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Poultry production 2021: more eggs for hatching and more slaughterings

Vienna, 2022-01-28 – In 2021, hatcheries subject to reporting requirements reported a total of 133.9 million chicken eggs for hatching, according to Statistics Austria. This represents an increase of 1.0% compared to the previous year. The number of eggs for fattening breeds rose by 1.6% to 109.9 million; eggs for laying breeds declined by 1.5% to 23.9 million.

Accordingly, the number of hatched chicks for fattening purpose amounted to 87.0 million (+2.5% compared to 2020) while those for laying purpose increased to 19.8 million (+4.3%; see table 1).

2.4% more slaughterings than in 2020

Furthermore, slaughterhouses subject to reporting requirements slaughtered 100.3 million chickens in 2021, by 2.4% more than in 2020. The volume of chicken meat in processed form reached 129 000 tonnes, 3.5% more than in the previous year. Around 43.7% of the total slaughter volume (2020: 44.6%) allotted to the processing form "meat, parts" (see table 2).

For more detailed results and further information concerning statistics of hatching eggs please refer to our [website](#).

Information on methods, definitions: In accordance with Federal Law Gazette II No. 356/2003 (in the version currently in force), all slaughterhouses with at least 5 000 poultry slaughterings per year and all hatcheries with a capacity of at least 1 000 hatching eggs are subject to this survey. Numbers on turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowls and chicken for mixed meat and laying use will not be published for data protection reasons.

Table 1: Eggs for hatching and hatched chicks 2021

	2020	2021	Change in %
Eggs for hatching in pieces	132 483 067	133 870 459	+1.0
for laying purpose	24 293 218	23 933 836	-1.5
for fattening purpose	108 189 849	109 936 623	+1.6
Hatched chicks in head	103 845 364	106 772 512	+2.8
for laying purpose	18 968 697	19 782 358	+4.3
for fattening purpose	84 876 667	86 990 154	+2.5
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Table 2: Chicken slaughterings 2021

Chicken slaughterings	2020	2021	Change in %
In head	97 990 945	100 312 592	+2.4
Weight in kg	124 997 621	129 387 899	+3.5
plucked and gutted	45 441	42 808	-5.8
ready to roast/grill (incl. giblets)	28 772 594	30 845 740	+7.2
ready to roast/grill (excl. giblets)	30 972 179	32 150 023	+3.8
meat, parts	55 801 715	56 523 717	+1.3
meat, boneless	9 405 692	9 825 611	+4.5
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