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Preliminary data

Number of livestock and poultry, production of milk, wool, and eggs in Montenegro

2023

In Montenegro, the numerical state of livestock on 1 December 2023, compared to 1 December 2022, records a decrease in the total number of cattle and sheep. The total number of cattle is 68 826, which is 2.8% less than last year. The trend of decrease in the total number of dairy cows is still continuing, by 5.3%. Compared to the last year, there is a decrease in the total number of sheep in sheep farming by 3.9%, while the number of milking sheep is lower by 2.4%. The number of goats is at the same level as in 2022.

The total number of pigs records a decrease of less than 1.2%, compared to the last year, and is 24 227. The total number of poultry in 2023 is higher by 1.2%. The largest share is held by laying hens, with the total number 801 926, and compared to the last year, it records a decrease of 2.4%.

Table 1. Number of livestock and poultry in Montenegro, 2023

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Indices 2023 2022
Cattle - total	77 889	71 166	70 765	68 826	97.2
Young cattle under 1 year	14 635	13 866	14 683	14 922	101.6
Calves for slaughter	5 565	5 346	5 127	5 633	109.9
Other, female	7 052	6 882	7 777	7 449	95.8
Other, male	2 018	1 638	1 780	1 840	103.4
Cattle between 1 and 2 years old	3 627	3 356	3 511	3 494	99.5
Male	1 097	518	738	724	98.1
Heifers	2 430	2 609	2 569	2 550	99.3
Heifers, for slaughter	100	228	205	220	107.3
Cattle of 2 years and over	59 627	53 944	52 570	50 410	95.9
Heifers	1 939	1 932	2 022	2 053	101.5
Heifers for slaughter	90	89	65	83	127.7
Cows - total	55 499	50 097	48 974	46 444	94.8
Dairy cows	54 173	49 168	48 124	45 594	94.7
Other	1 326	929	849	850	100.1
Male (Oxen and Bullocks)	2 099	1 825	1 509	1 830	121.3

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Sheep - total	176 580	165 918	161 376	155 096	96.1
Lambs and young sheep under 1 year	23 440	23 564	23 811	22 998	96.6
Breeding ewe	145 595	134 632	131 880	126 065	95.6
of which dairy	91 647	91 970	91 354	89 196	97.6
Rams and sterile sheep	7 545	7 722	5 685	6 033	106.1
Goats - total	27 823	29 032	29 136	28 950	99.4
Young goats under 1 years old	5 025	5 506	5 227	5 102	97.6
Goats - already kidded	19 336	20 263	20 047	20 057	100.0
Goats - first time mated	1 536	1 585	1 834	1 812	98.8
Other goats	1 926	1 678	2 028	1 979	97.6
Pigs - total	25 806	24 329	24 514	24 227	98.8
Piglets up 19 kg	6 423	6 708	5 557	5 101	91.8
Pigs from 20 - 49 kg	4 846	4 051	4 471	4 517	101.0
Fattening pigs - total	10 715	10 213	11 353	11 577	101.9
- 50 - 79 kg	1 408	975	1 395	1 393	99.8
- od 80 - 109 kg	1 711	1 535	2 164	2 497	115.4
- over 110 kg	7 596	7 703	7 794	7 687	98.6
Gilts - mated	1 102	744	1 104	896	81.2
Gilts - other	93	178	127	154	121.3
Sows - mated	2 190	1 988	1 548	1 650	106.6
Sows - other	232	319	224	192	85.7
Boars	205	126	131	140	106.9
Poultry - total	601 628	596 752	854 554	865 022	101.2
Chickens (broilers)	50 265	61 855	22 788	53 353	234.1
Hens	536 765	525 087	821 679	801 926	97.6
Turkey	3 026	2 368	2 658	2 586	97.3
Other poultry	11 572	7 441	7 429	7 157	96.3
Horses - total	3 889	3 618	3 942	3 688	93.6

Production of milk, wool and eggs

The total production of milk in Montenegro (cow's, sheep's, and goat's milk) in 2023 was 169 371 thousands of liters, out of which the largest part is cow's milk (90.2%). The average amount of milk per cow is 3 348 liters. The total amount of wool produced is 200 tonnes. In Montenegro in 2023, there was produced a total of 183 797 thousand pieces of eggs.

Table 2. Production of milk, wool, and eggs

	Milk					Wool		Eggs	
	Total (000 l)	Cow (000 l)	Per cow (lit)	Sheep and goat (000 l)	Per sheep (lit)	Total (t)	Per sheep (kg)	Total (000 pieces)	Per hen (pieces)
2019	177 967	165 750	2 880	12 217	90	191	1,7	106 752	197
2020	180 459	165 576	3 035	14 883	110	189	1,8	113 505	211
2021	173 412	154 859	3 149	18 553	145	252	1,9	113 634	216
2022	172 049	153 376	3 187	18 146	134	127	1,9	159 706	224
2023	169 371	152 692	3 348	16 679	124	200	1,8	183 797	229

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Legal basis

The survey is conducted on the basis of the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12, and 47/19).

Purpose of survey

The statistical survey – Annual Report on Livestock of Agricultural Holdings (PO-51-2) collects data on the number of livestock and poultry, slaughter of livestock and poultry, weighed of livestock, livestock and livestock turnover, as well as data on the number of beehives bees, wool, eggs, honey, milk, and dairy products.

Method and time of collection

The survey was conducted in the period from 22 November to 10 December 2023. Data collection was carried out on survey forms with the status as of 1 December 2023. On certain questions, in the survey form, the data were entered for a period of one year prior to the survey, i.e. from 01. 12. 2022. to 01. 12. 2023.

Survey coverage and reporting units

There are covered:

- Family agricultural holdings that breed animals,
- Business entities engaged in breeding animals.

The data on livestock for family agricultural holdings are obtained through the annual survey on a sample basis. The sample is simply randomly stratified and the number of surveyed family agricultural holdings covered by the survey is about 10% of the total number of family agricultural holdings in Census of Agriculture 2010 or over 15% of the total number of farm households that grow livestock. The data on livestock for business entities, cooperatives and other entities engaged in breeding livestock are obtained through regular annual reports.

The final data for livestock will be published with the publication of data from the Survey on Structure of Agricultural Holdings in Montenegro.

When using the data, state:

"Data source: Statistical Office - MONSTAT"

More data, as well as detailed methodological notes can be found in the section: [Number of livestock and poultry, production of animal products](#)