

# Cattle population as of December 2025

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⬇ 0.8%

Decrease in cattle population  
in December y/y

Cattle population<sup>1</sup> in December 2025 reached 6 143.3 thousand heads and was lower by 0.8% compared to December of last year. The decrease in the total number of cattle herd resulted from a decrease in the population of almost all heard age groups except calves.

In December 2025, the cattle population was 6 143.3 thousand heads and was by 47.2 thousand heads (0.8%) lower than a year earlier, while in comparison to the number of the head size in June 2025, the population was decreased by 3.9 thousand heads (0.1%).

**Table 1. Cattle population in December 2025**

Specification	12 2025 in thousand heads	12 2024=100	06 2025=100
<b>Cattle</b>	<b>6 143.3</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>99.9</b>
Calves less than 1 years old	1 900.6	102.8	103.4
Young cattle 1–2 years old (uncomplete)	1 585.2	97.5	99.3
Cattle 2 years old and over	2 657.5	97.9	97.9
of which cows	2 091.0	99.5	96.9

The population of cattle in December 2025 was 6 143.3 thousand heads. The largest change in the herd structure was observed in calves population. Their share increased by 1.0 pp. compared to December 2024

The number of **calves of age less than 1 year** increased by 2.8% compared to the number in December 2024 and by 3.4% compared to June 2025, to the level of **1 900.6** thousand heads.

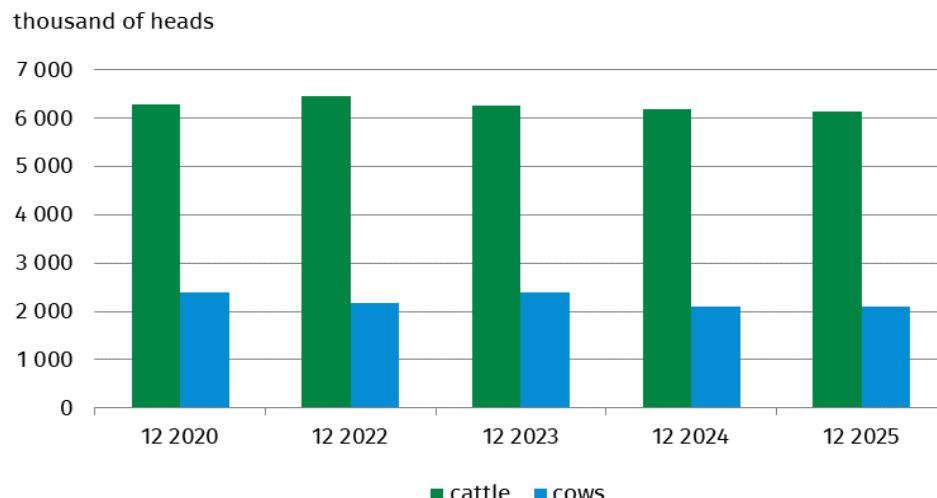
The stock of **young cattle aged 1–2 years old (uncomplete)** decreased by 2.5% compared to the previous year, while compared to June 2025, it decreased by 0.7% and reached the level of **1 585.2** thousand heads.

The number of **cattle aged 2 years and over** decreased by 2.1% compared to December 2024 population, while compared to June 2025 decreased by 2.1%, reaching the level of **2 657.5** thousand heads.

In comparison to December 2024, the number of **cows** decreased by 10.1 thousand heads (by 0.5%) to the level of **2 091.0** thousand heads while compared to June 2025, the number of cows decreased by 67.7 thousand heads (by 3.1%)

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

**Chart 1. Cattle and cows population in December 2020-2025**



In the structure of the total cattle stock, the share of individual age-utility groups in December 2025 was:

- calves less than 1 year old – 30.9%,
- young cattle 1-2 years old for breeding and for slaughter – 25.8%,
- cows – 34.0%,
- the other adult cattle 2 years old and over for breeding and for slaughter – 9.2%.

Compared to the structure of the cattle population in December 2024, the share of calves less than 1 year old increased (by 1.0 pp) and the share of cows (by 0.1 pp), while the share of young cattle aged 1-2 years and over for breeding and for slaughter decreased by 0.5 pp and the share of the other cattle aged 2 years and over for breeding and for slaughter decreased by 0.7 pp in the period under survey.

In the period from January to November 2025 (according to preliminary data) the import of cattle amounted to about 294 thousand heads and increased by 9.9% compared to the analogical period of the previous year.

In December 2025, the **average price of cattle for slaughter** was PLN 16.31/kg and was by 37.9% higher than the price recorded in the analogical period of 2024.

The average **milk procurement price** in December 2025 (PLN 199.22 per 100 l) was by 23.1% lower than the price recorded in the same month of 2024.

The largest share in the national cattle population was recorded in the following voivodeships: Wielkopolskie (20.0%), Mazowieckie (18.1%) and Podlaskie (16.3%). The lowest shares of cattle population were recorded in voivodeships: Podkarpackie (1.1%), Lubuskie (1.6%), Dolnośląskie (1.7%) and Zachodniopomorskie (1.8%).

Additional table on cattle population by voivodeships is available in Excel file.

In the structure of the cattle herd, the largest share is represented by cows – 34.0%

From January 1 to November 30 2025 cattle imports increased by 9.9% compared to the analogical period of the previous year

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