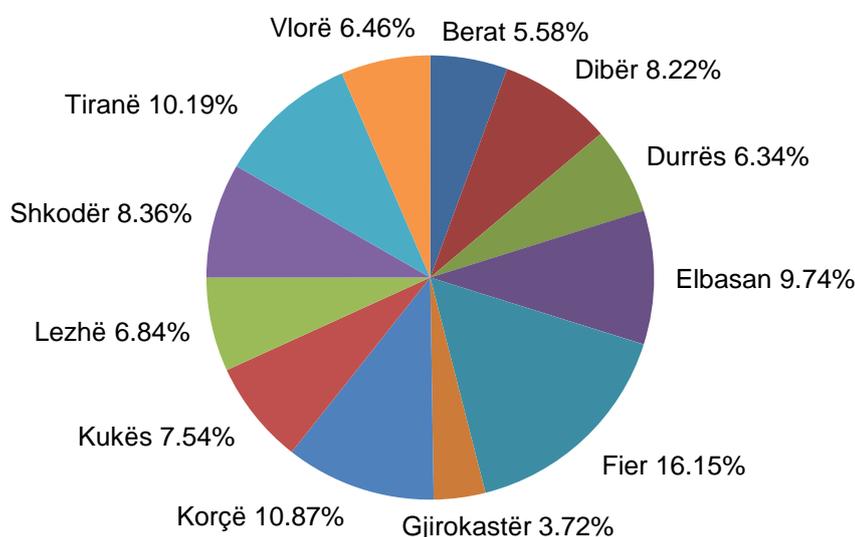


Livestock Statistics 2020

Tirana, 25 June 2021: The number of cattle in 2020 was 362,563 heads, decreasing by 12.76 % compared with the year 2019. The largest concentration of the number of cattle heads is in: Fier with 16.15% and Korçë with 10.87 % of the total number of heads.

Fig. 1 Cattle structure by prefectures (%)



In 2020, the number of sheep is 1.55 million heads, or 11.40 % less compared to 2019. The main category is milked sheep which represents 75.39 % of the total herd. The largest concentration of the number of sheep heads is in: Vlore with 23.92 % and Korçë with 15.79 % of the total number of heads.

Goats number in the year 2020 is 774,332 heads, decreasing with 10.26 %, compared to the year 2019. Main category is milked goats, with 79.89 % of the total herd. The largest concentration of the number of goats is in: Vlorë with 18.91 % and Gjirokastër with 11.69 % of the total number of heads.

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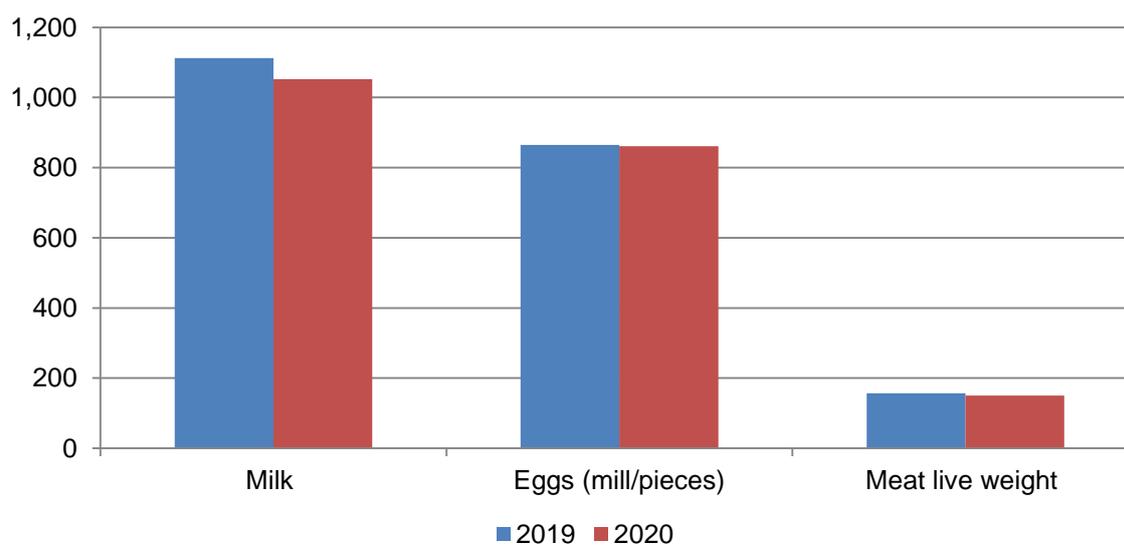
In 2020, pigs number is 158,401 heads, decreasing by 13.84 % in annual terms, compared to 2019. The largest concentration of the number of pig heads is in: Lezhë with 35.61 % and Fier with 27.08 % of the total number of heads.

Tab. 1 Livestock number (thousand heads)

Description	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cattle	492	475	467	416	363
- Cows	355	349	343	316	289
Sheep	1,972	1,925	1,864	1,758	1,558
- Milked sheep	1,428	1,407	1,366	1,297	1,174
Goats	941	933	917	863	774
- Milked goats	716	717	699	671	619
Pigs	181	180	184	184	158
- Sows	13	12	12	14	13
Equidae	94	89	88	87	79
- Horses	34	32	32	32	30
Poultry	8,326	7,835	8,362	8,179	7,907
- Laying hens	4,790	4,820	4,963	5,004	5,001
Beehives	303	290	285	288	358

Milk production in 2020 is 1.05 million tonnes, decreasing with 5.39 % compared with 2020. Milk production structure referred the year 2020 is: cows milk 85.28 %, sheep milk 7.10 % and goats milk with 7.62 %.

Fig. 2 Livestock products (thousand tonnes)



In 2020, milk production from cows is 897,349 tonnes, decreasing with 5.20 % compared to 2019. Annual yield of cows milk production in country level for 2020 is 3,028 kg/head increasing with 1.56% compared to 2019.

Sheep milk production, for the year 2020, decreased by 8.60 % compared with 2020. Annual yield, of sheep milk in country level is 65 kg/head increasing by 2.88 % compared with 2019.

Milk production from goats in 2020 is 4.49 % less compared to the previous year. Annual yield of goats milk production in contry level is around 126 kg/head increasing with 0.28 % compared to 2019.

Meat production live weight is 150 thousand tonnes, marking a decrease with 4.02 % compared with the year 2019.

Egg production for 2020 is 861 million pieces, marking an increase of 0.40%, compared to 2019.

Honey production has increased by 11.7% compared to 2019. The regions where the highest production is recorded are Shkodra with 21.4% and Vlora with 14.7% of total production. The region with the lowest production is Durrës with 3.0% of the total honey production.

Tab. 2 Livestock products (thousand tonnes)

Description	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Milk	1,145	1,156	1,144	1,112	1,052
Meat live weight	160	161	161	157	150
Eggs/million pieces	830	811	828	865	861
Honey	3.9	3.6	3.9	4.1	4.6

Methodology

Agricultural statistics for 2020 rely on administrative information, collected by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. The legal basis for collecting agricultural and livestock statistics is the Official Statistics Program 2017 - 2021, applying the classifications and definitions according to the relevant EU regulations.

Information is collected in field by experts of extension services in all country. These experts collect data directly from farmers. Harvested production means production including on-holding losses and wastage, quantities consumed directly on the farm and marketed quantities.

Livestock data are collected for the number of animals for breeding from the farmers and livestock productions. Experts of extensions collect the data and compare them with the data from the veterinary service which conducts the matriculation and vaccination of animals (process is ongoing). Veterinary service in the moment of vaccination conducts the animal inventory in commune level. Specialists of extension also collaborate with private veterinarians. These veterinarians provide different services at the farmers such as (disease control, death and births of animals, slaughtering, vaccinations etc.). In the end the specialists of extension compare the data from the three sources. Data for the agricultural and livestock products produced by the farmers are also collected from the specialists of extension. For the yields of productions the information is collected from the most representative farms in commune level. The data collected are sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development where the specialists of crop and livestock production do the estimations comparing the data collected from the field with the data of the farms during the previous years.

The Ministry of Agriculture uses three sources of information for the data collection:

1. Experts of extension which are part of the Agricultural Directories
2. Veterinarian Service in regions
3. Private Veterinarians

Definitions

“Agricultural Household” is a single unit both technically and economically not necessary continuous parcels of agriculture and livestock production which has a single management by one person or group of persons and which undertakes agricultural activities, for crop and animal production.

Livestock units are also considered the households with livestock orientation where livestock breeding is done without possessing agricultural land so that the land does not appear as an integral element of the unit.

Livestock and poultry - covers all domestic animals irrespective of their age and location or the purpose of their breeding. Non-domestic animals are excluded from the terms unless they are kept or raised in captivity in or outside agricultural holdings, including holdings without land.

Classification

Classification of animals is done by: species (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, horses), by age, sex and economic destination. Poultry covers domestic fowls, guinea fowl, ducks, geese and turkeys.

Meat live weight production

The estimate for the production of meat live weight is carried out for each type of animals. Calculation of meat live weight production is based on the calculations made by the livestock movement, i.e, in the number of culled cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and poultry by slaughtering categories, and the average live weight for slaughtered heads by type and categories of slaughter.

Main rules for data collection

Livestock number refers to 1 December 2020.

Farmer is asked for all animals that he possess, Information is obtained only for the number of animals that the agricultural holding possesses.

All livestock bought from other units during the year are included.

All livestock sold to other units during the year are excluded.

Livestock births are the animals which are born during the last 12 months.

Livestock born dead are not included.

Losses of livestock during the year. Losses of animals during the year, eating from wild animals or natural causes are not counted.