

Domain: Agriculture

## Livestock existent on December 1, 2023

- In 2023, compared to 2022, poultry livestock increased and the animal livestock decreased.
- 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, 2023 compared to December 1, 2022

- thou heads -

	December 1, 2022	December 1, 2023*)	Differences (±) 2023*) compared to 2022
<b>Cattle - total</b>	1833,7	1814,7	-19,0
of which: - cows, buffalo cows and heifers	1193,8	1177,0	-16,8
<b>Pigs - total</b>	3328,7	3155,0	-173,7
of which: - sows for breeding	284,6	272,6	-12,0
<b>Sheep and goats - total</b>	11730,5	11721,2	-9,3
of which: - sheep, ewes and goats	10093,5	10063,7	-29,8
<b>Poultry - total</b>	78220,7	78749,6	+528,9
of which: - adult laying poultry	41883,5	44139,9	+2256,4

\*) Provisional data

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The total number of cattle and the origin livestock (milk cows, buffalo cows for reproduction and heifers for reproduction) decreased on December 1, 2023 compared to December 1, 2022 by 1.0% and by 1.4% respectively.

The total number of pigs and the origin livestock (sows for breeding) decreased by 5.2% and by 4.2%, respectively.

Both the total number of sheep and goats and the origin livestock (sheep, ewes and goats) increased by 0.1% and by 0.3%, respectively.

The total number of poultry and the number of adult laying poultry increased by 0.7% and by 5.4%, respectively.

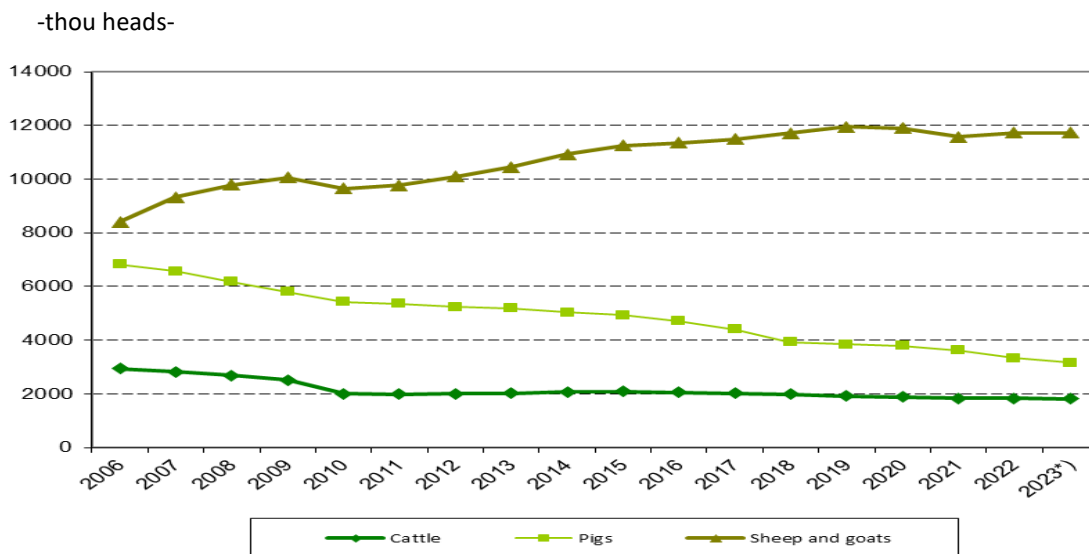
## The animal livestock evolution in the period 2006 – 2023

In the analysed period the cattle livestock continuously decreased from 2006 until 2011, reaching 1988.9 thousand heads. From 2011 to 2023, the cattle livestock maintained an approximately constant level, representing 61.9% in 2023 compared to 2006.

The pig livestock continuously decreased, reaching to 46.3% in 2023 compared to 2006.

The sheep and goats' livestock had an oscillating trend, reaching 11721.2 thousand heads in 2023, respectively 39.4% more than in 2006.

**Chart: The evolution of the animal livestock existent on December 1, in the period 2006 – 2023**



\*) Provisional data

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

## Animal livestock and density per 100 ha 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)	Country	Cattle livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Romania	1814,7	14,5	Italy	5999,0	56,9
Belgium	2235,7	166,8	Lithuania	619,5	21,6
Bulgaria	574,1	11,8	Hungary	869,7	17,6
Czech Republic	1369,6	39,3	Netherlands	3723,0	210,7
Denmark	1434,9	55,3	Austria	1835,5	72,5
Germany	10836,2	66,1	Poland	6435,5	46,6
Ireland	6526,0	150,2	Portugal	1527,7	50,0
Greece	574,5	13,6	Slovenia	456,1	101,1
Spain	6294,6	32,3	Slovakia	427,4	23,3
France	16806,9	61,3	Finland	798,6	35,3
Croatia	415,0	30,3	Sweden	1369,0	45,8

\*) Provisional data.

\*\*) The land consists of arable land, pastures and hayfields.

The latest available data were used: year 2023 for Romania and, for the other member states, final data from 2022

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Regarding the cattle livestock, Romania ranked tenth in the European Union after France, Germany, Ireland, Poland, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium and Austria. Regarding the density per 100 hectares of land, our country ranked twentieth, followed by Greece and Bulgaria.

**Table 3: Pig livestock**

Country	Pig livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Romania	3155,0	36,5
Belgium	5404,1	622,3
Bulgaria	726,9	21,0
Czech Republic	1362,3	54,8
Denmark	11368,0	477,1
Germany	21223,7	182,1
Ireland	1407,6	316,2
Greece	736,8	42,0
Spain	33803,0	289,1
France	11794,1	69,2
Croatia	847,0	99,5

Country	Pig livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Italy	9171,0	130,8
Lithuania	487,8	21,3
Hungary	2607,7	62,7
Netherlands	10471,0	1043,2
Austria	2516,5	190,6
Poland	9769,7	87,5
Portugal	2174,8	233,2
Slovenia	196,1	111,0
Slovakia	403,0	30,5
Finland	978,4	43,7
Sweden	1326,4	52,5

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Regarding the pig livestock, Romania ranked ninth in the European Union after Spain, Germany, France, Denmark, Netherlands, Poland, Italy and Belgium. Regarding the density per 100 hectares of land, our country ranked nineteenth, followed by Slovakia, Lithuania and Bulgaria.

**Table 4: Sheep and goats' livestock**

Country	Sheep and goats' livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Romania	11721,2	93,4
Bulgaria	1260,6	25,9
Germany	1722,3	10,5
Greece	10128,0	239,4
Spain	15890,0	81,6
France	7851,0	28,6
Croatia	625,0	45,7

Country	Sheep and goats' livestock* (thou heads)	Density per 100 ha of land** (heads)
Italy	7477,0	70,9
Lithuania	143,6	5,0
Hungary	938,4	19,0
Netherlands	1223,0	69,2
Austria	488,8	19,3
Portugal	2406,5	78,8
Slovakia***	321,6	17,6

\*) Provisional data.

\*\*) The land consists of arable land, pastures and hayfields.

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\*\*\*) Concerning the sheep and goats' livestock, 2021 data were used for Slovakia.

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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 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 2023", date of issue July 15, 2024.*

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