteenth from the 22 presented countries, followed by 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	11693.7	91.8	Lithuania	178.6	6.2
Bulgaria	1621.8	33.3	Hungary	1174.0	22.9
Germany	1715.9	10.4	Netherlands	1261.0	72.0
Greece	12214.0	311.8	Austria	497.9	19.2
Spain	18617.3	98.7	Portugal	2433.7	86.4
France	8418.0	30.2	Slovakia	390.8	21.0
Italy	8165.4	78.8	United Kingdom	23074.0	132.3

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

#### 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 2018", date of issue July 15, 2019.

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