Methodological notes

Data source: The statistical survey regarding the cattle livestock existent on June 1, 2017 has been conducted in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 concerning livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC concerning livestock and meat statistics.

According to the regulation, the precision requirements state that, in the case of the surveys concerning livestock, the sampling errors for the results of each member state should not be over 1% of the total number of cattle (5% if the cattle livestock is under 1 000 000 heads) and 1.5% of the total number of cows (5% if the cow livestock is under 500 000 heads).

The statistical sample survey used a representative sample at national and development region level of 11997 agricultural holdings, out of which 1009 agricultural holdings with legal status and 10988 individual agricultural holdings.