

Domain: Agriculture

Livestock existent on December 1, 2019

- The pig, sheep and goats and poultry livestock increased in 2019 compared to 2018. Instead, the cattle livestock decreased.
- In 2019, Romania ranked third in the hierarchy of the European Union member states for the sheep and goats livestock.

Table 1: Animal and poultry livestock existent on December 1, 2019 compared to December 1, 2018
-thou heads-

	December 1, 2018	December 1, 2019*)	Differences (+) 2019*) compared to 2018
Cattle - total	1977.2	1923.3	-53.9
of which:			
- cows, buffalo cows and heifers	1280.0	1241.9	-38.1
Pigs - total	3925.3	3958.2	+32.9
of which:			
- sows for breeding	308.8	305.9	-2.9
Sheep and goats - total	11715.7	11923.1	+207.4
of which:			
- sheep, ewes and goats	8921.4	8961.7	+40.3
Poultry - total	73993.0	75450.5	+1457.5
of which:			
- adult laying poultry	38134.0	41997.4	+3863.4

*) Provisional data

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

Animal and poultry livestock existent on December 1, 2019 compared to December 1, 2018

The total number of cattle decreased on December 1, 2019 by 2.7% compared to December 1, 2018. Likewise, the origin livestock (milk cows, buffalo cows for reproduction and heifers for reproduction) decreased by 3.0%.

The total number of pigs increased by 0.8% and the origin livestock (sows for breeding) decreased by 0.9%.

Increases are also registered both for the total number of sheep and goats with 1.8% and for the origin livestock (sheep, ewes and goats) with 0.5%.

The total number of adult poultry increased by 2.0% and the number of laying poultry by 10.1%.

The livestock evolution in the period 2006 – 2019

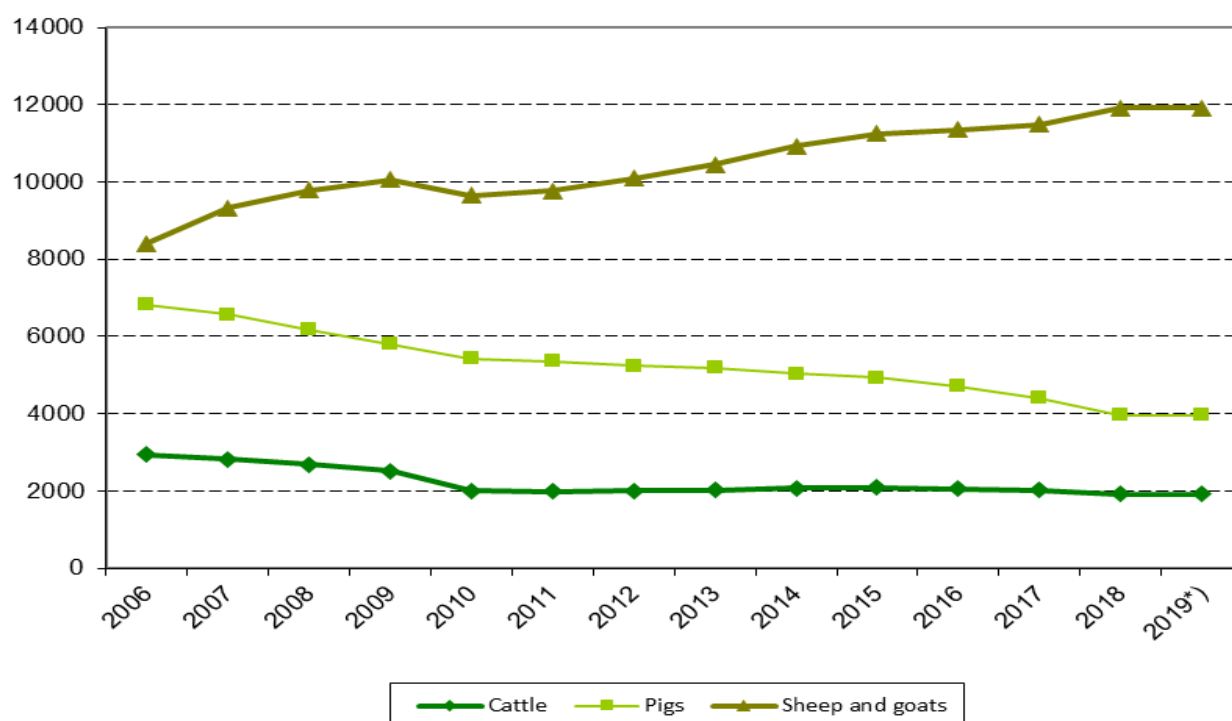
The cattle livestock permanently decreased from 2006 until 2011, reaching 1988.9 thousand heads. From 2011 to 2019, the cattle livestock maintained an approximately constant level, representing 65.6% in 2019 compared to 2006.

Also, the pig livestock constantly decreased, reaching to 58.1% in 2019 compared to 2006.

In the analysed period, the sheep and goats livestock began to increase, reaching 11923.1 thousand heads in 2019, 41.8% more than in 2006.

Chart :The evolution of the livestock existent on December 1, in the period 2006 – 2019

-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 2019

Table 2: Cattle livestock

Country	Cattle livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Romania	1923.3	14.6
Belgium	2373.1	177.6
Bulgaria	525.4	10.8
Czech Republic	1367.1	39.3
Denmark	1500.0	57.6
Germany	11639.5	70.8
Ireland	6559.7	145.3
Greece	538.0	13.4
Spain	6600.3	34.4
France	18150.6	65.2
Italy	6377.2	61.6

*) Provisional data.

**) Concerning the land (arable land, pastures and hayfields), provisional 2019 data were used for Romania and final 2018 data for the other Member States (except Italy, for which final 2016 data have been used).

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

Regarding the cattle livestock, Romania ranked tenth in the European Union after France, Germany, United Kingdom, Spain, Ireland, 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)
Lithuania	634.6	21.8
Hungary	909.0	17.7
Netherlands	3721.0	208.5
Austria	1879.5	72.7
Poland	6261.6	44.2
Portugal	1675.0	59.9
Slovenia	483.0	107.3
Slovakia	434.5	23.2
Finland	840.7	37.1
Sweden	1404.7	46.9
United Kingdom	9438.0	54.5

Table 3: Pig livestock

Country	Pig livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Romania	3958.2	45.0
Belgium	6085.1	710.2
Bulgaria	491.8	14.2
Czech Republic	1508.9	60.6
Denmark	12728.0	532.6
Germany	26053.4	222.1
Ireland	1613.3	358.6
Greece	722.0	39.0
Spain	31246.0	257.7
France	13510.0	74.1
Italy	8510.3	127.1

*) Provisional data.

**) Concerning the land (arable land), provisional 2019 data were used for Romania and final 2018 data for the other Member States (except Italy, for which final 2016 data have been used).

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

Regarding the pig 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 eighteenth from the 22 presented countries, followed by 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	11923.1	90.8	Lithuania	167.2	5.7
Bulgaria	1503.6	30.9	Hungary	1124.0	21.9
Germany	1697.5	10.3	Netherlands	1309.0	73.4
Greece	11878.0	295.4	Austria	495.2	19.1
Spain	18036.4	94.1	Portugal	2445.5	87.5
France	8347.0	30.0	Slovakia	357.3	19.1
Italy	8059.6	77.8	United Kingdom	21910.0	126.5

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

Regarding the sheep and goats livestock, Romania ranked third among the Member States, after the United Kingdom and Spain. 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 2019", date of issue July 15, 2020.

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