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### Existent livestock on December 1, 2008

*Based on the results of statistical survey on livestock and animal production in 2008, carried out by the National Institute of Statistics on December 1, 2008, as against the same date of 2007, livestock of cattle and pigs registered falls, while livestock of sheep, goats and poultry increased.*

#### Livestock and poultry existent on December 1, 2008 as compared to December 1, 2007

	December 1, 2007	December 1, 2008	- thou heads - Differences (±) 2008 as against 2007
<b>Cattle - total</b>	<b>2819</b>	<b>2684</b>	<b>-135</b>
of which: -cows, buffalo cows and heifers	1732	1639	-93
<b>Pigs - total</b>	<b>6565</b>	<b>6174</b>	<b>-391</b>
of which: -breeding sows	442	376	-66
<b>Sheep and goats - total</b>	<b>9334</b>	<b>9780</b>	<b>+446</b>
of which: - sheep, ewes and goats	7920	8338	+418
<b>Poultry - total</b>	<b>82036</b>	<b>84373</b>	<b>+2337</b>
of which: - adult laying poultry	45208	45529	+321

#### *December 1, 2008 as compared to December 1, 2007*

**Total cattle** on December 1, 2008 point out a fall by 4.8 %, while womb livestock (milk cows, reproduction buffalo cows and reproduction heifers), also decreased by 5.4 %.

**Total pigs** decreased by 6.0 %, while womb livestock (breeding sows) decreased by 14.9 %.

**Total sheep and goats** is increasing by 4.8 %, while womb livestock (sheep, ewes and goats) increased by 5.3 %.

**Total poultry** registered a growth of 2.8 %, while laying poultry increased by 0.7 %.

The decrease in cattle and pigs livestock in 2008 was especially determined by unfavorable climate conditions in 2007, being a very weak year in the crop sector, causing the fall of fodder production and implicitly the growth of slaughtered livestock.

After successive increases in the cattle and pigs livestock, reaching at end of 2006 about 3 million heads cattle, respectively over 6.8 million pigs, constantly followed significant falls in 2007 and 2008, for both species.

**Livestock and animals per 100 ha land\***,  
**in Romania and some Member States of European Union,**  
**at end of 2008**  
 -provisional data-

**Cattle livestock**

Country	Livestock (thou heads)	Animals per 100 ha land (heads)
<b>Romania</b>	<b>2683,6</b>	<b>19,0</b>
Belgium	2573,3	190,1
Bulgaria	574,1	11,7
Czech Republic	1357,8	39,0
Denmark	1545,0	58,2
Germany	12707,3	76,0
Ireland	5902,2	142,6
Greece	682,0	23,2
Spain	6585,0	32,1
France	19366,2	73,2
Italy	6577,0	63,3

Country	Livestock (thou heads)	Animals per 100 ha land (heads)
Lithuania	770,9	29,1
Hungary	701,0	12,8
Netherlands	3820,0	203,2
Austria	1997,2	63,3
Poland	5563,6	36,7
Portugal	1437,5	49,0
Slovenia	479,5	104,0
Slovakia	488,4	25,6
Finland	902,7	39,5
United Kingdom	10068,0	62,5

*Note: for Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Slovenia, Finland and United Kingdom data from 2007 were used.*

For pigs livestock, Romania holds the tenth place among European Union countries, after France, Germany, United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Ireland, Poland and Netherlands. Regarding the number of animals per 100 ha land, our country is among the last countries, being followed by Bulgaria and Hungary.

**Pigs livestock**

Country	Livestock (thou heads)	Animals per 100 ha land (heads)
<b>Romania</b>	<b>6173.7</b>	<b>66.1</b>
Belgium	6200,3	736,4
Bulgaria	783,7	25,6
Czech Republic	2135,0	83,0
Denmark	13170,0	537,1
Germany	27113,0	228,0
Ireland	1574,6	156,3
Greece	1038,0	49,0
Spain	26061,2	219,3
France	14796,0	80,9
Italy	9273,0	133,6

Country	Livestock (thou heads)	Animals per 100 ha land (heads)
Lithuania	897.1	48.3
Hungary	3383.0	75.4
Netherlands	11710,0	1105,5
Austria	3064,2	224,1
Poland	14242,3	119,0
Portugal	2338,7	202,5
Slovenia	542,6	313,7
Slovakia	748,5	55,1
Finland	1426,8	63,5
United Kingdom	4671,0	77,6

*Note: For Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Slovenia, Finland and United Kingdom data from 2007 were used.*

For pigs livestock at the end of the year, Romania holds the ninth in the European Union, after: Germany, Spain, France, Poland, Denmark, Netherlands, Italy and Belgium. From the viewpoint of density per 100 ha land, our country is followed by countries such as: Finland, Slovakia, Lithuania, Greece and Bulgaria.

## Sheep and goats livestock

Country	Livestock (thou heads)	Animals per 100 ha land (heads)
<b>Romania</b>	<b>9779,9</b>	<b>69,3</b>
Belgium	-	-
Bulgaria	1904,6	38,9
Czech Republic	200,2	5,8
Denmark	98,0	3,7
Germany	2105,7	12,6
Ireland	3537,8	85,5
Greece	13915,0	473,6
Spain	25085,9	122,2
France	9046,3	34,2
Italy	9157,0	88,1

Country	Livestock (thou heads)	Animals per 100 ha land (heads)
Lithuania	64,1	2,4
Hungary	1302,0	23,7
Netherlands	2070,0	110,1
Austria	395,7	12,5
Poland	405,7	2,7
Portugal	3643,2	124,1
Slovenia	159,4	34,6
Slovakia	385,1	20,2
Finland	95,7	4,2
United Kingdom	23676,0	147,1

*Note: For Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland and United Kingdom, data from 2007 were used.*

At end of the year, for sheep and goats livestock, Romania holds the fourth place among Member States, after Spain, United Kingdom. Regarding animals per 100 ha land, our country is placed after Greece, United Kingdom, Portugal, Spain, Netherlands, Italy and Ireland.

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**Data source: Eurostat New Cronos**

\* Cattle, sheep and goats livestock were reported at arable area + pastures + hayfields, and pigs livestock at arable area.

### Methodological note

The information presented result from the statistical survey regarding livestock and animal production in 2008, carried out by the National Institute of Statistics. This survey was done based on a sample representative at national level, regions of development and counties. The sample volume was 59610 agricultural holdings, of which 2562 agricultural holdings with legal status and 57048 individual agricultural holdings. The confidence interval was 95% (error margin  $\pm 2\%$ ).

*Additional information can be obtained from the publication "Livestock and animal production in 2008", date of release July 1, 2009*