



LIVESTOCK SURVEYS (Pigs - Bovine animals - Sheep - Goats): YEAR 2025

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the results of the Livestock Surveys (Pigs, Bovine animals, Sheep and Goats) for the year 2025.

According to the livestock surveys results, the changes in the number of animals and the number of holdings, which are observed for the period 2024-2025, are as follows.

The number of bovine¹ animals decreased by 12.8% in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of bovine animals amounted to 519,167 in 2025 compared with 595,153 in 2024 (Table 1, Graph 1a).

Accordingly, a decrease of 16.9% is observed in the number of bovine animal-breeding holdings in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of bovine-breeding holdings amounted to 7,898 in 2025 compared with 9,499 in 2024 (Table 1, Graph 2a).

The number of pigs decreased by 7.2% in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of pigs amounted to 729,234 in 2025 compared with 786,156 in 2024 (Table 1, Graph 1a).

Accordingly, a decrease of 21.3% is observed in the number of pig-breeding holdings in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of pig-breeding holdings amounted to 3,373 in 2025 compared to 4,287 in 2024 (Table 1, Graph 2a).

The number of sheep decreased by 17.2% in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of sheep amounted to 6,439,141 in 2025 compared with 7,774,172 in 2024 (Table 1, Graph 1b).

A decrease of 18.3% is also observed in the number of sheep-breeding holdings in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of sheep-breeding holdings amounted to 43,026 in 2025 compared to 52,640 in 2024 (Table 1, Graph 2b).

Information on methodological issues:

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¹ Bovine animals include buffaloes.

The number of goats decreased by 9.2% in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of goats amounted to 2,340,620 in 2025 compared with 2,576,743 in 2024 (Table 1, Graph 1b).

Finally, a decrease of 13.4% is observed in the number of goat-breeding holdings in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of goat-breeding holdings amounted to 25,960 in 2025 compared with 29,967 in 2024 (Table 1, Graph 2b).

According to the afore-mentioned livestock surveys results, the number of bovine animals per holding increased by 4.9% in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of bovine animals per holding was 65.7 in 2025 compared with 62.7 in 2024 (Table 1).

The number of pigs per holding increased by 17.9% in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of pigs per holding was 216.2 in 2025 compared with 183.4 in 2024 (Table 1).

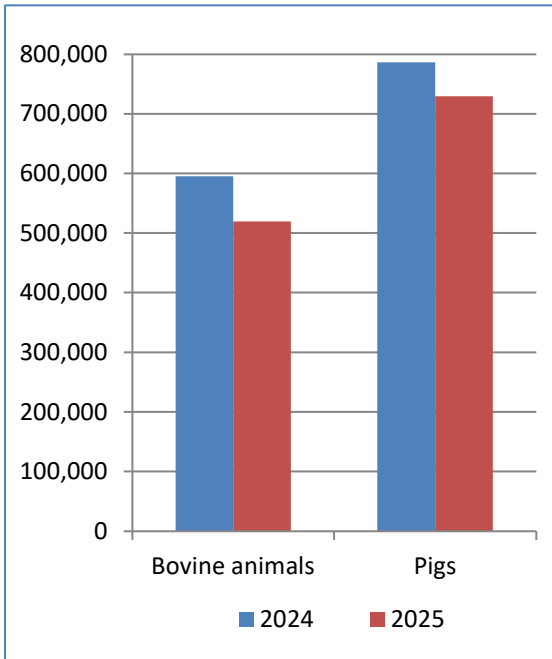
The number of sheep per holding increased by 1.3% in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of sheep per holding was 149.7 in 2025 compared with 147.7 in 2024 (Table 1).

The number of goats per holding increased by 4.9% in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the number of goats per holding was 90.2 in 2025 compared with 86.0 in 2024 (Table 1).

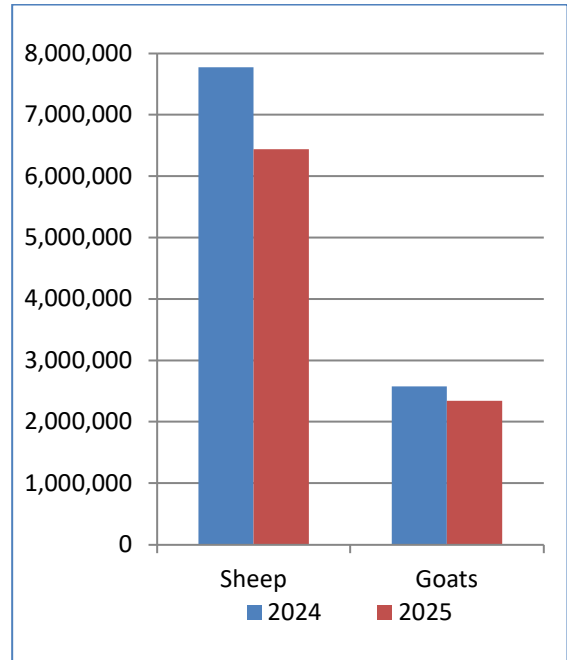
Table 1: Number of animals and holdings, 2024 - 2025

	2024	2025	Change (%) 2025/2024
<i>Number of Animals</i>			
Bovine animals	595,153	519,167	-12.8
Pigs	786,156	729,234	-7.2
Sheep	7,774,172	6,439,141	-17.2
Goats	2,576,743	2,340,620	-9.2
<i>Holdings</i>			
Bovine animals	9,499	7,898	-16.9
Pigs	4,287	3,373	-21.3
Sheep	52,640	43,026	-18.3
Goats	29,967	25,960	-13.4
<i>Number of animals/holding</i>			
Bovine animals	62.7	65.7	4.9
Pigs	183.4	216.2	17.9
Sheep	147.7	149.7	1.3
Goats	86.0	90.2	4.9

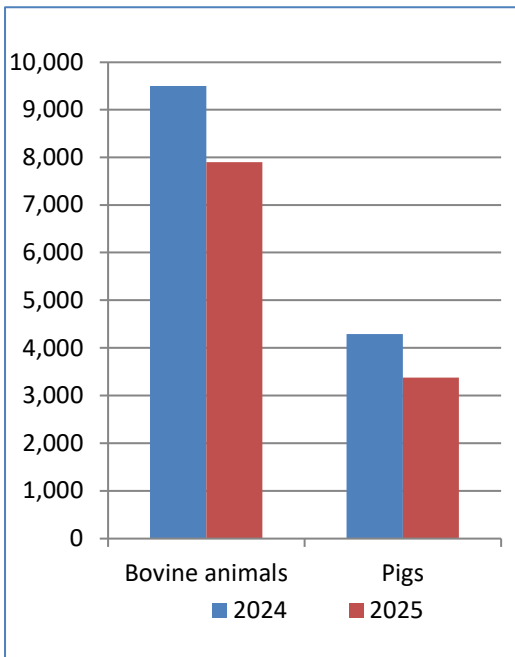
**Graph 1a: Number of bovine animals - pigs
2024-2025**



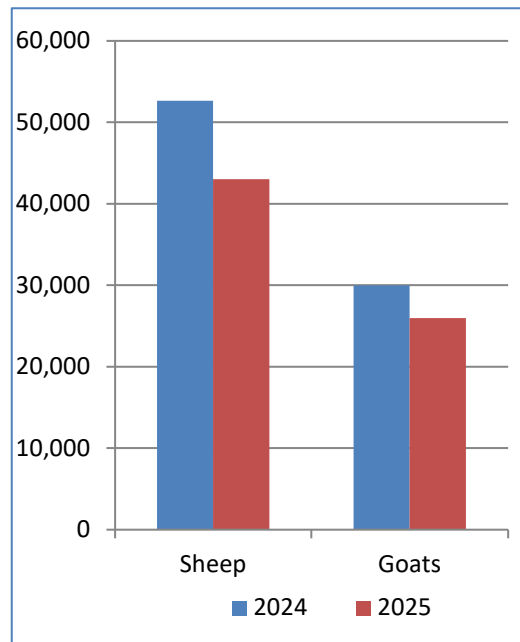
**Graph 1b: Number of sheep - goats
2024-2025**



**Graph 2a: Holdings with bovine animals - pigs
2024-2025**



**Graph 2b: Holdings with sheep - goats
2024-2025**

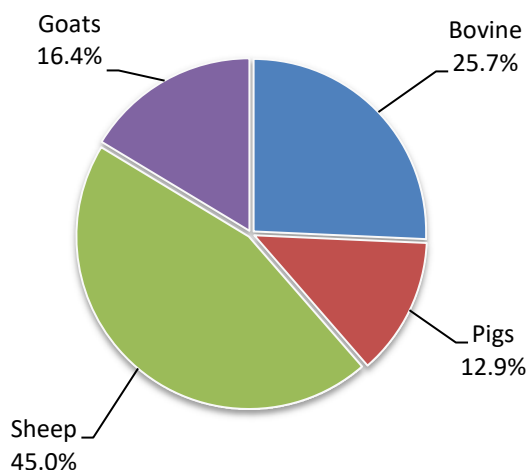


The total livestock (bovine animals, pigs, sheep and goats) expressed in livestock units (LSU)² decreased by 13.3% in 2025 compared with 2024. Specifically, the total LSU in 2025 was 1,430,306 broken down as follows: 367,699 LSU corresponding to bovine animals, 184,631 LSU to pigs, 643,914 LSU to sheep and 234,062 LSU to goats (Table 2, Graph 3).

Table 2: Livestock units, 2024 - 2025

	2024	(%)	2025	(%)	Change (%) 2025/2024
Bovine animals	423,935	25.5	367,699	25.7	-13.3
Pigs	200,983	12.1	184,631	12.9	-8.1
Sheep	777,417	46.8	643,914	45.0	-17.2
Goats	257,674	15.5	234,062	16.4	-9.2
Total	1,660,009	100.0	1,430,306	100.0	-13.8

Graph 3: Percentage distribution of livestock units by animal species (Bovine animals, Pigs, Sheep and Goats), 2025



² The livestock unit is a common unit of reference of the various classes of animals, in relation to their nutritional requirements. The amount of dietary energy needed for maintenance and production requirements (reproduction, growth, etc) of any animal, is associated with this value. This unit is used, among other things, for the grouping of different species. The coefficients used to convert restocking animal units are as follows:

Bovine animals less than one year old	0.4
Bovine animals between 1 and 2 years old, males	0.7
Bovine animals between 1 and 2 years old, females	0.7
Bovine animals 2 years old and over, males	1.0
Bovine animals 2 years old and over, heifers	0.8
Bovine animals 2 years old and over, dairy	1.0
Bovine animals 2 years old and over, other cows	0.8
Sheep	0.1
Goats	0.1
Pigs with a live weigh of less than 20 kg (per 100 heads)	2.7
Breeding sows weighing 50 kg and over	0.5
Other pigs	0.3

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

General The Hellenic Statistical Authority conducts special surveys on bovine animals, pigs, sheep and goats for the collection of detailed data on livestock production. These surveys have been conducted on a yearly basis since 1982 without interruption.

Purpose The purpose of the surveys is to collect detailed statistical data on livestock production. These data are necessary for the development of the agricultural policy of the country, as well as the Common Agricultural Policy of the EU. In addition, the data also cover other national and international needs and obligations.

Legal basis The surveys are governed by National and European Legislation.
National Legislation: The announcement of the survey, as well as the details of its conduct and processing, are determined by Decision No. 6905/B2-515/30.09.2025 (Government Gazette 5432/B'/10.10.2025) of the President of ELSTAT.
European Legislation: The former legislative framework ceased to apply on 31 December 2024. From 1 January 2025, Regulation 2022/2379 of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistics on agricultural input and output, and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2745 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2022/2379 as regards animal production statistics, have been in force and are applicable.

Reference Period The reference period is the 1st November of each year.

Methodology Coverage Sample surveys with the agricultural holding as the survey unit. The sampling method applied is the one-step stratified sampling. The holdings included in the survey are stratified as follows:

- By Region - NUTS 2
- By size class of the holding. In each geographic area, the holdings are stratified according to their size, which is determined by the number of animals in the updated register of agricultural holdings as follows: L = 15 size classes for bovine animals, L = 12 size classes for pigs, L = 15 size classes for sheep and L = 13 size classes for goats.

Livestock holdings belonging to the 12th class and above for bovine animals, the 8th class and above for pigs, the 13th class and above for sheep and the 12th class and above for goats, are surveyed exhaustively.

As regards the accuracy of the survey results, it should be noted that there are some minor sampling errors (less than 1% for Greece total) concerning the estimates of the number of animals. However, some coverage errors may also exist, concerning the number of holdings, which cannot be accurately measured by using only data from the sample.

Data publication The surveys' results are available since 1998, annually, in electronic format.

References More information about the surveys' results and the methodology followed can be found on the website of Hellenic Statistical Authority (www.statistics.gr) at the link "Statistics"> Agriculture, Livestock, Fishery > Livestock/Crops Surveys > Livestock Surveys.