

Cattle population as of June 2023

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1.4%

 decrease in cattle population
in June y/y

Cattle population¹ in June 2023 reached 6353.7 thousand heads and was lower by 1.4% compared to June of last year. The decrease in the total number of cattle herd resulted from a decrease in the population of all heard age groups except cattle over 2 years old (excluding cows).

In June 2023, the cattle population was 6353.7 thousand heads and was by 90.4 thousand heads (1.4%) lower than a year earlier, while in comparison to the number of the head size in December 2022, the population was by 94.6 thousand heads lower (1.5%).

Table 1. Cattle population in June 2023

Specification	06 2023 in thousand heads	06 2022=100	12 2022=100
Cattle	6353.7	98.6	98.5
Calves less than 1 years old	1855.4	96.8	96.2
Young cattle 1-2 years old (uncomplete)	1670.3	99.8	98.3
Cattle 2 years old and over	2828.0	99.1	100.2
of which cows	2160.1	97.8	99.5

The number of **calves of age less than 1 year** has decreased in comparison to the number in June 2022 by 3.2% and compared to December 2022 by 3.8% to the level of **1855.4** thousand heads.

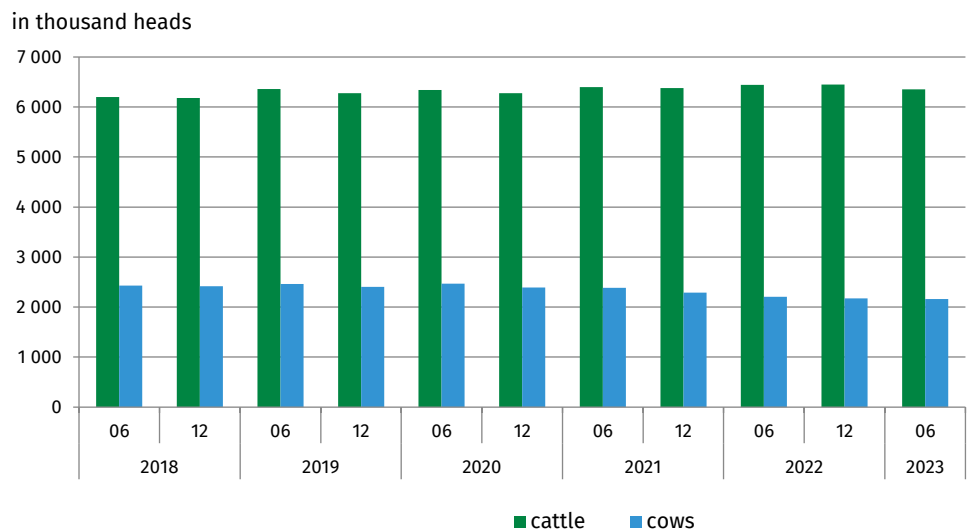
The stock of **young cattle aged 1-2 years old** (uncomplete) decreased by 0.2% compared to the previous year, while compared to December 2022, it decreased by 1.7% and reached the level of **1670.3** thousand heads.

The number of **cattle aged 2 years and over** decreased by 0.9% compared to June 2022 population (while compared to December 2022 increased by 0.2%), reaching the level of **2828** thousand heads.

In comparison to June 2022, the number of **cows** decreased by 47.6 thousand heads (by 2.2%) to the level of **2160.1** thousand heads while compared to December 2022, the number of cows decreased by 11.8 thousand heads (by 0.5%).

¹ Data from the Animal Identification and Registration System (IRZ) of the Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture; cattle population by herd location.

Figure 1. Cattle population, of which cows, 2018-2023



In the structure of the total cattle stock, the share of individual age-utility groups in June 2023 was:

- calves less than 1 year old – 29.2%,
- young cattle 1-2 years old for breeding and slaughter – 26.3%,
- cows – 34.0%,
- other adult cattle 2 years old and over for breeding and slaughter – 10.5%.

Compared to the structure of the cattle population in June 2022 the share of calves decreased by 0.5 pp. and the share of cows decreased by 0.3 pp., while the share of young cattle 1-2 years old and share of other cattle aged 2 years and over for breeding and slaughter increased by 0.3 pp. and 0.5 pp., respectively during the examined period.

According to preliminary data on foreign trade in the period from November 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023, the import of cattle amounted to about 117.2 thousand heads and decreased by 17.8% compared to the previous analogical period. Cattle export amounted to 25.5 thousand heads.

In June 2023, the **average price of cattle** for slaughter was PLN 9.97/kg and was by 8.8% lower than the price recorded in the analogical period of 2022.

The average **milk procurement price** in June this year (PLN 193.58 per 100 l) was by 14.8% lower than the price recorded in the same month of 2022.

The largest share in the national cattle population was in the following voivodeships: Mazowieckie (18.7%), Wielkopolskie (18.2%) and Podlaskie (16.6%). In Dolnośląskie, Lubuskie, Podkarpackie and Zachodniopomorskie voivodeships the share of domestic cattle population did not reach 2.0%.

Additional table on cattle population by voivodeships in Excel file.

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In the structure of the cattle herd, the largest share is the number of cows (34.0%)

From November 2022 to May 2023 cattle imports increased by 17.8% compared to the previous analogical period

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