

Sheep and goat populations in December 1992 and forecast of gross indigenous production

Slight increase in sheep population

After a drastic fall in the sheep population in the European Community in 1991 (98 368 000 head), numbers recovered slightly in 1992 to 99 142 000, which represents an increase of 0.8% or 774 000 head over 1991. In individual Member States there were widely differing trends. With +3.9% the Netherlands recorded the highest growth rate, followed by Greece with +2.8%. In Ireland the sheep population rose by 2.3%, while in the United Kingdom and Spain, which together have more than 50% of the sheep in the Community, numbers rose by 1.9% and 0.7% respectively. Sheep numbers dropped sharply in Denmark (-16.4%). In Germany the sheep population fell by 7.6% and in France by 1.3%. Portugal recorded a drop of 0.9%. In Italy there was a slight drop of just 0.3%.

Market situation

In 1992, the market situation in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors was affected by two important factors, namely the abolition of the variable slaughtering premium in the United Kingdom and hence of the claw-back and, on the monetary front, the upheavals in the fourth quarter of the year.

The abolition of the variable premium resulted in a spectacular upswing in the UK market price (92/91 = 16.5%), which triggered a rise in the average Community market price in the first quarter (92/91 = 3.3%). From April onwards, the continental market began to feel the effect of the ending of claw-back, particularly in France where prices fell by 3%. In the latter market also, sheep products from the other Member States faced sharper competition from meat imported from the United Kingdom. Ireland (92/91 = 9.8%) suffered most from this pressure which was aggravated, at the end of the year, by the upheavals on the currency front in general and the devaluation of the pound sterling in particular.

The situation hardly seems to be improving in 1993, with a year-on-year deterioration in prices, in the first two months, depending on the week, of 13-22% compared with 1992. Two crumbs of comfort, in this context, are the facts that prices at the beginning of 1992 were relatively high while the devaluations of certain national currencies, vis-à-vis the green rates, resulted in a "mathematical" reduction of the Community price by approximately 12%. Since the beginning of March, moreover, there have been signs of prices picking up.

Finally, it should be noted that changes in the common organization of the market (introduction of individual limits per producer and new definition of eligible ewes and she-goats) entering into force in 1993, may well persuade the producers to modify the management of their flocks.

SHEEP POPULATION IN DECEMBER

SCHAFBESTAND IM DEZEMBER

EFFECTIFS OVINS EN DECEMBRE

1000 HEAD

1000 STUECK

1000 TETES

	EUR 12	EUR 12#	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
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INSGESAMT

TOTAL	INSGESAMT														TOTAL
1990	100835	99379	136	111	3239	10150	24022	11071	5864	10848	7	1880	3360	30147	
1991	98368	97566	129	122	2488	9837	24608	10643	5988	10435	6	1800	3380	28932	
1992	99142*	98473*	129*	102*	2298*	10108*	24770*	10505*	6125*	10403*	7*	1870*	3348*	29477	
% 92/91	0.8*	0.9*	-0.5*	-16.4*	-7.6*	2.8*	0.7*	-1.3*	2.3*	-0.3*	3.4*	3.9*	-0.9*	1.9	

ZUR ZUCHT BENUTZTE WEIBLICHE SCHAFE

COVERED & ADULT FEMALES	ZUR ZUCHT BENUTZTE WEIBLICHE SCHAFE											AGNELLES SAILLIES ET BREBIS		
1990	72025	71226	111	87	2050	6860	17612	8476	4488	8134	4	1410	2227	20566
1991	71095*	70561*	110*	101	1760	6769	17994	8101	4625	7698	4	1350	2260	20323
1992	71235*	70762*	110!	95*	1632*	6723*	18112*	7771*	4806*	7681*	5*	1400*	2253*	20647
% 92/91	0.2*	0.3*	-*	-5.9*	-7.3*	-0.7*	0.7*	-4.1*	3.9*	-0.2*	22.1*	3.7*	-0.3*	1.6

* VORLÄUFIGE ODER GESCHÄTZTE ANGABE --: NICHT VERFUEGBAR
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ZIEGENBESTAND IM DEZEMBER

GOAT POPULATION IN DECEMBER

EFFECTIFS CAPRINS EN DECEMBRE

1000 HEAD

1000 STUECK

1000 TETES

	EUR 12	EUR 12#	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
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INSGESAMT

TOTAL	INSGESAMT														TOTAL
1990	13050	13030	8	0	90	5918	3526	1162	0	1298	1	77	857	113	
1991	12244*	--	9	0	83*	5832	2843	1118	0	1314	1*	77	862	105	
1992	12036*	--	9*	0	88*	5850*	2670*	1073*	0	1321*	1*	73*	858*	94	
% 92/91	-1.7*	--	-4.5*	0	6.0*	0.3*	-6.1*	-4.0*	0	0.5*	-17.3*	-5.2*	-0.5*	-10.5	

ZUR ZUCHT BENUTZTE WEIBLICHE ZIEGEN

COVERED & ADULT FEMALES	ZUR ZUCHT BENUTZTE WEIBLICHE ZIEGEN										CHEVRES SAILLIES ET CHEVRES AYANT DEJA MIS BAS			
1990	--	--	--	0	--	4106	2672	1035	0	1028	0	--	616	57
1991	--	--	--	0	--	4067	2151	942	0	984	0	--	622	52
1992	--	--	--	0	--	4067!	2020*	906*	0	989*	0	--	619*	51
% 92/91	--	--	--	0	--	-!	-6.1*	-3.8*	0	0.5*	0	--	-0.5*	-1.9

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SHEEP AND GOATS:
 GROSS INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION FORECASTS

 OVINS ET CAPRINS:
 PRODUCTION INDIGENE BRUTE ET PREVISIONS DE PRODUCTION

1000 HEAD

1000 TETES

	EUR 10	EUR 12#	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
SHEEP														
							SCHAFÉ							OVINS
1-6	26482	36517	94	25	1540	5010	8874	4937	1734	3075	0	562	1161	9505
7-12	28736	38035	119	82	1474	2550	8266	4351	2565	3860	0	773	1033	12962
1991	55218	74552	213	107	3014	7560	17140	9288	4299	6935	0	1335	2194	22467
1-6	24262*	--	99*	27	1038	4965	0:	4669*	2013*	2784*	0	590*	1120	8077
7-12	27636*	--	126*	92*	1317*	2612	0:	3839*	2576*	3805*	0	610*	1020	12658*
1992	51897*	--	226*	119*	2355*	7577	--	8508*	4589*	6589*	0	1200*	2140	20735*
1-6	--	--	0:	23*	880*	4964*	0:	4480*	2100*	2790*	0	650*	1100*	8748*
7-12	--	--	0:	83*	1250*	2612*	0:	3720*	2725*	3800*	0	600*	1000*	12778*
1993	--	--	--	106*	2130*	7576*	--	8200*	4825*	6590*	0	1250*	2100*	21526*
1-6	-8.4*	--	6.0*	8.0	-32.6	-0.9	--	-5.4*	16.1*	-9.5*	0.0	5.0*	-3.5	-15.0
7-12	-3.8*	--	6.0*	12.2*	-10.6*	2.4	--	-11.8*	0.4*	-1.4*	0.0	-21.1*	-1.3	-2.3*
% 92/91	-6.0*	--	6.0*	11.2*	-21.9*	0.2	--	-8.4*	6.7*	-5.0*	0.0	-10.1*	-2.5	-7.7*
1-6	--	--	--	-14.8*	-15.2*	0.0*	--	-4.0*	4.3*	0.2*	0.0	10.2*	-1.8*	8.3*
7-12	--	--	--	-9.8*	-5.1*	0.0*	--	-3.1*	5.8*	-0.1*	0.0	-1.6*	-2.0*	0.9*
% 93/92	--	--	--	-10.9*	-9.6*	0.0*	--	-3.6*	5.1*	0.0*	0.0	4.2*	-1.9*	3.8*
GOATS														
							ZIEGEN							CAPRINS
1-6	4584*	5905*	0	0	6	3181	1026*	1011*	0	330*	0	27	295	29*
7-12	2065*	3404*	0	0	6	1539	1064*	279*	0	194*	0	19	275	28*
1991	6650*	9310*	0	0	12	4721	2090*	1290*	0	524*	0	46	570	57*
1-6	4537*	--	0	0	6	3210	0:	988*	0	285*	0	21*	280	27*
7-12	2192*	--	0	0	5*	1583	0:	315*	0	245*	0	18*	292	26*
1992	6729*	--	0	0	11*	4793	--	1303*	0	530*	0	39*	572	53*
1-6	--	--	0:	0	6*	3209*	0:	970*	0	286*	0	18*	277*	27*
7-12	--	--	0:	0	6*	1583*	0:	310*	0	248*	0	17*	290*	26*
1993	--	--	--	0	12*	4792*	--	1280*	0	534*	0	35*	567*	53*
1-6	-1.0*	--	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.9	--	-2.3*	0.0	-13.7*	0.0	-22.2*	-5.1	-6.9*
7-12	6.2*	--	0.0	0.0	-7.6*	2.8	--	12.9*	0.0	26.3*	0.0	-5.3*	6.2	-7.1*
% 92/91	1.2*	--	0.0	0.0	-2.5*	1.5	--	1.0*	0.0	1.1*	0.0	-15.2*	0.4	-7.0*
1-6	--	--	--	0.0	0.2*	0.0*	--	-1.8*	0.0	0.4*	0.0	-14.3*	-1.1*	0.0*
7-12	--	--	--	0.0	8.2*	0.0*	--	-1.6*	0.0	1.2*	0.0	-5.6*	-0.7*	0.0*
% 93/92	--	--	--	0.0	4.0*	0.0*	--	-1.8*	0.0	0.8*	0.0	-10.3*	-0.9*	0.0*