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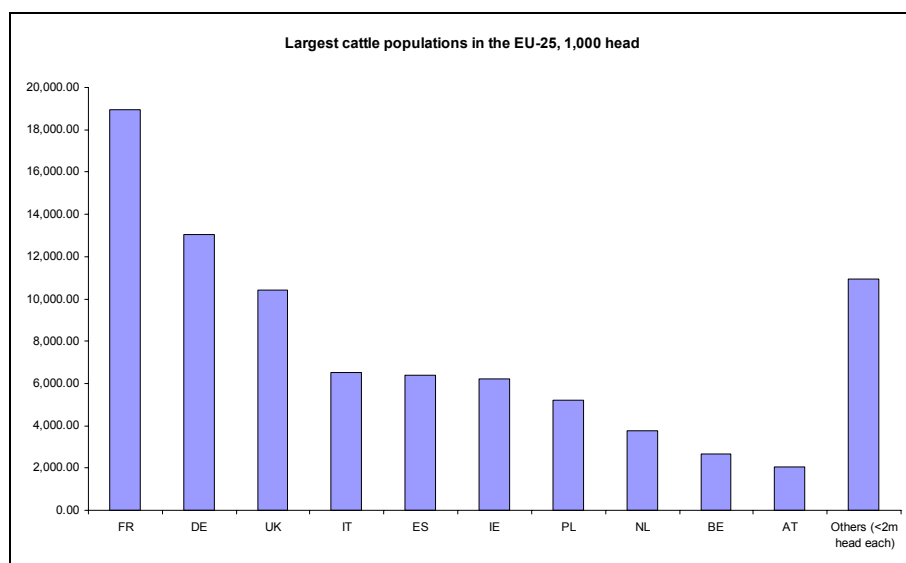


Survey of EU cattle populations in December 2004 and production forecasts for 2005

The December 2004 cattle livestock surveys in the EU-25 show that the cattle population continues to fall slowly. Total numbers of cattle are 1.5% lower than in December 2003. The price of beef remains high, despite the changes from enlargement and the reform of the CAP.

Continuing declining stocks in 2004

The December survey estimates the total number of cattle in the EU-25 at 86.2 million. This represents almost 6.5 % of the world cattle population, which according to the FAO (FAOSTAT) totalled 1.33 billion animals in 2004. At national levels, changes ranged from -8.9% in Slovakia to +8.2% in Malta. France and Germany, the two largest cattle producers, recorded decreases of -1.2% and -2.6% respectively.



Decline in cattle production

Gross indigenous cattle production also continued its downward trend. Production is estimated to be almost 30 million head for 2005, representing a decrease of 1.9 %. However, this is based on the number of animals slaughtered, which has been influenced by the reform of the CAP.

RINDERBESTAND													BOVINE LIVESTOCK		
DEZEMBER													DECEMBER		
1000 STÜCK													1000 HEAD		
	EU-25	EU-15	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY	LV	
1	INSGESAMT												TOTAL		
2002	88,759	78,527	2,759	1,462	1,740	13,732	254	613	6,478	19,777	6,333	6,695	58	388	
2003	87,489 p	77,479 p	2,684	1,427	1,681	13,386	257	651	6,548	19,168	6,223	6,727 p	59	379	
2004	86,167 p	76,393 p	2,657	1,368	1,616	13,031	249	640 p	6,409 p	18,948	6,212	6,515	60	371	
%04/03	-1.5	-1.4	-1.0	-4.2	-3.9	-2.7	-3.2	-1.7	-2.1	-1.2	-0.2	-3.2	2.8	-1.98	
1.1	RINDER VON WENIGER ALS 1 JAHR												BOVINES LESS THAN 1 YEAR OLD		
2002	25,511	22,949	742	443	553	4,257	70	185	2,182	5,104	1,806	2,028	20	111	
2003	25,195 p	22,647 p	715	419	549	4,099	72	195	2,236	4,961	1,751	2,008 p	21	109	
2004	25,122 p	22,643 p	713	392	540	4,080	67	191 p	2,248 p	4,996	1,746	1,955	23	110	
%04/03	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-6.5	-1.6	-0.5	-7.5	-2.1	0.5	0.7	-0.3	-2.6	9.1	1.2	
1.1.1	SCHLACHTKÄLBER												CALVES FOR SLAUGHTER		
2002	4,369	3,928	169	56	6	128	6	134	1,476	704	-	410	10	65	
2003	4,440 p	3,954 p	163	63	6	122	7	149	1,510	633	-	413 p	10	64	
2004	4,493 p	4,067 p	156	50	6	125	4	145 p	1,544 p	646	-	445	10	64	
%04/03	1	3	-4	-20	0	2	-52	-3	2	2	:	8	-2	-1	
1.1.2	ANDERE MÄNNLICHE												OTHER MALE		
2002	9,190	8,357	203	158	229	1,841	23	7	232	1,799	1,001	739	0	1	
2003	9,030 p	8,235 p	198	142	228	1,769	22	5	245	1,799	949	720 p	0	1	
2004	8,975 p	8,180 p	201	133	230	1,697	23	5 p	242 p	1,840	924	746	1	1	
%04/03	-0.6	-0.7	1.1	-6.2	0.9	-4.1	2.7	0.0	-1.2	2.3	-2.6	3.6	108.7	-23.1	
1.1.3	ANDERE WEIBLICHE												OTHER FEMALE		
2002	11,952	10,665	370	229	318	2,288	41	44	473	2,601	805	879	10	45	
2003	11,726 p	10,458 p	354	214	315	2,207	43	41	481	2,529	803	875 p	11	44	
2004	11,654 p	10,396 p	357	208	304	2,258	41	41 p	462 p	2,510	822	764	12	46	
%04/03	-0.6	-0.6	0.8	-2.6	-3.5	2.3	-5.2	0.0	-3.9	-0.8	2.4	-12.7	15.9	5.5	
1.2	RINDER VON 1 BIS UNTER 2 JAHREN												BOVINES AGED BETWEEN 1 AND 2 YEARS		
2002	18,294	16,313	559	350	330	3,230	55	102	748	3,689	1,520	1,461	11	60	
2003	17,936 p	16,046 p	548	329	314	3,146	53	116	727	3,519	1,480	1,502 p	11	67	
2004	17,573 p	15,709 p	534	322	304	2,954	51	112 p	755 p	3,475	1,420	1,489	11	57	
%04/03	-2.0	-2.1	-2.6	-2.2	-3.2	-6.1	-2.8	-3.5	3.8	-1.3	-4.1	-0.9	4.7	-15.1	
1.2.1	MAENNLICHE												MALE		
2002	6,585	5,835	154	140	35	1,186	12	48	157	1,002	902	637	0	20	
2003	6,507 p	5,829 p	149	122	30	1,180	13	61	155	950	873	671 p	0	24	
2004	6,295 p	5,603 p	145	120	25	1,036	10	58 p	163 p	951	800	692	1	16	
%04/03	-3.3	-3.9	-3.2	-1.3	-16.7	-12.2	-19.1	-4.9	5.0	0.1	-8.4	3.2	206.5	-34.8	
1.2.2	WEIBLICHE SCHLACHTTIERE												FEMALE FOR SLAUGHTER		
2002	2,011	1,908	19	7	14	233	2	12	67	324	287	176	0	3	
2003	1,889 p	1,785 p	15	7	14	204	2	14	72	266	258	158 p	0	4	
2004	1,916 p	1,817 p	16	8	14	186	1	13 p	113 p	268	271	149	0	3	
%04/03	1.4	1.8	8.4	12.9	0.0	-9.0	-29.4	-7.1	57.3	0.8	5.1	-5.7	140.7	-29.6	
1.2.3	ANDERE WEIBLICHE												OTHER FEMALE		
2002	9,698	8,569	386	203	281	1,810	41	42	524	2,363	331	648	11	37	
2003	9,540 p	8,433 p	384	200	270	1,762	39	41	500	2,303	349	673 p	11	38	
2004	9,361 p	8,289 p	373	194	265	1,732	40	41 p	479 p	2,256	349	648	11	38	
%04/03	-1.9	-1.7	-2.8	-3.3	-1.9	-1.8	3.6	0.0	-4.2	-2.0	0.1	-3.7	0.2	-0.8	

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BOVINE LIVESTOCK DECEMBER 1000 HEAD													EFFECTIFS BOVINS DECEMBRE 1000 TETES	
LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK		
TOTAL													TOTAL	1
779	190	770	19	3,780	2,067	5,421	1,395	473	608	1,012	1,576	10,381	2002	
812	185	739	18	3,735	2,052	5,277	1,389	450	593	978	1,553	10,519	2003	
792	184	723	19	3,759	2,051	5,200	1,443 p	451 p	540	952	1,552	10,425	2004	
-2.5	-0.3	-2.2	8.2	0.7	-0.1	-1.5	3.9	0.3	-8.9	-2.6	-0.1	-0.9	%04/03	
BOVINES LESS THAN 1 YEAR OLD													BOVINS DE MOINS DE 1 AN	1.1
175	52	207	5	1,324	640	1,226	393	139	166	351	514	2,820	2002	
189	50	195	5	1,322	642	1,222	389	131	186	335	510	2,885	2003	
189	52	190	6	1,395	647	1,205	398 p	137 p	161	328	509	2,844	2004	
-0.1	3.0	-2.6	11.4	5.5	0.8	-1.4	2.5	4.4	-13.2	-2.1	-0.1	-1.4	%04/03	
CALVES FOR SLAUGHTER													VEAUX DE BOUCHERIE	1.1.1
80	3	72	-	692	59	110	68	10	33	9	23	48	2002	
84	3	71	-	748	58	139	65	10	38	8	23	54	2003	
84	3	62	-	775	63	113	85 p	10 p	29	3	23	50	2004	
0.5	3.0	-12.7	:	3.6	9.0	-18.4	30.7	3.5	-21.7	-68.8	0.1	-7.6	%04/03	
OTHER MALE													AUTRES MALES	1.1.2
14	18	33	2	102	287	497	153	65	38	175	240	1,330	2002	
15	17	27	2	77	287	477	159	63	46	168	239	1,376	2003	
15	18	35	3	90	285	480	147 p	66 p	39	167	238	1,350	2004	
0.7	3.0	29.6	10.6	17.2	-0.6	0.6	-7.1	5.3	-14.6	-0.5	-0.2	-1.9	%04/03	
OTHER FEMALE													AUTRES FEMELLES	1.1.3
81	31	102	3	530	294	619	173	64	94	167	250	1,442	2002	
91	31	97	3	497	297	607	165	58	103	160	249	1,456	2003	
90	31	93	3	530	299	612	166 p	60 p	93	159	248	1,444	2004	
-0.7	3.0	-4.1	12.1	6.7	0.6	0.9	0.6	3.6	-9.5	-0.4	-0.1	-0.8	%04/03	
BOVINES AGED BETWEEN 1 AND 2 YEARS													BOVINS DE 1 A MOINS DE 2 ANS	1.2
123	41	155	5	677	450	974	224	118	130	256	384	2,642	2002	
132	40	150	5	623	446	911	219	112	121	250	375	2,742	2003	
126	40	144	5	634	441	926	232 p	112 p	109	239	371	2,711	2004	
-4.3	-2.2	-4.0	8.8	1.9	-1.1	1.7	6.1	-0.4	-9.8	-4.5	-1.1	-1.1	%04/03	
MALE													MALES	1.2.1
46	13	28	2	88	180	414	74	58	31	107	152	1,101	2002	
45	12	28	2	77	182	358	80	54	33	104	148	1,157	2003	
41	12	22	2	81	178	395	79 p	56 p	30	98	147	1,138	2004	
-9.3	-0.6	-21.4	22.3	4.7	-2.2	10.2	-0.1	4.3	-7.5	-5.8	-0.7	-1.6	%04/03	
FEMALE FOR SLAUGHTER													FEMELLES DE BOUCHERIE	1.2.2
12	3	7	0	20	33	58	14	8	5	10	28	668	2002	
13	3	9	0	18	35	59	16	7	4	10	27	676	2003	
12	3	11	0	19	32	53	17 p	7 p	3	9	27	681	2004	
-10.0	-2.8	22.2	-12.5	6.5	-7.3	-9.5	6.8	5.5	-10.0	-6.3	-1.3	0.7	%04/03	
OTHER FEMALE													AUTRES FEMELLES	1.2.3
65	26	120	3	569	237	502	137	53	94	139	204	873	2002	
74	26	113	3	527	229	494	123	52	84	137	200	909	2003	
74	25	111	3	534	231	478	135 p	49 p	75	132	197	892	2004	
-0.1	-2.9	-1.8	3.3	1.3	0.8	-3.2	10.1	-6.0	-10.6	-3.3	-1.3	-1.9	%04/03	

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1.3	RINDER VON 2 JAHREN UND DARÜBER										BOVINES OF 2 YEARS AND OVER			
2002	44,770	39,080	1,457	669	857	6,246	129	326	3,549	10,984	3,007	3,021	27	217.1
2003	44,133 p	38,563 p	1,421	679	818	6,141	132	340	3,586	10,688	2,993	2,994 p	27	202.8
2004	43,263 p	37,831 p	1,410	654	772	5,998	131	337 p	3,407 p	10,477	3,046	2,861	26	204.1
%04/03	-2.0	-1.9	-0.8	-3.7	-5.6	-2.3	-0.9	-0.9	-5.0	-2.0	1.8	-4.4	-2.7	0.6
1.3.1	MÄNNLICHE										MALE			
2002	1,689	1,590	44	22	16	116	1	13	120	506	317	66	0	1
2003	1,673 p	1,556 p	43	21	14	107	1	14	133	473	298	79 p	0	2
2004	1,664 p	1,533 p	44	18	11	95	1	14 p	122 p	434	324	72	0	2
%04/03	-0.5	-1.5	0.4	-14.3	-21.4	-11.3	50.0	0.0	-8.3	-8.3	8.9	-8.7	-17.1	13.3
1.3.2	FÄRSEN										HEIFERS			
2002	6,591	6,168	320	69	115	994	11	27	303	2,249	411	600	-	9
2003	6,466 p	6,031 p	309	79	106	948	13	42	317	2,171	415	569 p	-	11
2004	6,218 p	5,802 p	294	71	90	886	12	39 p	321 p	2,094	449	499	-	12
%04/03	-3.8	-3.8	-5.0	-10.4	-15.1	-6.6	-4.0	-7.1	1.3	-3.6	8.2	-12.3	:	3.6
1.3.2.1	ZUM SCHLACHTEN										HEIFERS FOR SLAUGHTER			
2002	853	835	49	1	6	70	0	4	22	338	121	59	-	0
2003	790 p	768 p	44	2	6	64	0	8	28	283	113	49 p	-	1
2004	745 p	725 p	36	2	6	57	0	7 p	33 p	263	121	38	-	0
%04/03	-5.7	-5.5	-16.4	-25.0	0.0	-11.3	-75.0	-12.5	18.1	-7.1	7	-22	:	-20
1.3.2.2	ANDERE FAERSEN										OTHER HEIFERS			
2002	5,738	5,333	272	68	109	923	10	23	281	1,911	290	541	-	8
2003	5,676 p	5,263 p	266	77	100	884	12	34	290	1,888	302	520 p	-	11
2004	5,473 p	5,076 p	257	69	84	829	12	32 p	288 p	1,831	328	461	-	11
%04/03	-3.6	-3.6	-3.2	-10.0	-16.0	-6.2	-1.7	-5.9	-0.4	-3.0	8.7	-11.4	:	4.7
1.3.3	KÜHE										COWS			
2002	36,491	31,322	1,093	578	726	5,136	117	286	3,126	8,229	2,280	2,355	26	207
2003	35,995 p	30,976 p	1,069	579	698	5,086	119	284	3,135	8,044	2,280	2,346 p	27	190
2004	35,382 p	30,498 p	1,073	565	671	5,017	118	284 p	2,963 p	7,949	2,273	2,290	26	191
%04/03	-1.7	-1.5	0.4	-2.4	-3.9	-1.4	-0.9	0.0	-5.5	-1.2	-0.3	-2.4	-2.5	0.4
1.3.3.1	MILCHKÜHE										DAIRY COWS			
2002	24,456	19,551	591	464	613	4,373	116	152	1,154	4,134	1,129	1,911	26	205
2003	23,963 p	19,258 p	572	449	589	4,338	117	149	1,118	4,026	1,136	1,913 p	27	186
2004	23,382 p	18,813 p	571	429	569	4,287	115	150 p	1,040 p	3,947	1,122	1,838	26	186
%04/03	-2.4	-2.3	-0.3	-4.4	-3.4	-1.2	-1.6	0.7	-6.9	-2.0	-1.2	-3.9	-2.0	-0.1
1.3.3.2	ANDERE KÜHE										OTHER COWS			
2002	12,034.90	11,771	502	114	113	763	2	134	1,971	4,095	1,151	444	-	3
2003	12,032.50 p	11,718 p	497	130	109	748	2	135	2,017	4,018	1,144	433 p	0	4
2004	12,001.80 p	11,685 p	503	136	102	731	3	134 p	1,923 p	4,002	1,151	452	-	5
%04/03	-0.3	-0.3	1.2	4.6	-6.4	-2.4	40.0	-0.7	-4.7	-0.4	0.6	4.4	:	21.1
1.4	BÜFFEL										BUFFALOES			
2002	185	185	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	185	-	-
2003	223 p	223 p	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223 p	-	-
2004	210 p	210 p	-	-	-	-	-	- p	- p	-	-	210	-	-
%04/03	-6.0	-6.0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-6.0	:	:

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LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK		
BOVINES OF 2 YEARS AND OVER												BOVINS DE 2 ANS ET PLUS	1.3	
482	97	408	9	1,779	977	3,221	778	216	312	405	679	4,919	2002	
492	94	393	8	1,790	964	3,143	782	207	287	392	669	4,892	2003	
477	93	389	9	1,730	963	3,069	813 p	203 p	271	384	672	4,870	2004	
-2.9	-1.3	-1.0	5.9	-3.4	-0.2	-2.4	3.9	-2.0	-5.8	-1.9	0.4	-0.4	%04/03	
MALE												MALES	1.3.1	
8	4	5	0	25	17	49	21	5	7	9	26	290	2002	
9	4	4	0	23	25	71	21	4	5	8	23	291	2003	
8	3	8	0	17	28	84	25 p	5 p	5	8	24	312	2004	
-11.0	-23.5	100.0	150.5	-27.4	15.4	19.0	22.8	10.8	-5.1	-5.1	2.6	7.1	%04/03	
HEIFERS												GENISSES	1.3.2	
26	20	41	1	126	126	205	57	16	46	24	91	706	2002	
29	19	39	0	130	139	211	62	17	36	28	85	691	2003	
30	19	36	1	124	135	206	66 p	16 p	34	27	86	673	2004	
1.4	-0.4	-7.7	26.9	-4.9	-2.8	-2.0	6.8	-4.4	-7.0	-1.1	1.3	-2.6	%04/03	
HEIFERS FOR SLAUGHTER												GENISSES DE BOUCHERIE	1.3.2.1	
4	2	2	0	14	8	8	5	1	2	2	9	127	2002	
4	2	2	0	19	8	11	5	1	1	1	8	130	2003	
4	2	2	-	12	8	10	5 p	1 p	1	1	8	128	2004	
-13.6	-0.4	0.0	-28.8	-35.3	7.6	-13.3	-7.6	-25.8	22.1	-16.4	1.8	-1.7	%04/03	
OTHER HEIFERS												AUTRES GENISSES	1.3.2.2	
22	18	39	1	112	118	197	52	15	44	22	82	579	2002	
25	17	37	0	112	131	200	57	16	36	26	76	561	2003	
26	17	34	0	112	127	197	61 p	15 p	33	26	77	545	2004	
4.0	-0.4	-8.1	38.2	0.1	-3.4	-1.4	8.1	-2.9	-7.7	-0.3	1.2	-2.8	%04/03	
COWS												VACHES	1.3.3	
448	73	362	8	1,628	834	2,967	700	195	260	372	562	3,923	2002	
453	71	350	8	1,636	801	2,862	699	186	246	356	561	3,909	2003	
440	71	345	8	1,590	800	2,778	721 p	182 p	232	350	562	3,885	2004	
-3.0	-0.4	-1.4	3.0	-2.8	-0.2	-2.9	3.1	-2.0	-5.7	-1.9	0.2	-0.6	%04/03	
DAIRY COWS												VACHES LAITIERES	1.3.3.1	
443	42	338	8	1,546	589	2,935	341	140	230	343	403	2,230	2002	
448	41	310	8	1,551	558	2,816	329	131	215	328	404	2,207	2003	
434	41	304	8	1,502	538	2,730	338 p	134 p	202	318	401	2,152	2004	
-3.2	-0.4	-1.9	3.0	-3.2	-3.6	-3.0	2.8	2.5	-5.9	-3.1	-0.6	-2.5	%04/03	
OTHER COWS												AUTRES VACHES	1.3.3.2	
4	31	24	0	82	245	33	359	55	30	29	158	1,694	2002	
5	30	41	0	85	243	46	371	55	31	28	157	1,703	2003	
6	30	42	0	88	262	47	384 p	48 p	30	32	161	1,733	2004	
7.7	-0.4	2.4	:	3.6	7.6	3.7	3.4	-12.8	-3.8	11.8	2.5	1.8	%04/03	
BUFFALOES												BUFFLES	1.4	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2002	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2003	
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