

Quality declaration **Heads of Livestock**

0 General information on statistical product		
0.1	Name	Heads of Livestock
0.2	Subject area	Agriculture, forestry, fishing
0.3	Responsible Authority, Office, Person, etc.	Mr. Arsen Avagyan Head Agriculture and Food Security Statistics Division Armstat 3 Government house, Republic Avenue Yerevan, 0010, Republic of Armenia Telephone: +374 11 524 449, +374 11 564 672 E-mail: arsav@armstat.am info@armstat.am
0.4	Purpose and History	To provide users with updated information on heads of livestock. The calculation of this indicator has a long history and has been maintained since the 1910's of the 20th century. It has been regularly improved during the years according to international classifications, composition of indicators and other standards.
0.5	Users and Application	The main users of statistical information are the state government and local self-government bodies, public, scientific-educational, financial organizations, business society, mass media, international organizations, etc. The indicator of the heads of livestock is applied in the sphere of animal husbandry for the purpose of development of food security strategy, solutions of strategic objectives, analysis of business environment, revealing the development trends, etc.
0.6	Information Sources	The main source of formation of this indicator is the monthly information collected from legal persons, individual entrepreneurs and organizations dealing with agriculture (via statistical reports), as well as information collected on annual basis exhaustively from all communities through statistical summary reports.
0.7	Legal Authority to Collect Data	The data are collected based on the Law on "Official Statistics" and "Five Year Statistical Program", as well as the Resolution No. 05-N of RA State Council on Statistics "On Approval of the Procedure for the collection of statistical data" dated 20

		June 2016 and Resolution “On Approval of Annual Statistical Program”.
0.8	Response Burden (Primary information providers)	The response burden is not measured.
1 Content		
1.1	Description of content	The calculation of the heads of livestock is carried out through exhaustive observation, which is implemented by the commissions created in Marzes. It is conducted among all the farms in the rural communities, both those of keeping livestock or without livestock, and in urban communities only among those who keep livestock. Legal persons, individual entrepreneurs and organizations dealing with agriculture fill out statistical reporting forms based on the information of livestock inventory and present them to the relevant regional agency.
1.2	Statistical concepts	<p>Main concepts</p> <p>The heads of livestock based on types and gender-age groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) cattle, including cows, bulls, draught ox, heifers between 1 and 2 years, heifers above 2 years, inseminated female young cattle 2 years and above; b) pigs, total, of which dam pigs of the main drove, female pigs for breeding 4-12 months c) all breeds of sheep, of which ewes. d) goats, total, of which dam goats. e) horses, total, of which mares 3 years and above f) rabbits, total, of which doe-rabbits g) poultry, total, of which layers h) fur beasts, of which female i) swarm of bees, unit

		<p>j) donkeys</p> <p>k) mules</p> <p>l) buffalos</p> <p>Industry coverage</p> <p>Statistical observations include the Armenian Classification of Types of Economic Activity (NACE rev. 2): agriculture, forestry, fishing (section A, 01.4).</p> <p>Geographical coverage</p> <p>Covers all marzes of the Republic of Armenia and Yerevan city.</p> <p>Groupings of Publication</p> <p>Data is published based on 5 main types of livestock and at the level of all farms (including legal persons, individual entrepreneurs and organizations dealing with agriculture, as well as individual (peasant) farms, members of horticultural associations, and individual farms of urban households engaged in agricultural activities).</p>
2 Time		
2.1	Reference period	Annual
2.2	Date of publication	In March following the reference period.
2.3	Punctuality	Data are published according to the schedule of publications of annual programs and without any delay in relation to the scheduled date.
2.4	Frequency	Annual
3 Accuracy		
3.1	Overall Accuracy	Right after the survey within 10 day period sampling verifications are carried out in Marzes in order to check the overall accuracy.

		The response rate is about 97 %.
3.2	Sources of Inaccuracy	The absence of the members of holding at the moment of survey. The livestock belonging to the holding, which is being maintained and operated in another holding. Concerns of losing certain benefits and allowances.
3.3	Measures on accuracy/ Measurability	The data may be modified by 2-3% through sample observations (verifications) carried out by the regional and territorial staff of statistics for each type of livestock.
4 Comparability		
4.1	Comparability over Time	Before 1998, the indicator has been represented in accordance with the structure of All Union Classification of Branches of National Economy (AUCOBONE). Starting from 1998-2001 the International Standard Industry Classification (ISIC) rev.3 has been implemented (UN). Since 2002, the indicator has been submitted in accordance with Armenian Classification of Types of Economic Activity (developed by Eurostat on the basis of Types of Economic Activity Classification (NACE). Since 2010 NACE rev. 2 is applied.
4.2	Comparability with Other Statistics	There is a comparability with statistics from other sources; a) information collected through annual reports from legal persons, individual entrepreneurs and organizations engaged in agricultural activities b) information collected through sample survey on a monthly basis (186 communities, 12090 holdings)
4.3	Coherence between Provisional and Final Statistics	Data published for the first time is qualified as preliminary. Modified data is accompanied with explanatory footnotes. Preliminary data is reviewed in accordance with the adjustments and other corrections submitted by economic entities. The final data is presented in annual publications.
5 Accessibility		

5.1	Forms of Dissemination	<p>Publications</p> <p>Annual publications</p> <p>“Statistical Yearbook of Armenia” (Armenian, Russian and English)</p> <p>“Marzes of the Republic of Armenia in figures” statistical handbook (Armenian and English)</p> <p>“Armenia in Figures” statistical handbook (Armenian and English)</p> <p>“Sum Totals of Livestock Census” statistical bulletin (Armenian)</p> <p>“Food Security and Poverty” statistical bulletin (Armenian and English).</p> <p>Databases:</p> <p>http://armstatbank.am/pxweb/hy/ArmStatBank/?rxid=602c2fcf-531f-4ed9-b9ad-42a1c546a1b6</p> <p>Internet Address:</p> <p>The publications are available in electronic format on the web in Armenian (full version), Russian and English via the following address: http://www.armstat.am/am/?nid=82</p>
5.2	Basic material: Storage and Usability	The collected statistical data are kept both in paper and electronic forms.
5.3	Documentation	<p>More detailed information on calculation of indicators of the heads of livestock is provided in the documents, which are as follows:</p> <p>a) Statistical Reporting Form No 6 AC (annual) “On Sum Totals of Livestock Census” approved by the Resolution No 24-N dated December 24, 2008 of RA State Council on Statistics and the instruction for filling in it.</p> <p>b) Statistical Reporting Form No 24-AC (annual) “On Cattle-breeding Situation” approved by the Resolution No 72-N dated</p>

		November 30, 2018 of RA State Council on Statistics and the instruction for filling in it.
6 Supplementary documentation		
		Information is available under the General Statistical Business-Process Model at https://www.armstat.am/en/?nid=672 .