

# STUDY REGARDING THE EVOLUTION OF CATTLE HERD IN EUROPEAN UNION

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## Abstract

*The cattle breeding, in Romania is a traditional activity in the rural area and especially in the mountain one. In recent years, there has been an increased interest in cattle specialised in meat production (mainly, Aberdeen Angus, Charolaise, Limousine). This is due to the fact that it requires a low investment, have a high growth rate and a higher slaughter yield. In our country, in the last two years may be noticed a decilining in the total number of cattle from 1,914,602 heads in 2020, to 1,864,577 in 2021. At the same time, the herd from oficial control also decreased from 1,241. 059 heads in 2020, to 1,231,868 heads in 2021. This decrease is due, among other things, to the farmers lack of information regarding the productive performance improvement and to the climate changes observed in recent years. The downward trend in herds is also noticed in the European Union, cattle herds being with 1% lower in 2019 compared to 2010. This decrease is attributed to the fact that with the after the end of the milk quota system, many small farms abandoned dairy production.*

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