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Survey of sheep and goat populations in November/December 1999 and production forecasts for 2000

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Sheep population and sheep production decline in 2000

After marked year-on-year increases in the sheep population in the European Union (EU-15) for late 1995/96 and 1996/97 (1.5 % and 2.9 % respectively), the 1997/98 year-on-year comparison showed a slight fall of 180.000 head (-0.2 %). The November/December survey 1999 shows a greater decline, namely of -2.3 % to 96.411 million animals. Sheep breeding is concentrated in five of the Member States, UK, E, I, F and EL¹, which together account for 86.3 % of the population, the two leading countries being the UK and E, with 30.8 % and 24.8 % respectively. With the exception of I (+1.9 %), comparisons of the 1998 and 1999 figures in countries with a sheep population over 500.000 show declines ranging from -11.4 % (NL) to -0.6 % (F). B increased sheep stocks by 37.7 % in 1999, but it has to be taken into consideration that B has a very low sheep livestock (160.000). When looking at the breakdown of categories one sees a different development in the two biggest sheep producing countries (UK and E): While the population of "ewes and lambs put to the ram" declined in UK by -2.2 % , this category increased in E by 1.2 %.

When looking at the production forecasts it can be noted that the sheep production in 2000 will decline by -1.4 % to 69.973 million animals. This is mainly due to the reduction of the production in UK (-1.9 %) and E (-0.7 %). But also F and EL will reduce their production in 2000 by -1.5 % and -0.7 % respectively. From the big sheep producing countries only I will raise its production by 1.0 % to 5.745 million animals.

Goat population and –production continue to fall

Following a 250.000 head increase in the EU-15 goat population between the end of 1996 and 1997, numbers fell by 311.000 animals from 1997 to 1998 (-2.5 %) and continued to decline by 374.000 heads (-3.1 %) to 11.612 millions in 1999. This is due to the development in the two biggest goat producing countries EL and E which reduced their goat population by -4.1 % and -5.1 % respectively. These two countries hold 68.3 % of the EU-15 population.

The Gross Indigenous Production (GIP) of goats shows a decline since 1997. In 2000 it will amount 8.24 millions which means a decline by -3.6 % compared to 1999. The reduction is especially high in E which will reduce its production by -11.4 % to 1.65 million animals. EL, the greatest goat producer in the EU-15, will reduce its production by -1.3 % to 4.47 million heads. Only A will raise its production by 3.4 %.



¹ Abbreviations used for the names of the Member States: B = Belgium, DK = Denmark, D = Germany, EL = Greece, E = Spain, F = France, IRL = Ireland, I = Italy, L = Luxembourg, NL = Netherlands, A = Austria, P = Portugal, FIN = Finland, S = Sweden, UK = United Kingdom.

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GROSS INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION

PRODUCTION INDIGENE BRUTE

| 1000 STÜCK | | 1000 HEAD | | | | | | | | | | 1000 TETES | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| EU 15 | EUR 11 | B | DK | D | EL | E | F | IRL | I | L | NL | A | P | FIN | S | UK | |
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| 1-06 | 34 869,6 f | 21 145,3 | 86,0 | 24,0 | 1 051,0 | 4 827,3 f | 9 989,0 | 4 153,0 | 1 649,4 | 2 539,0 | 0,0 | 398,0 | 178,5 | 1 078,0 | 23,4 | 54,0 | 8 819,0 |
| 7-12 | 36 032,6 f | 21 708,8 | 73,0 | 48,0 | 1 103,0 | 2 454,8 f | 10 356,0 | 3 500,0 | 2 152,2 | 3 018,0 | 0,0 | 406,0 | 153,8 | 904,0 | 42,8 | 129,0 | 11 692,0 |
| 1998 | 70 902,2 f | 42 854,1 | 159,0 | 72,0 | 2 154,0 | 7 282,1 f | 20 345,0 | 7 653,0 | 3 801,6 | 5 557,0 | 0,0 | 804,0 | 332,3 | 1 982,0 | 66,2 | 183,0 | 20 511,0 |
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| % 7-12 | -1,0 e | -0,7 f | 1,4 f | -2,2 f | 0,5 f | -2,7 f | 1,6 f | -3,4 f | -6,5 f | -0,1 f | 0,0 | -9,5 f | 1,4 f | -0,2 f | -33,3 f | 0,0 e | -1,3 f |
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| 1998 | 8 616,4 f | 3 982,8 | 0,0 | 0,0 | 13,9 | 4 624,6 f | 1 841,0 | 1 232,0 | 0,0 | 370,0 | 0,0 | 58,0 | 61,4 | 406,0 | 0,4 | 0,0 | 9,0 |
| 1-06 | 5 456,4 p | 2 257,1 p | 0,0 | 0,0 | 9,0 p | 3 196,3 p | 823,0 p | 938,0 p | 0,0 | 217,0 p | 0,0 | 65,0 p | 32,0 p | 173,0 p | 0,1 p | 0,0 | 3,0 p |
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| 1999 | 8 543,1 p | 4 011,5 p | 0,0 | 0,0 | 17,1 p | 4 525,6 p | 1 857,0 p | 1 246,0 p | 0,0 | 378,0 p | 0,0 | 100,0 p | 58,0 p | 355,0 p | 0,4 p | 0,0 | 6,0 p |
| 1-06 | 5 280,2 f | 2 126,0 f | 0,0 | 0,0 | 8,9 f | 3 151,2 f | 724,0 f | 921,0 f | 0,0 | 216,0 f | 0,0 | 55,0 f | 32,0 f | 169,0 f | 0,1 f | 0,0 | 3,0 f |
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