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### Livestock on 1 June 2021: cattle remained stable year-on-year, slightly rising number of pigs

**Vienna**, 2021-09-03– As of 1 June 2021, a total of 1 846 000 cattle was kept in Austria. This represents an increase of 0.1% or 2 100 animals compared to the previous year, as Statistics Austria reports. The total number of pigs rose by 1.5% to 2 734 000 animals.

#### 8 300 more young cattle aged under one year

With an increase of 1.4% the number of **young cattle aged under one year** rose to 596 000 animals (see table 1). In detail, the stock of calves for slaughter increased by 1.9% to 148 000 and that of other calves and young cattle by 1.3% to 448 000 animals.

Compared to 1 June 2020, the number of **cattle aged one to under two years** declined by 0.7% to 413 000 animals. While the number of male cattle (-1.8% to 154 000) and heifers for production and breeding (-0.7% to 174 000) dropped, that of heifers for slaughter (+1.3% to 85 200) rose.

The stock of at least **two-year-old cattle** declined by 0.4% to 838 000 animals compared to the previous year. Except for dairy cows, which rose by 1.6% to 531 000, decreases were recorded in all other categories. The number of other cows fell by 5.0% to 184 000, that of heifers for production and breeding by 1.8% to 86 700 and heifers for slaughter dropped by 0.2% to 17 600 animals. The stock of bulls and oxen decreased by 0.7% to 18 600 animals.

With a total of 54 400, the number of **cattle holdings** on the reference day fell by 2.5% compared to 2020. The average livestock density was 34 animals per holding.

#### Significant increase in pigs for fattening

The number of **piglets and young pigs** rose by 0.5% to 1.42 million and that of **pigs for breeding** by 0.1% to 234 000. The stock of **pigs for fattening** increased by 3.1% to a total of 1.08 million animals (see table 2).

Compared to the previous year, an increase in the number of pigs was recorded in almost all categories. On 1 June 2021, a stock of 668 000 piglets (+0.1%) and 749 000 young pigs (+0.8%) was determined. Within the group of pigs for breeding, the number of covered breeding sows remained almost unchanged at 159 000 (-0.1%), while that of not covered sows rose to 70 700 (+0.7%). The stock of breeding boars fell to 4 900 (-0.9%). Within pigs for fattening, the number of animals weighing 50 to less than 80 kg rose to 528 000 animals (+1.7%) and that of animals weighing 80 to less than 110 kg to 433 000 (+3.1%). With a plus of 9.3%, the stock of pigs weighing more than 110 kg increased to 122 000.

The share of Austrian Länder most relevant for pig production (Upper Austria, Lower Austria and Styria) remained constant at 93.7% of the total stock.

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

**Information on methods:** These statistics are based on Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008 concerning livestock and meat statistics; implemented under Ordinance Federal Law Gazette II No. 163/2012 (available in German only) issued by the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Environment and Water Management.

The **bovine livestock** was determined through an evaluation of the central cattle database pursued by Agrarmarkt Austria in combination with data from the Association of Austrian Cattle Breeders. The administrative data were consolidated by the Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research, which also subsequently processed the results.

Since 2012, the number of **pigs** for the reference day 1 June is calculated using a regression model, based on data from the Veterinary Information System, instead of a sample survey conducted directly at holdings as in previous years.

**Table 1: Number of cattle on 1 June 2021**

	1 June 2020	1 June 2021	Change in %
<b>Cattle in total</b>	1 844 335	<b>1 846 419</b>	-0.1
Young cattle under 1 year old	587 758	<b>596 065</b>	+1.4
Young cattle 1 up to under 2 years old	415 770	<b>412 703</b>	-0.7
Cattle 2 years and older	840 807	<b>837 651</b>	-0.4
<b>Holdings with cattle</b>	55 751	<b>54 376</b>	-2.5

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA; database: Agrarmarkt Austria, Association of Austrian Cattle Breeders; calculations: Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research; STATISTICS AUSTRIA.

**Table 2: Number of pigs on 1 June 2021**

	1 June 2020	1 June 2021	Change in %
<b>Pigs in total</b>	2 695 051	<b>2 734 380</b>	+1.5
Piglets and young pigs below 50kg live weight	1 410 352	<b>1 416 723</b>	+0.5
Pigs for fattening, 50kg live weight and above	1 050 715	<b>1 083 332</b>	+3.1
Pigs for breeding, 50kg live weight and above	233 984	<b>234 325</b>	+0.1

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, database: Veterinary Information System, calculations: STATISTICS AUSTRIA.

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