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The cattle population in May/June 1992

New fall in the numbers of head...

The European cattle population fell once again, by 3.2% between the middle of 1991 and the middle of 1992.

The new German Länder continued to play an important part in this result; after a fall of more than one million and a half head (-29.3%) last year, their herds fell by another 900 000 head (-22.9%) by comparison with mid-1991. Since this reduction mainly took place during the second half of 1991, numbers are expected to stabilize in the months to come. The situation in the new Länder is such that no upswing is anticipated in the medium term.

Trend in the cattle population in Germany

	Germany			New Länder			Old Länder		
	1991	1992	%	1991	1992	%	1991	1992	%
Cattle <1 year	6220	5561	-10.6	1189	860	-27.7	5031	4701	-6.5
Cattle from 1 to < 2 years									
for beef (incl. males)	2487	2145	-13.7	609	389	-36.1	1878	1756	-6.5
for breeding	2145	2002	-6.7	435	341	-21.7	1710	1661	-2.8
Cattle 2 years and over									
males	218	189	-13.2	35	31	-10.3	183	158	-13.7
beef females	102	80	-21.2	33	13	-61.3	69	68	-1.8
cows	6302	5808	-7.8	1403	1154	-17.7	4899	4653	-5.0
dairy cows	5911	5412	-8.4	1314	1060	-19.4	4597	4352	-5.3
other cows	391	396	1.3	89	95	6.4	302	301	-0.3
Total	18456	16775	-9.1	3919	3020	-22.9	14537	13755	-5.4

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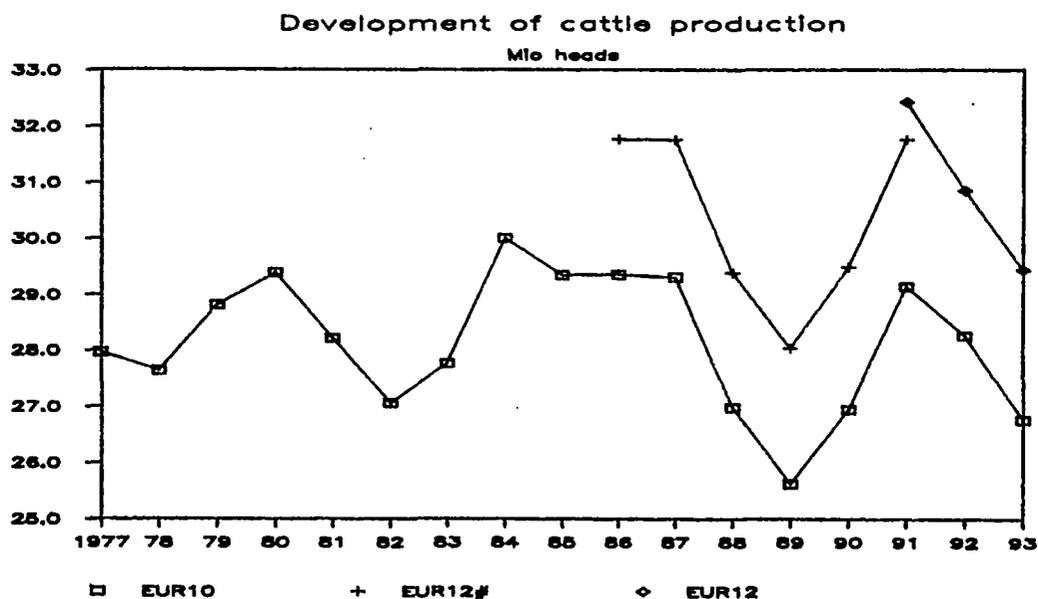
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In the other Member States and the old German Länder, there is a general downward movement in herds except in Ireland, where there is still a slight increase (+0.6%). All the animal categories are affected with the exception of beef animals less than a year old, females of two years and more and non-dairy cows. These trends seem to show that breeders are still very cautious in view of the generally unfavourable market situation and of the uncertainties about the new Common Agricultural Policy; the increase in the number of calves for beef, which goes hand in hand with a reduction in calves for breeding, indicates that breeders have no intention of increasing their herds.

and fall in production

The increase in production in 1990 and 1991 led to a considerable fall in prices. For example, the price per carcass of adult male cattle fell from ECU 300 per 100 kg in September 1989 to ECU 259 in July 1991. Since then, prices have stagnated at around ECU 255 and intervention stocks stood at 860 tonnes at the end of July 1992. The breeders would be in an even more difficult situation at the present time if the price of compound feedingstuffs had remained at the level of precious years. The weakness of the dollar (for the price of soya cake) and the production of fodder maize (which returned to normal after the 1991 drought) caused the prices of compound feedingstuffs to fall by almost 20% by comparison with 1991.

The development of the cattle population and market conditions seen as a whole lead the forecasters to think that 1991 will have constituted the pivot year in the cycle and that production will fall noticeably in 1992 and 1993.



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INSGESAMT														
TOTAL														TOTAL
1990	87757	82217	3249	2239	20203	710	5058	22096	6997	8656	218	4926	1348	12059
1991	85759	81840	3264	2222	18456	685	5310	21937	7116	8228	219	5062	1388	11871
1992	83038*	80018*	3205*	2181	16775	649	5043	21601	7160	8100	209	4924	1386	11805
% 92/91	-3.2*	-2.2*	-1.8*	-1.8	-9.1	-5.3	-5.0	-1.5	0.6	-1.6	-4.6	-2.7	-0.1	-0.6
TIERE UNTER 1 JAHR														
ANIMALS UNDER 1 YEAR OLD														ANIMAUX DE MOINS D'1 AN
1990	26170	24339	1000	843	6854	226	1516	5926	1691	2538	60	1716	403	3398
1991	25916	24727	1021	843	6220	194	1694	6087	1740	2496	59	1782	412	3368
1992	24497*	23637*	1010*	822	5561	198	1606	5689	1693	2473	56	1714	409	3266
% 92/91	-5.5*	-4.4*	-1.2*	-2.5	-10.6	2.1	-5.2	-6.5	-2.7	-0.9	-5.1	-3.8	-0.7	-3.0
SCHLACHTTIERE UNTER 1 JAHR														
SLAUGHTER ANIMALS UNDER 1 YEAR OLD														ANIMAUX DE BOUCHERIE DE MOINS D'1 AN
1990	-:	3152	137	6	-:	111	702	1017	0	347	1	602	44	22
1991	3283	5342	141	6	240	91	932	891	0	281	2	622	54	24
1992	3515*	3492*	137*	6	135	103	1084	985	0	358	1	632	52	21
% 92/91	7.1*	-34.6*	-2.4*	0.0	-43.7	13.2	16.3	10.5	0	27.6	-19.0	1.7	-3.7	-12.5
ANDERE TIERE UNTER 1 JAHR (MAENNLICH)														
OTHER ANIMALS UNDER 1 YEAR OLD (MALES)														AUTRES ANIMAUX DE MOINS D'1 AN (MALES)
1990	-:	9603	325	402	-:	46	308	1995	905	1061	20	309	183	1650
1991	10411	8795	333	400	2987	41	302	2179	924	1101	20	334	180	1609
1992	9519*	9108*	331*	384	2656	39	157	1999	871	1009	20	299	180	1575
% 92/91	-8.6*	3.6*	-0.6*	-4.0	-11.1	-4.9	-48.0	-8.3	-5.7	-8.4	-2.1	-10.6	0.0	-2.1
ANDERE TIERE UNTER 1 JAHR (WEIBL.)														
OTHER ANIMALS UNDER 1 YEAR OLD (FEMALES)														AUTRES ANIMAUX DE MOINS D'1 AN (FEMELLES)
1990	-:	11585	538	435	-:	69	506	2914	786	1130	38	806	176	1726
1991	12222	10590	548	437	2992	62	461	3017	816	1114	37	826	178	1735
1992	11462*	11037*	542*	432	2770	55	365	2705	822	1106	35	783	177	1671
% 92/91	-6.2*	4.2*	-1.1*	-1.1	-7.4	-11.3	-20.7	-10.3	0.8	-0.7	-6.1	-5.2	-0.6	-3.7
MAENNLICHE TIERE VON 1 JAHR BIS UNTER 2 JAHR														
MALES 1 YEAR OLD BUT UNDER 2														MALES DE 1 A 2 ANS
1990	-:	6881	212	62	-:	65	91	1476	1073	905	13	213	110	1129
1991	7182	6740	208	51	1959	66	75	1469	1078	839	13	236	125	1063
1992	6952*	6637*	203*	52	1737	60	59	1445	1091	863	13	239	121	1068
% 92/91	-3.2*	-1.5*	-2.2*	2.0	-11.3	-9.1	-21.2	-1.6	1.3	2.8	-5.1	1.3	-3.2	0.5
WEIBLICHE SCHLACHTTIERE VON 1 JAHR BIS UNTER 2 JAHR														
SLAUGHTER FEMALES 1 YEAR OLD BUT UNDER 2														FEMELLES DE BOUCHERIE DE 1 A 2 ANS
1990	-:	2508	74	14	-:	16	43	417	467	202	4	57	20	872
1991	2788	2621	79	14	528	14	30	461	499	169	4	70	27	892
1992	2529*	2454*	79*	14	408	12	21	387	402	176	4	77	25	923
% 92/91	-9.3*	-6.4*	-0.2*	0.0	-22.7	-14.3	-29.2	-16.1	-19.5	4.3	-2.6	10.0	-7.4	3.5
ANDERE WEIBLICHE TIERE VON 1 JAHR BIS UNTER 2 JAHR														
OTHER FEMALES 1 YEAR OLD BUT UNDER 2														AUTRES FEMELLES DE 1 A 2 ANS
1990	-:	8391	403	373	-:	40	473	2397	277	836	30	734	115	983
1991	8793	8358	406	365	2145	40	465	2434	256	844	30	755	105	947
1992	8739*	8398*	397*	359	2002	38	408	2475	304	868	30	749	110	999
% 92/91	-0.6*	0.5*	-2.2*	-1.6	-6.7	-5.0	-12.2	1.7	18.4	2.8	-1.8	-0.8	4.8	5.5

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MAENNLICHE TIERE VON 2 UND MEHR JAHREN														
MALES 2 YEARS AND OVER														
1990	-:	2606	55	9	-:	8	71	693	948	111	5	21	43	451
1991	2513	2478	51	9	218	6	82	641	933	101	6	22	38	406
1992	2481*	2450*	48*	10	189	8	68	646	972	67	5	23	40	405
% 92/91	-1.3*	-1.2*	-7.0*	11.1	-13.2	33.3	-16.1	0.8	4.2	-33.9	-16.7	1.3	5.3	-0.2
SCHLACHTFAERSEN VON 2 UND MEHR JAHREN														
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS 2 YEARS OLD AND OVER														
1990	-:	1206	98	6	-:	4	15	465	246	45	3	43	10	204
1991	1236	1203	95	6	102	3	11	417	298	33	4	52	11	205
1992	1292*	1279*	98*	6	80	4	4	491	307	31	3	51	8	209
% 92/91	4.5*	6.3*	2.5*	0.0	-21.2	33.3	-62.6	17.7	3.1	-8.1	-12.5	-0.6	-27.3	2.0
ANDERE FAERSEN VON 2 UND MEHR JAHREN														
OTHER HEIFERS 2 YEARS OLD AND OVER														
1990	-:	4574	243	92	-:	16	153	1796	207	497	21	146	46	575
1991	4717	4502	245	91	982	21	172	1798	172	452	22	153	55	554
1992	4910*	4678*	228*	89	990	18	161	1950	238	457	22	148	53	558
% 92/91	4.1*	3.9*	-7.1*	-2.2	0.8	-14.3	-6.5	8.5	38.7	1.0	-1.2	-3.6	-3.6	0.7
KUEHE VON 2 UND MEHR JAHREN														
COWS 2 YEARS OLD AND OVER														
1990	-:	31672	1164	840	-:	335	2695	8926	2087	3481	81	1997	601	4446
1991	32576	31173	1159	843	6302	341	2782	8630	2141	3257	81	1992	615	4435
1992	31602*	30448*	1144*	829	5808	310	2715	8518	2153	3130	77	1922	620	4377
% 92/91	-3.0*	-2.3*	-1.3*	-1.7	-7.8	-9.1	-2.4	-1.3	0.6	-3.9	-5.0	-3.5	0.8	-1.3
MILCHKUEHE VON 2 UND MEHR JAHREN														
DAIRY COWS 2 YEARS OLD AND OVER														
1990	25005	23099	846	753	6681	216	1615	5218	1463	2970	59	1941	396	2847
1991	23259	21945	784	742	5911	214	1598	4814	1449	2620	56	1911	397	2765
1992	22058*	20998*	758*	720	5412	203	1468	4606	1400	2529	51	1837	391	2683
% 92/91	-5.2*	-4.3*	-3.3*	-3.0	-8.4	-5.1	-8.1	-4.3	-3.4	-3.4	-8.0	-3.9	-1.5	-3.0
ANDERE KUEHE VON 2 UND MEHR JAHREN (EINSCHL. WEIBL. BUEPFEL)														
OTHER COWS 2 YEARS OLD AND OVER (INCL. FEMALE BUFFALOES)														
1990	-:	8573	317	87	-:	119	1080	3708	624	511	22	56	205	1599
1991	9317	9228	375	101	391	127	1184	3816	692	637	25	81	218	1670
1992	9545*	9451*	386*	109	396	108	1247	3912	753	601	26	85	229	1694
% 92/91	2.5*	2.4*	2.9*	7.9	1.3	-15.0	5.3	2.5	8.8	-5.7	1.4	5.8	5.0	1.4
"ALTRI BUFALINI"														
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1990	-:	40	0	0	-:	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0
1991	37	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0
1992	36*	36*	0*	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0
% 92/91	-4.8*	-4.8*	0*	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4.8	0	0	0	0

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