Production and consumption of animal products increased in 2018

Vienna, 2019-08-29 – In 2018, Austria’s agriculture produced about 918,900 tons of meat calculated in carcass weight (+1% compared to the previous year), 3.86 million tons of cow, sheep and goat milk (+3%), 2.06 billion eggs (+1%) and 4 200 tons of fish (+2%), as Statistics Austria's supply balance sheets show. Thus, the total production quantity of animal products amounted to 4.91 million tons in 2018 (+3%).

Domestic consumption amounted to 848,700 tons of meat (96.0 kg per capita), 752,700 tons of drinking milk (85.2 kg per capita), 2.12 billion eggs (240 pieces per capita) and 68,900 tons of fish (7.8 kg per capita).

To meet domestic demand, 368,200 tons of meat (-3%), 57,300 tons of drinking milk including yoghurt (-4%), 121,000 tons of cheese (+8%) and 73,400 tons of fish (+1%) were imported. However, 502,400 tons of meat (-2%), 498,100 tons of drinking milk (+1%) and 151,600 tons of cheese (+7%) were exported during the same period.

The degree of self-sufficiency was 164% for drinking milk, 115% for cheese, 108% for meat, 86% for eggs and 72% for butter.

The total agricultural foreign trade volume (crop and animal sector) amounted to €23.7 bn (imports: €12.2 bn; exports: €11.5 bn). This corresponds to a share of 7.7% of the total foreign trade volume (€306.1 bn).

For more detailed information please refer to the German version.