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Livestock existent on December 1, 2007

On December 1, 2007, as against the same date of 2006, cattle, pigs and poultry registered decreases while sheep and goats increases.

Animal and poultry livestock existent on December 1, 2007 as compared to December 1, 2006

- thou heads -

	December 1, 2006	December 1, 2007	Differences (±) 2007 as against 2006
Cattle - total	2934	2819	-115
of which:			
-cows, buffalo cows and heifers	1810	1732	-78
Pigs - total	6815	6565	-250
of which:			
- breeding sows	520	442	-78
Sheep and goats - total	8406	9334	+928
of which:			
- sheep, ewes and goats	7142	7350	+208
Poultry - total	84991	82036	-2955
of which:			
- adult laying poultry	50278	45202	-5076

December 1, 2007 as compared to December 1, 2006

Total number of cattle on December 1, 2007 points out a decrease of 3.9%, womb livestock (cows for milk, buffalo cows for reproduction and heifers for reproduction) also decreased by 4.4%.

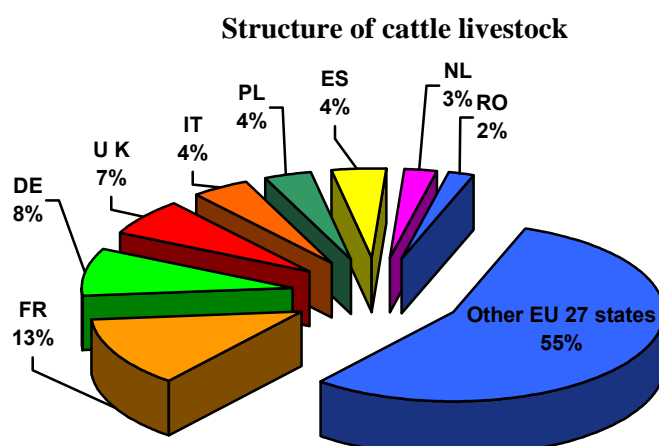
Total number of pigs decreased by 3.7% and womb livestock (breeding sows) decreased by 15.0%.

Total number of sheep and goats is increasing by 11.1% and womb livestock (sheep, ewes and goats) increased by 2.9%.

Total number of poultry registered a fall of 3.5% and livestock of laying poultry decreased by 10.1%.

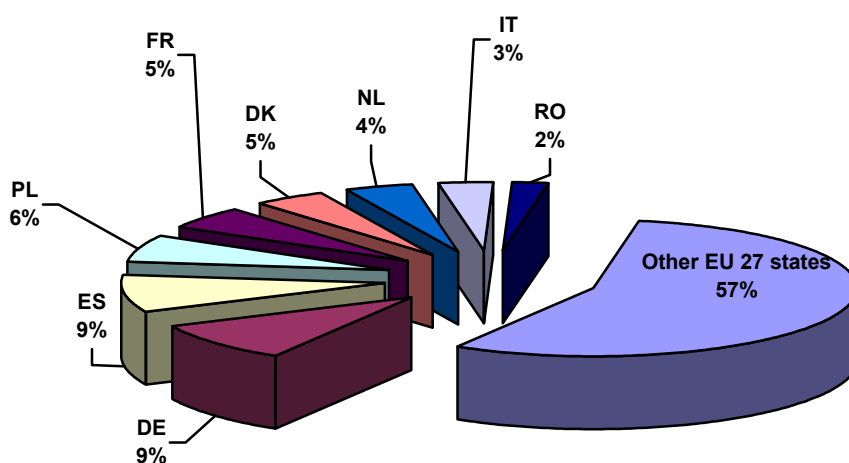
Livestock in Romania and European Union member states (EU-27) at end of 2007¹

According to the estimations on livestock at level of European Union (EU – 27), in 2007 decreases were registered for all the species.



At end of 2007, in the European Union (EU -27), livestock of cattle amounted to 82 830 thou heads, decreasing as against the same period of the previous year by 5633 thou heads. Romania is situated among the first ten countries of the European Union, after member states with tradition in cattle husbandry such as: France (19124 thou heads), Germany (12609 thou heads), United Kingdom (10078 thou heads), Italy (6577 thou heads), Spain (6409 thou heads), Poland (5406 thou heads) and Netherlands (3820 thou heads).

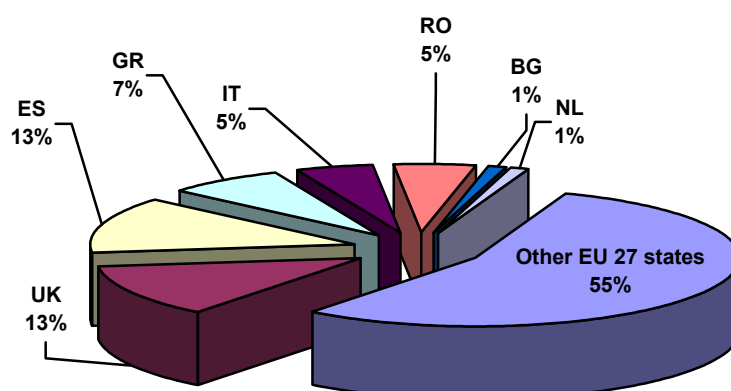
Structure of pigs livestock



Livestock of pigs in the European Union (EU - 27) registered a decrease by about 2073 thou heads. Decrease of pigs livestock was registered in most of member states. Romania holds the eighth place in the European Union (EU – 27), after the following member states: Germany (26948 thou heads), Spain (25615 thou heads), Poland (17621 thou heads), France (14968 thou heads), Denmark (13170 thou heads), Netherlands (11710 thou heads) and Italy (9273 thou heads).

¹ Data source for European Union member states (EU-27): Eurostat, New Cronos: no data Ireland for livestock of cattle, sheep and goats.

Structure of sheep and goats livestock



Livestock of sheep and goats in the European Union (EU – 27), in 2007 decreased by 3803 thou heads. Romania holds the fourth place among member states after United Kingdom (23722 thou heads), Spain (25065 thou heads) and Greece (13915 thou heads).

Methodological note

Information presented above result from the statistical survey on livestock and animal production obtained in 2007, carried out by the National Institute of Statistics. This survey was done based on a sample representative at national level, region of development and county. Sample included 58677 agricultural holdings, of which 3284 agricultural holdings with legal entity and 55393 agricultural individual holdings. Trust interval is 95% (error margin $\pm 3\%$).

Abbreviations: FR- France; DE- Germany; DK- Denmark; GR- Greece; UK- United Kingdom; IT- Italy; PL- Poland; ES- Spain; NL- Netherlands; RO- Romania;

Additional information can be obtained from the publication "Livestock and animal production in 2007", deadline July 1, 2008.

The next press release will be issued on Monday, June 16, 2008