

# Cattle population as of June 2024

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0.4%

decrease in cattle population  
in June y/y

Cattle population<sup>1</sup> in June 2024 reached 6 335.9 thousand heads and was lower by 0.4% compared to June of last year. The decrease in the total number of cattle herd resulted from a decrease in the population of all heard age groups except calves less than 1 years old.

In June 2024, the cattle population was 6 335.9 thousand heads and was by 23.8 thousand heads (0.4%) lower than a year earlier, while in comparison to the number of the head size in December 2023, the population was by 68.4 thousand heads increased (1.1%).

Table 1. Cattle population in June 2024

| Specification                           | 06 2024<br>in thousand<br>heads | 06 2023=100 | 12 2023=100 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cattle                                  | 6 335.9                         | 99.6        | 101.1       |
| Calves less than 1 years old            | 1 881.6                         | 101.4       | 101.0       |
| Young cattle 1–2 years old (uncomplete) | 1 640.8                         | 98.2        | 108.1       |
| Cattle 2 years old and over             | 2 813.5                         | 99.3        | 97.5        |
| of which cows <sup>a</sup>              | 2 335.6                         | 99.9        | 97.5        |

a Data from the Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture (ARMA) supplemented by Statistics Poland estimates.

The number of **calves of age less than 1 year** increased in comparison to the number in June 2023 by 1.4% and compared to December 2023 by 1.0% to the level of **1 881.6** thousand heads.

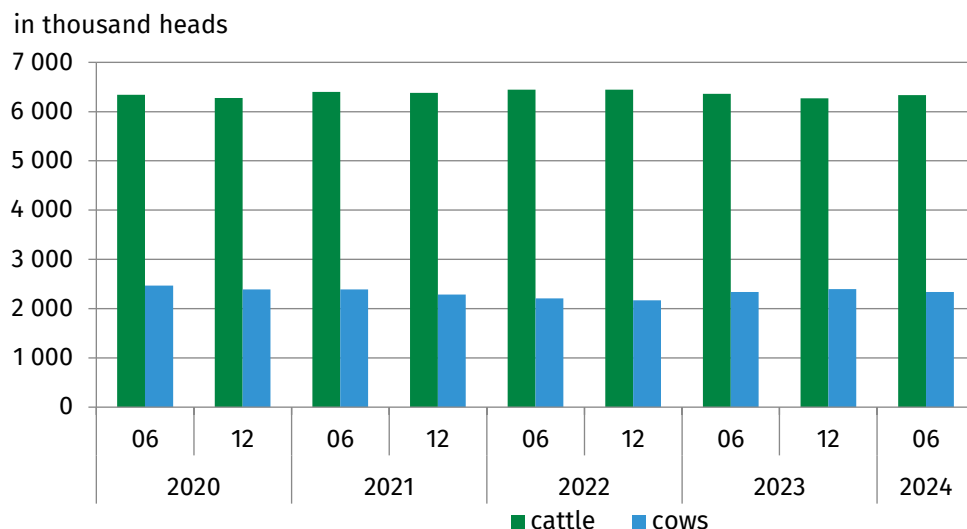
The stock of **young cattle aged 1–2 years old** (uncomplete) decreased by 1.8% compared to the previous year, while compared to December 2023, it increased by 8.1% and reached the level of **1 640.8** thousand heads.

The number of **cattle aged 2 years and over** decreased by 0.7% compared to June 2023 population, while compared to December 2023 decreased by 2.5%, reaching the level of **2 813.5** thousand heads.

In comparison to June 2023, the number of **cows** decreased by 2.1 thousand heads (by 0.1%) to the level of **2 335.6** thousand heads while compared to December 2023, the number of cows decreased by 60.2 thousand heads (by 2.5%).

<sup>1</sup> Data from the Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture (ARMA); cattle population by herd location.

**Figure 1. Cattle population, of which cows, 2020-2024**



In the structure of the total cattle stock, the share of individual age-utility groups in June 2024 was:

- calves less than 1 year old – 29.7%,
- young cattle 1-2 years old for breeding and slaughter – 25.9%,
- cows – 36.9%,
- other adult cattle 2 years old and over for breeding and slaughter – 7.5%.

Compared to the structure of the cattle population in June 2023 the share of calves increased by 0.5 pp. and the share of cows decreased by 0.1 pp., while the share of young cattle 1–2 years old and share of other cattle aged 2 years and over for breeding and slaughter decreased by 0.4 pp. and 0.3 pp., respectively during the examined period.

In the period from January to June 2024 (according to preliminary data) the import of cattle amounted to about 126.3 thousand heads and increased by 2.7% compared to the previous analogical period. Cattle export amounted to 24.2 thousand heads.

In June 2024, the **average price of cattle** for slaughter was PLN 10.64/kg and was by 6.7% higher than the price recorded in the analogical period of 2023.

The average **milk procurement price** in June this year (PLN 195.04 per 100 l) was by 0.8% higher than the price recorded in the same month of 2023.

The largest share in the national cattle population was in the following voivodeships: Wielkopolskie (18.9%), Mazowieckie (18.3%) and Podlaskie (16.5%). In Dolnośląskie, Lubuskie, Podkarpackie and Zachodniopomorskie voivodeships the share of domestic cattle population did not reach 2.0%.

Additional table on cattle population by voivodeships in Excel file.

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In the structure of the cattle herd, the largest share is the number of cows (36.9%)

From January to June 2024 cattle imports increased by 2.7% compared to the previous analogical period

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