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Livestock existent on December 1, 2020

- Sheep and goats livestock increased in 2020 compared to last year. Instead, the pig, cattle and poultry livestock decreased.
- In 2020, Romania ranked second 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, 2020 compared to December 1, 2019

	December 1, 2019	December 1, 2020*)	Differences (+) 2020*) compared to 2019
Cattle - total	1923.3	1910.9	-12.4
of which:			
- cows, buffalo cows and heifers	1241.2	1249.4	+8.2
Pigs - total	3834.1	3750.4	-83.7
of which:			
- sows for breeding	308.6	308.3	-0.3
Sheep and goats - total	11953.6	12094.8	+141.2
of which:			
- sheep, ewes and goats	9166.0	9218.3	+52.3
Poultry - total	75364.6	70501.2	-4863.4
of which:			
- adult laying poultry	40728.4	36462.2	-4266.2

*) Provisional data

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

The total number of cattle decreased on December 1, 2020 by 0.6% compared to December 1, 2019 and the the origin livestock (milk cows, buffalo cows for reproduction and heifers for reproduction) increased by 0.7%.

The total number of pigs and the origin livestock (sows for breeding) decreased by 2.2% and respectively by 0.1%.

Increases are also registered both for **the total number of sheep and goats** with 1.2% and for the origin livestock (sheep, ewes and goats) with 0.6%.

The total number of adult poultry decreased by 6.5% and the number of laying poultry by 10.5%.

The livestock evolution in the period 2006 – 2020

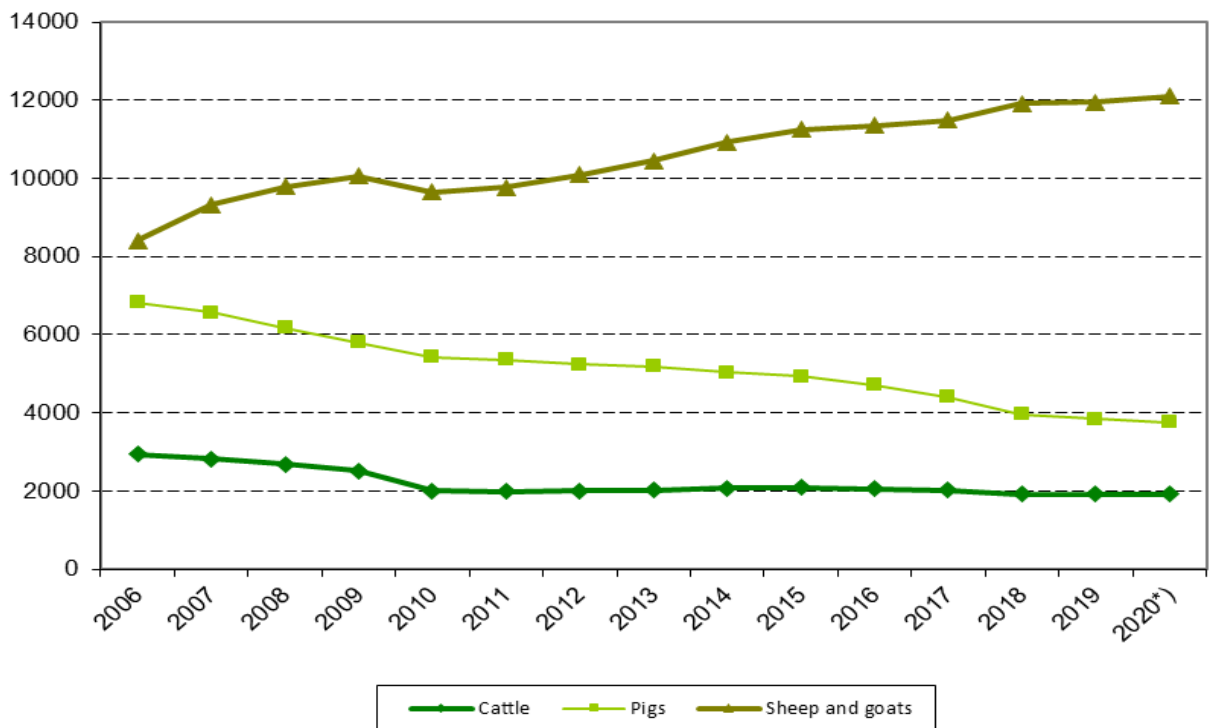
The cattle livestock permanently decreased from 2006 until 2011, reaching 1988.9 thousand heads. From 2011 to 2020, the cattle livestock maintained an approximately constant level, representing 65.1% in 2020 compared to 2006.

The pig livestock constantly decreased, reaching to 55.0% in 2020 compared to 2006.

In the analysed period, the sheep and goats livestock began to increase, reaching 12094.8 thousand heads in 2020, 43.9% more than in 2006.

Chart :The evolution of the livestock existent on December 1, in the period 2006 – 2020

-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

Table 2: Cattle livestock

Country	Cattle livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Romania	1910.9	15.1
Belgium	2334.1	174.3
Bulgaria	588.6	12.1
Czech Republic	1340.0	38.5
Denmark	1500.0	57.7
Germany	11301.9	68.6
Ireland	6529.4	144.4
Greece	539.0	13.7
Spain	6636.4	34.4
France	17591.3	63.2
Croatia	423.0	29.6

*) Provisional data.

**) Concerning the land (arable land, pastures and hayfields), provisional 2020 data were used for Romania and final 2019 data for the other Member States (except Portugal, for which final 2018 data have been used).

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

Regarding the cattle livestock, Romania ranked ninth in the European Union after France, Germany, 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.

Table 3: Pig livestock

Country	Pig livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Romania	3750.4	43.9
Belgium	6219.2	720.2
Bulgaria	592.1	17.1
Czech Republic	1546.0	62.1
Denmark	13391.0	559.3
Germany	26069.9	222.6
Ireland	1678.6	380.0
Greece	743.0	40.9
Spain	32676.7	271.8
France	13872.0	76.2
Croatia	1035.0	125.8

*) Provisional data.

**) Concerning the land (arable land), provisional 2020 data were used for Romania and final 2019 data for the other Member States (except Portugal, for which final 2018 data have been used).

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

Regarding the pig livestock, Romania ranked ninth in the European Union after Spain, Germany, France, Denmark, Poland, Netherlands, Italy and Belgium. Regarding the density per 100 hectares of land, our country ranked eighteenth from the 22 presented countries, followed by Greece, Slovakia, 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	12094.8	95.7	Italy	8099.9	75.7
Bulgaria	1561.6	32.1	Lithuania	155.3	5.3
Germany	1644.7	10.0	Hungary	991.0	19.4
Greece	11828.0	299.6	Netherlands	1267.0	71.2
Spain	18090.3	93.8	Austria	486.5	18.8
France	8696.0	31.3	Portugal	2482.2	88.8
Croatia	776.0	54.3	Slovakia***	356.2	19.1

*) Provisional data.

**) Concerning the land (arable land, pastures and hayfields), provisional 2020 data were used for Romania and final 2019 data for the other Member States (except Portugal, for which final 2018 data have been used).

***) Concerning the sheep and goats livestock, 2019 data were used for Slovakia

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

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

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 2020", date of issue July 15, 2021.

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