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Cattle population on June 1, 2012

According to the stipulations of the European Council and Council Regulation no.1165/2008, regarding the statistics on livestock and meat and in accordance with the 2012 Annual National Statistical Program, the statistical survey „Cattle population on June 1, 2012” was carried out.

The results of statistical survey show that cattle population on June 1, 2012, compared to the same date of 2011, decreased by 2.4%. By age categories, bovines less than 1 year old decreased by 8.2%, those aged between 1 and 2 years by 2.6%, while bovines of 2 years and over remained almost constant.

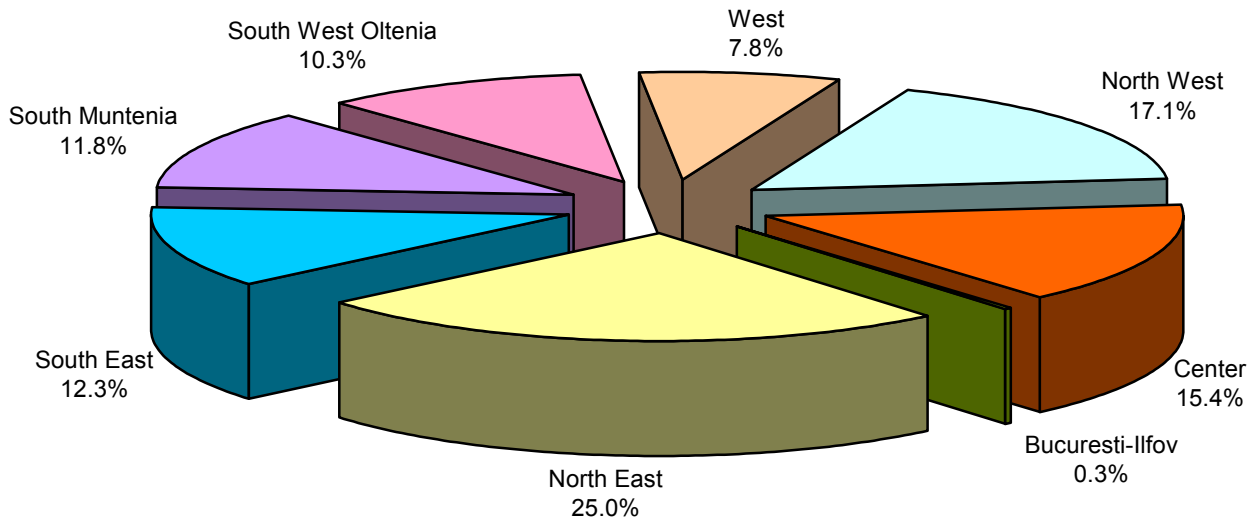
**Cattle population on June 1, 2012
compared to June 1, 2011**

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	June 1, 2011	June 1, 2012	Differences (±) 2012 against 2011
BOVINES LESS THAN 1 YEAR OLD	508856	467362	-41494
of which:			
- calves for slaughtering	159509	145816	-13693
BOVINES AGED BETWEEN 1 AND 2 YEARS	248653	242098	-6555
BOVINES OF 2 YEARS AND OVER	1332367	1332349	-18
out of which:			
- heifers for breeding	102698	96839	-5859
- dairy cows	1181140	1187578	+6438
BUFFALOES	22990	21272	-1718
- out of which: female breeding buffaloes	17201	16674	-527
TOTAL OF CATTLE POPULATION	2112866	2063081	-49785

By economic destination, decreases were registered for calves for slaughtering by 8.6%, for heifers for breeding by 5.7%, for female breeding buffaloes by 3.1%, while dairy cows increased by 0.5%.

**Distribution of cattle population on June 1, 2012,
by regions of development**



Analyzing the distribution of cattle population by regions of development on June 1, 2012, compared to June 1, 2011 a growth of their weight is noticed in the following regions: West (+0.4 percentage points), North-West (+0.2), North-East (+0.2), Center (+0.2) and falls are registered in the regions: Bucharest-Ilfov (-0.1), South-West Oltenia (-0.2), South-East (-0.3), South Muntenia (-0.4).

Methodological notes

1) Data source is the Statistical survey (EB), regarding cattle population on June 1, 2012, in accordance with the European Parliament and Council Regulation no. 1165/2008/EC regarding the statistics on livestock and meat.

The statistical survey includes all the variables regarding cattle livestock by age categories on June 1, 2012. The sample statistical survey applied to a sample representative at national level and by regions of development including 12040 agricultural holdings, out of which 1594 agricultural holdings with legal status and 10446 individual agricultural holdings. Confidence interval was 95% (error margin $\pm 3\%$).

2) Concepts and definitions

2.1 The term “**bovine animal**” means domestic animals of the species *Bos taurus* and *Bubalus bubalis*, including hybrids like *Beefalo*.