

# SECTORAL STRUCTURE OF THE VALUATION OF SHEEP AND GOAT MEAT PRODUCTION

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## **Abstract**

*Obtaining and capitalizing on the production of sheep and goat meat are complex processes that involve several stages, from the rearing of the animals to the marketing of the finished products. By effectively managing all stages, farmers can achieve high quality meat production while ensuring the sustainability and profitability of their business. The purpose of the paper is to analyze the territorial structure of the share of family consumption and the capitalization of the production of sheep and goat meat on the market (directly and at the industrialization units), according to recent information, from the year 2023. The calculations were made based on the data operational data provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and official statistical data. According to statistical data and specialized literature, in recent years, sheep and goat herds, as well as meat production, have increased in Romania, especially in the mountainous area. This is due to consumption trends as well as sheep and goat meat exports. Research shows that, in 2023, the largest flocks of sheep were in Tulcea county (8% of the total), and goats in Dolj county (12% of the country's total). The largest amount of sheep meat was produced in Tulcea county (27,948 tons), and goat meat in Teleorman county (4,796 tons). Of the total meat production, 31% is intended for family consumption, the rest representing the utilization in various forms. Of the recovered production, 89% is sold directly on the market and only 11% is delivered to meat processing units. The valorization of products contributes both to ensuring the subsistence of households, to the development of commercial farms, and to the stability of the local workforce.*

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