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The cattle population in 2012 went up by 3.4 per cent to 15,593 heads when compared to 2011.

Cattle Survey: December 2012

According to the data from the Bovine Register, cattle stocks on 1 December 2012 increased by 3.4 per cent, or 519 heads, compared to a year earlier. Bovines less than 1 year old and those between 1 and 2 years of age advanced by 8.2 and 5.0 per cent respectively. Cows, representing 41.2 per cent of the total cattle stock, edged up 0.1 per cent.

In 2012, 308 holdings were engaged in rearing cattle, of which 126 were mainly concentrated on milk production. These farms accounted for 13,930 cattle, or 89.3 per cent of the total stock.

Of all cattle farms, those having between 3 and 29 cattle on the holding remained the dominant category (43.8 per cent). These farms comprised 1,335 cattle, or 8.6 per cent of the stock. On the other hand, 17.5 per cent of all cattle farms were considered large, each with at least 100 heads. These holdings comprised 10,174 heads, or 65.2 per cent of the total stock.

On a regional level, 10,524 cattle (67.5 per cent) were found on Maltese farms, of which 36.9 per cent or 3,885 heads were located in the South Eastern district. The remaining 5,069 heads, or 32.5 per cent, were found on farms in Gozo and Comino ■



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Table 1. Distribution of cattle population by age and sex

Administrative area	Grand total	Cattle less than 1 year old			Cattle between 1 and 2 years old					Cattle over 2 years old					
		Total cattle less than 1 year old	of which:		Total cattle between 1 and 2 years old	of which:				Total cattle over 2 years old	of which:				
			Males	Females		Males	Females not yet mated	Heifers for slaughter	Other heifers		Males	Heifers for slaughter	Other heifers	Dairy cows	Other cows
MALTA	15,593	4,841	2,262	2,579	3,668	1,276	1,036	146	1,210	7,084	164	136	364	6,320	100
Malta	10,524	3,278	1,595	1,683	2,542	955	682	102	803	4,704	127	99	245	4,136	97
Gozo and Comino	5,069	1,563	667	896	1,126	321	354	44	407	2,380	37	37	119	2,184	3
Southern Harbour	1,462	449	208	241	336	129	90	15	102	677	27	14	33	595	8
Northern Harbour	1,227	366	159	207	275	80	83	12	100	586	14	15	32	515	10
South Eastern	3,885	1,316	716	600	953	428	224	35	266	1,616	53	36	87	1,390	50
Western	2,410	715	341	374	603	223	164	20	196	1,092	25	18	55	980	14
Northern	1,540	432	171	261	375	95	121	20	139	733	8	16	38	656	15
Gozo and Comino	5,069	1,563	667	896	1,126	321	354	44	407	2,380	37	37	119	2,184	3

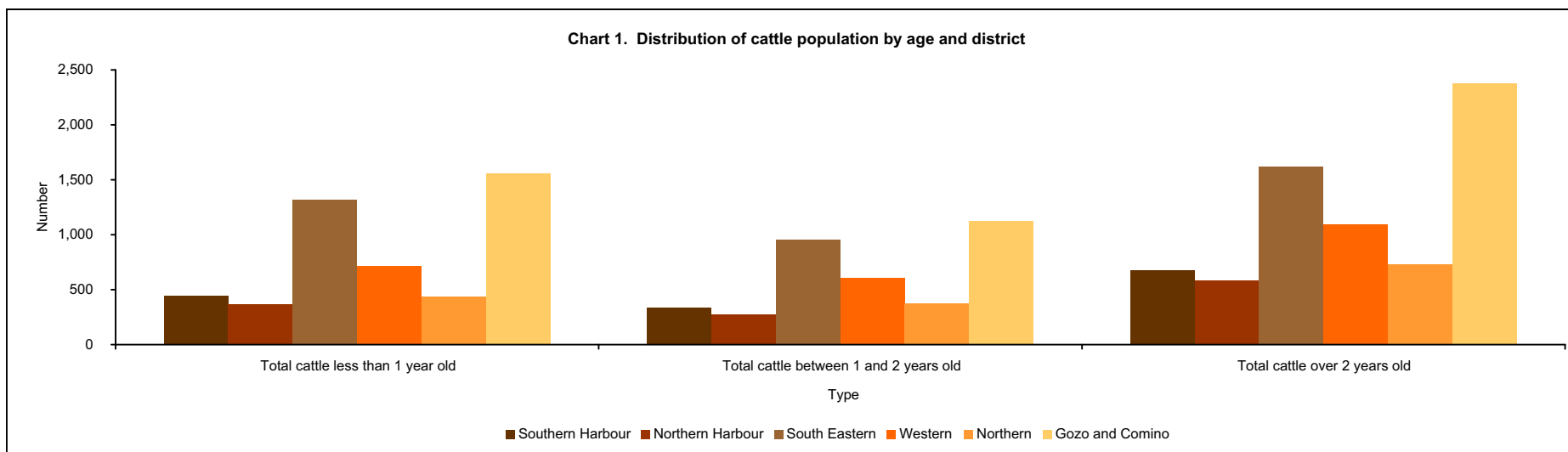


Table 2. Distribution of cattle farms and heads by herd size

Administrative area	Size class of cattle					
	Total	1-2	3-29	30-49	50-99	≥100
MALTA						
<i>Farms</i>	308	55	135	16	48	54
<i>Number of cattle</i>	15,593	86	1,335	592	3,406	10,174
Malta						
<i>Farms</i>	259	50	126	15	36	32
<i>Number of cattle</i>	10,524	77	1,269	562	2,516	6,100
Gozo and Comino						
<i>Farms</i>	49	5	9	1	12	22
<i>Number of cattle</i>	5,069	9	66	30	890	4,074

Table 3. Distribution of dairy farms and dairy cows by size class of dairy cows

Administrative area	Size class of dairy cows					
	Total	≤2	3-29	30-49	50-99	≥100
MALTA						
<i>Farms</i>	126	7	34	37	32	16
<i>Number of dairy cows</i>	6,320	9	592	1,426	2,217	2,076
Malta						
<i>Farms</i>	88	4	28	27	19	10
<i>Number of dairy cows</i>	4,136	5	444	1,023	1,340	1,324
Gozo and Comino						
<i>Farms</i>	38	3	6	10	13	6
<i>Number of dairy cows</i>	2,184	4	148	403	877	752

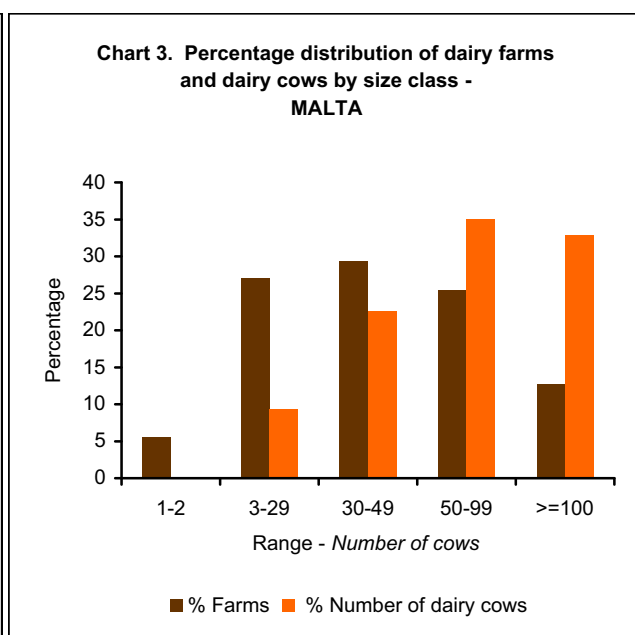
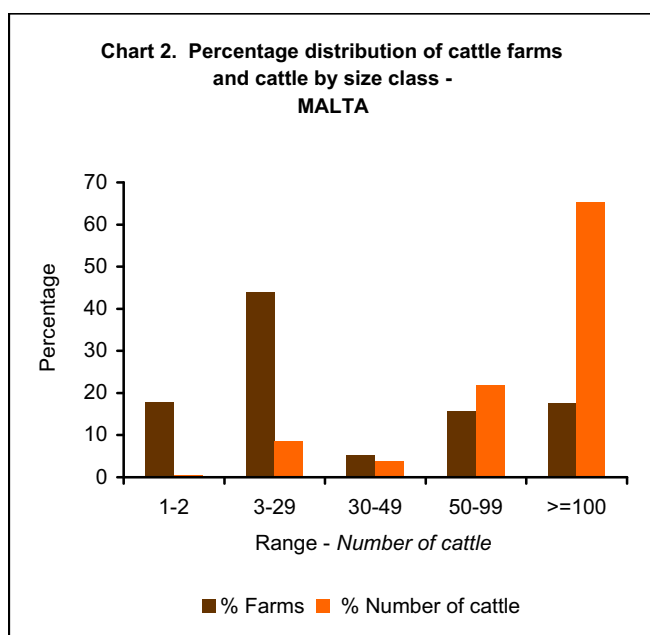


Table 4. Distribution of farms and cattle by type of farm

Administrative area	Total number of cattle farms	of which:		Total number of heads	of which:		
		dairy farms	other farms		dairy cows	other cattle on dairy farms	cattle on non-dairy farms
MALTA	308	126	182	15,593	6,320	7,610	1,663
Malta	259	88	171	10,524	4,136	4,784	1,604
Gozo and Comino	49	38	11	5,069	2,184	2,826	59
Southern Harbour	26	12	14	1,462	595	756	111
Northern Harbour	37	12	25	1,227	515	594	118
South Eastern	109	31	78	3,885	1,390	1,551	944
Western	53	17	36	2,410	980	1,119	311
Northern	34	16	18	1,540	656	764	120
Gozo and Comino	49	38	11	5,069	2,184	2,826	59

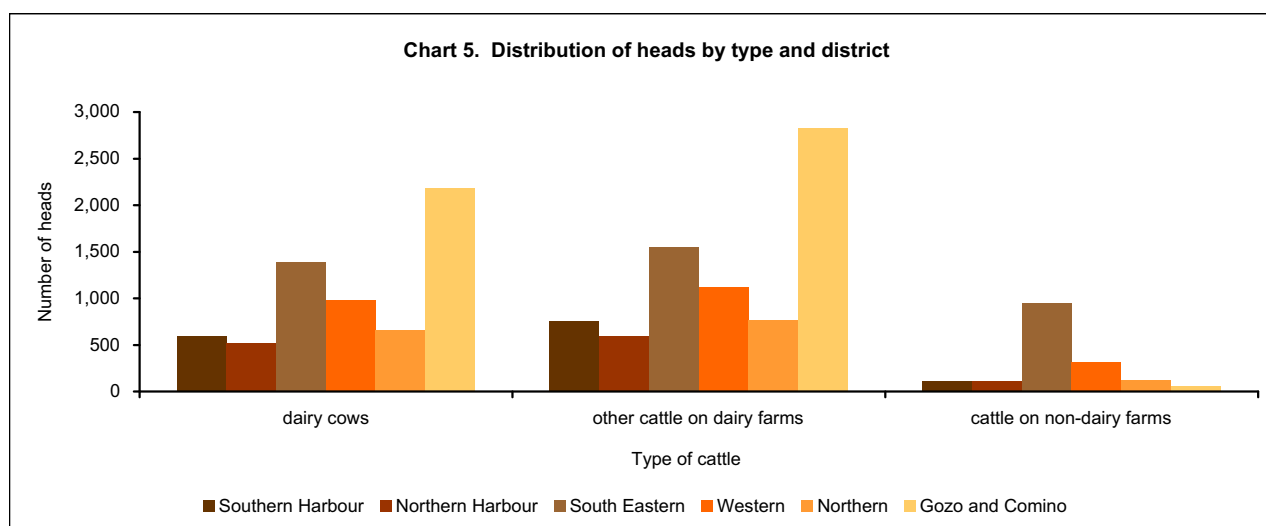
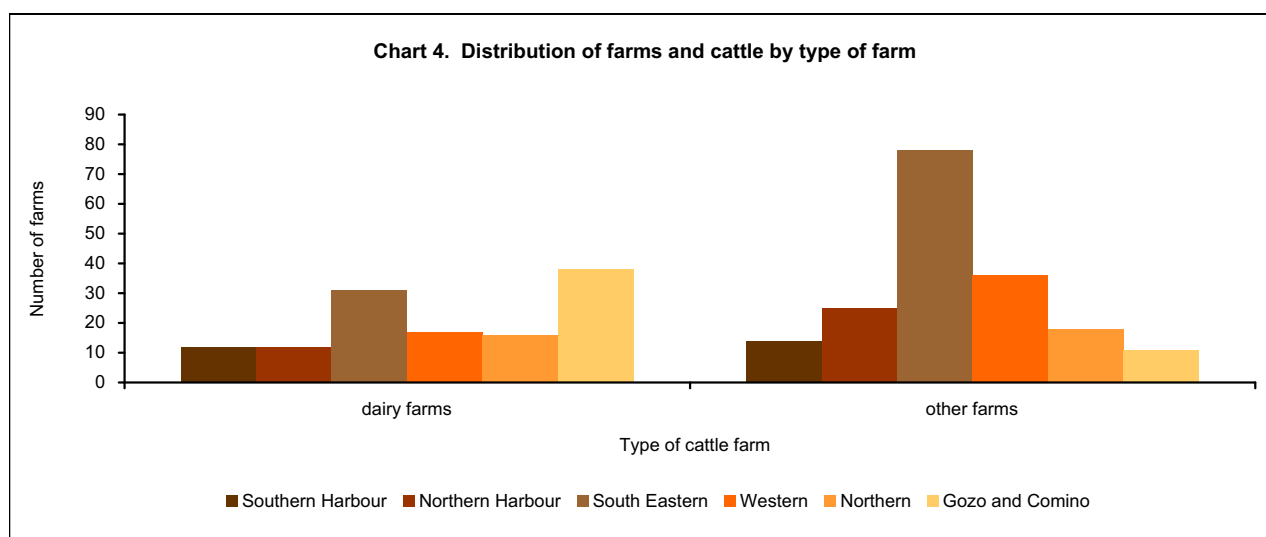


Table 5. Distribution of bovine population by age and administrative area: 2009-2012

Year	Bovines less than 1 year old			Bovines between 1 and 2 years old			Bovines over 2 years old (excluding cows)			Cows			Total bovine population		
	MALTA	Malta	Gozo and Comino	MALTA	Malta	Gozo and Comino	MALTA	Malta	Gozo and Comino	MALTA	Malta	Gozo and Comino	MALTA	Malta	Gozo and Comino
2009	4,208	2,875	1,333	3,797	2,534	1,263	1,137	811	326	7,122	4,567	2,555	16,264	10,787	5,477
2010	4,372	2,942	1,430	3,334	2,339	995	760	538	222	6,488	4,225	2,263	14,954	10,044	4,910
2011	4,473	3,074	1,399	3,494	2,349	1,145	692	492	200	6,415	4,198	2,217	15,074	10,113	4,961
2012	4,841	3,278	1,563	3,668	2,542	1,126	664	471	193	6,420	4,233	2,187	15,593	10,524	5,069
%10/09	3.9%	2.3%	7.3%	-12.2%	-7.7%	-21.2%	-33.2%	-33.7%	-31.9%	-8.9%	-7.5%	-11.4%	-8.1%	-6.9%	-10.4%
%11/10	2.3%	4.5%	-2.2%	4.8%	0.4%	15.1%	-8.9%	-8.6%	-9.9%	-1.1%	-0.6%	-2.0%	0.8%	0.7%	1.0%
%12/11	8.2%	6.6%	11.7%	5.0%	8.2%	-1.7%	-4.0%	-4.3%	-3.5%	0.1%	0.8%	-1.4%	3.4%	4.1%	2.2%

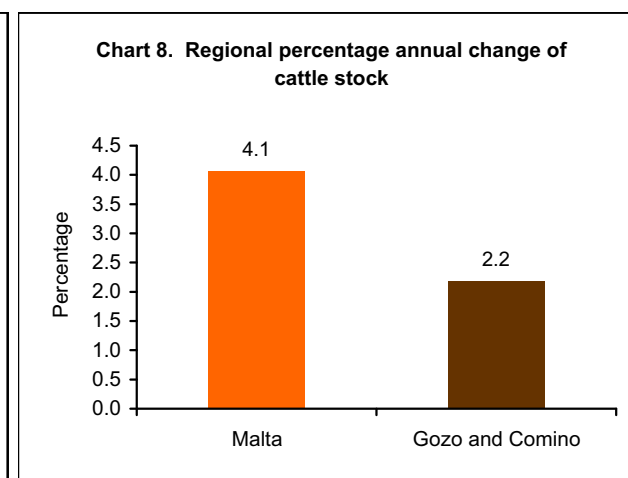
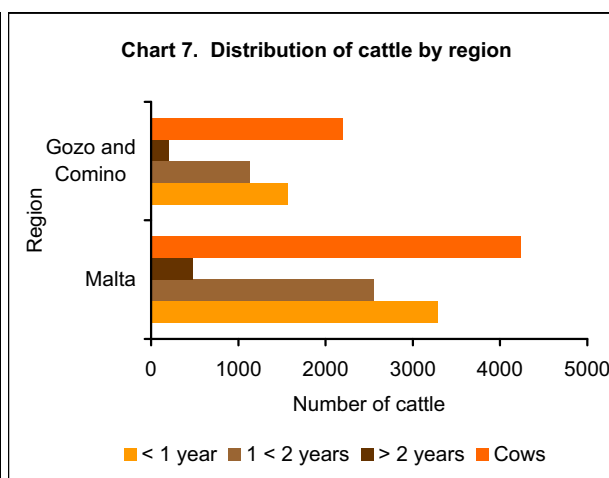
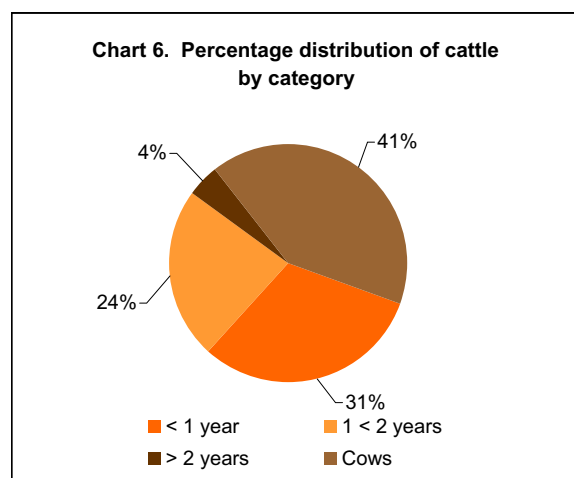


Table 6. Distribution of cattle population by category and administrative area: 2010-2012

Category	2010			2011			2012		
	Administrative area								
	MALTA	Malta	Gozo and Comino	MALTA	Malta	Gozo and Comino	MALTA	Malta	Gozo and Comino
Cattle total	14,954	10,044	4,910	15,074	10,113	4,961	15,593	10,524	5,069
Bovines less than 1 year old	4,372	2,942	1,430	4,473	3,074	1,399	4,841	3,278	1,563
Calves for slaughter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other calves	4,372	2,942	1,430	4,473	3,074	1,399	4,841	3,278	1,563
Male	1,977	1,357	620	2,070	1,468	602	2,262	1,595	667
Female	2,395	1,585	810	2,403	1,606	797	2,579	1,683	896
Bovines aged between 1 and 2 years old	3,334	2,339	995	3,494	2,349	1,145	3,668	2,542	1,126
Male	1,357	1,034	323	1,100	782	318	1,276	955	321
Female	1,977	1,305	672	2,394	1,567	827	2,392	1,587	805
Female for slaughter	168	116	52	147	102	45	146	102	44
Other female	1,809	1,189	620	2,247	1,465	782	2,246	1,485	761
Bovines aged 2 and over	7,248	4,763	2,485	7,107	4,690	2,417	7,084	4,704	2,380
Male	259	197	62	180	144	36	164	127	37
Female	6,989	4,566	2,423	6,927	4,546	2,381	6,920	4,577	2,343
Heifers	501	341	160	512	348	164	500	344	156
Heifers for slaughter	143	103	40	142	103	39	136	99	37
Other heifers	358	238	120	370	245	125	364	245	119
Cows	6,488	4,225	2,263	6,415	4,198	2,217	6,420	4,233	2,187
Dairy cows	6,362	4,102	2,260	6,308	4,093	2,215	6,320	4,136	2,184
Other cows	126	123	3	107	105	2	100	97	3

Methodological Notes

1. The cattle census is carried out every year and is in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) 1165/2008. The reference date is 1 December.
2. Information on the cattle survey has been entirely compiled with information from the Bovine Register, which is under the control of the FVRD at the Civil Abattoir.
3. Certain categories cannot be directly compiled from the Bovine Register and therefore specific co-efficients based on the census of agriculture of 2010 are used.
4. The data in this release are final and are not normally subject to revision.

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