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Preliminary data

Number of livestock and poultry, production of milk, wool, and eggs in Montenegro, situation as on 1 December 2024

2024

According to the preliminary data, the numerical state of livestock on 1 December 2024, compared to 1 December 2023, records a decrease in the total number of cattle, sheep and goats. The total number of cattle is 67 496 , which is 1.9% less than last year. The trend of decrease in the total number of dairy cows is still continuing, by 6.7%. Compared to the last year, there is a decrease in the total number of sheep in sheep farming by 6.6%. Compared to the last year, the number of goats is lower by 7.3%.

The total number of pigs records a increase of 20.8%, compared to the last year, and is 29 270. The total number of poultry in 2024 is higher by 24.9%. The largest share is held by laying hens, with the total number 1 016 057, and compared to the last year, it records an increase of 26.7%.

Table 1. Number of livestock and poultry in Montenegro, 2024

	2023	2024	Indices 2024 2023
Cattle - total	68 826	67 496	98.1
Young cattle under 1 year	14 922	14 660	98.2
Calves for slaughter	5 633	5 712	101.4
Other, female	7 449	7 144	95.9
Other, male	1 840	1 804	98.0
Cattle between 1 and 2 years old	3 494	5 171	148.0
Male	724	700	96.7
Heifers	2 550	4 255	166.9
Heifers, for slaughter	220	216	98.2
Cattle of 2 years and over	50 410	47 665	94.6
Heifers	2 053	2 035	99.1
Heifers for slaughter	83	80	96.4
Cows - total	46 444	43 845	94.4
Dairy cows	45 594	42 554	93.3
Other	850	1 291	151.9
Male (Oxen and Bullocks)	1 830	1 705	93.2

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	2023	2024	Indices 2024 2023
Sheep - total	155 096	144 916	93.4
Lambs and young sheep under 1 year	22 998	22 700	98.7
Breeding ewe	126 065	115 894	91.9
Rams and sterile sheep	6 033	6 322	104.8
Goats - total	28 950	26 833	92.7
Young goats under 1 years old	5 102	5 151	101.0
Goats - already kidded	20 057	17 961	89.5
Goats - first time mated	1 812	1 800	99.3
Other goats	1 979	1 921	97.1
Pigs - total	24 227	29 270	120.8
Piglets up 19 kg	5 101	5 780	113.3
Pigs from 20 - 49 kg	4 517	4 529	100.3
Fattening pigs - total	11 577	12 880	111.3
- 50 - 79 kg	1 393	1 742	125.1
- od 80 - 109 kg	2 497	2 948	118.1
- over 110 kg	7 687	8 190	106.5
Gilts - mated	896	1 120	125.0
Gilts - other	154	182	118.2
Sows - mated	1 650	3 945	239.1
Sows - other	192	594	300.0 ¹
Boars	140	240	171.4
Poultry - total	865 022	1 080 099	124.9
Chickens (broilers)	53 353	53 914	101.1
Hens	801 926	1 016 057	126.7
Turkey	2 586	2 658	102.8
Other poultry	7 157	7 470	104.4
Horses - total	3 688	4 253	115.3

¹ Calculated index is higher than 300.0

Production of milk, wool, and eggs

The total production of milk in Montenegro (cow's, sheep's, and goat's milk) in 2024 was 157 940 thousands of liters, out of which the largest part is cow's milk (93.3%). The average amount of milk per cow is 3 465 liters. The total amount of wool produced is 195 tonnes. In Montenegro in 2024, there was produced a total of 224 736 thousand pieces of eggs.

Table 2. Production of milk, wool, and eggs in Montenegro in 2024

	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)
2023	169 371	152 692	3 348	16 679	124	200	1.8	183 797	229
2024	157 940	147 437	3 465	10 503	122	195	1.8	224 736	225

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, 47/19, and 23/25), and in accordance with the Annual Plan of Official Statistics for 2024 (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 120/24).

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

In order to rationalize resources, research on the number of livestock and poultry, production of milk, wool and eggs in Montenegro was carried out by the census of agriculture in 2024, in the period from 1 October to 1 December 2024.

Data collection was done by interview method and data were entered directly through the application model on electronic devices.

Survey coverage and reporting units

The survey included family agricultural holdings and business entities in accordance with the valid criteria.

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](#)