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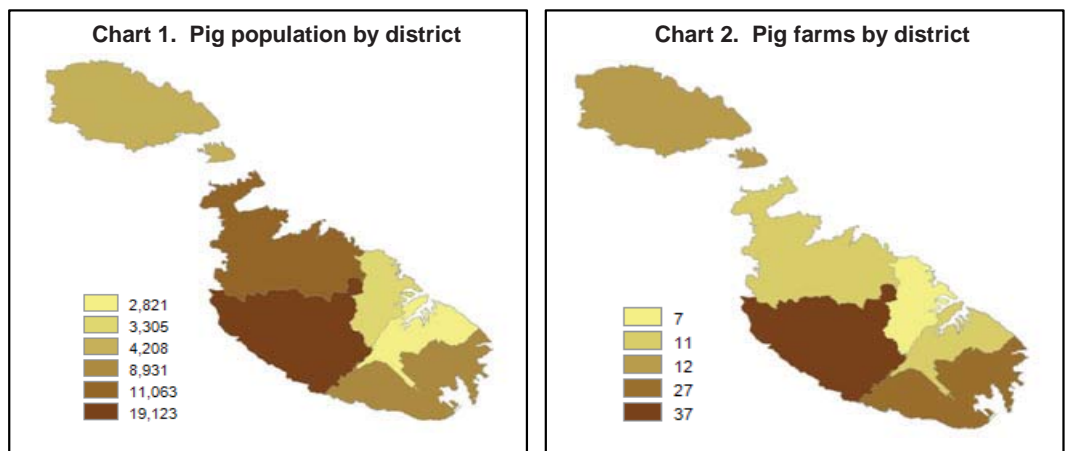
A census showed that the pig population increased by 9.4 per cent in 2013 over 2012.

## Pig Census: 2013

In December 2013, the pig population amounted to 49,451 heads, up by 9.4 per cent, or 4,242 heads when compared to 2012. A drop of 1.5 per cent was registered in young pigs while increases of 12.0, 19.0 and 0.1 per cent were registered in piglets, fattening and breeding stock respectively.

The census revealed that 105 holdings (-5.4 per cent) were engaged in pig production. Of these, 60.0 per cent raised less than 400 pigs but accounted for 20.3 per cent of the total stock, or 10,032 heads. Holdings that raised at least 400 pigs accounted for 39,419 heads, or 79.7 per cent of the total population.

On a regional level, the pig population increased by 8.4 per cent in Malta and by 21.6 per cent in Gozo and Comino. Overall, 45,243 pigs, or 91.5 per cent, were located in Maltese farms, with the Western District accounting for 42.3 per cent. In Gozo and Comino, the pig population amounted to 4,208 heads, or 8.5 per cent of the total stock ■



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Table 1. Swine stock by type and district

Administrative area	Grand Total	Young pigs			Fattening pigs				Breeding pigs				
		Total Young pigs	of which:		Total Fattening pigs	of which:			Total Breeding stock	of which:			
			Piglets < 20 kgs	Young Pigs 20 - <50 kgs		50 - <80 kgs	80 - <110 kgs	≥ 110 kgs		Breeding boars	Covered sows mated more than once	Covered sows mated for the first time	Other sows (gilts)
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>49,451</b>	<b>25,324</b>	<b>13,175</b>	<b>12,149</b>	<b>18,845</b>	<b>9,951</b>	<b>7,514</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>5,282</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>3,739</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>704</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>45,243</b>	<b>22,707</b>	<b>11,930</b>	<b>10,777</b>	<b>17,707</b>	<b>9,072</b>	<b>7,291</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>4,829</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>673</b>
Southern Harbour	2,821	1,342	790	552	1,104	480	452	172	375	68	244	14	49
Northern Harbour	3,305	1,535	810	725	1,363	803	517	43	407	20	293	52	42
South Eastern	8,931	4,871	2,305	2,566	3,161	1,810	1,069	282	899	53	662	123	61
Western	19,123	9,623	5,283	4,340	7,714	3,674	3,509	531	1,786	73	1,381	171	161
Northern	11,063	5,336	2,742	2,594	4,365	2,305	1,744	316	1,362	85	805	112	360
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>4,208</b>	<b>2,617</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>

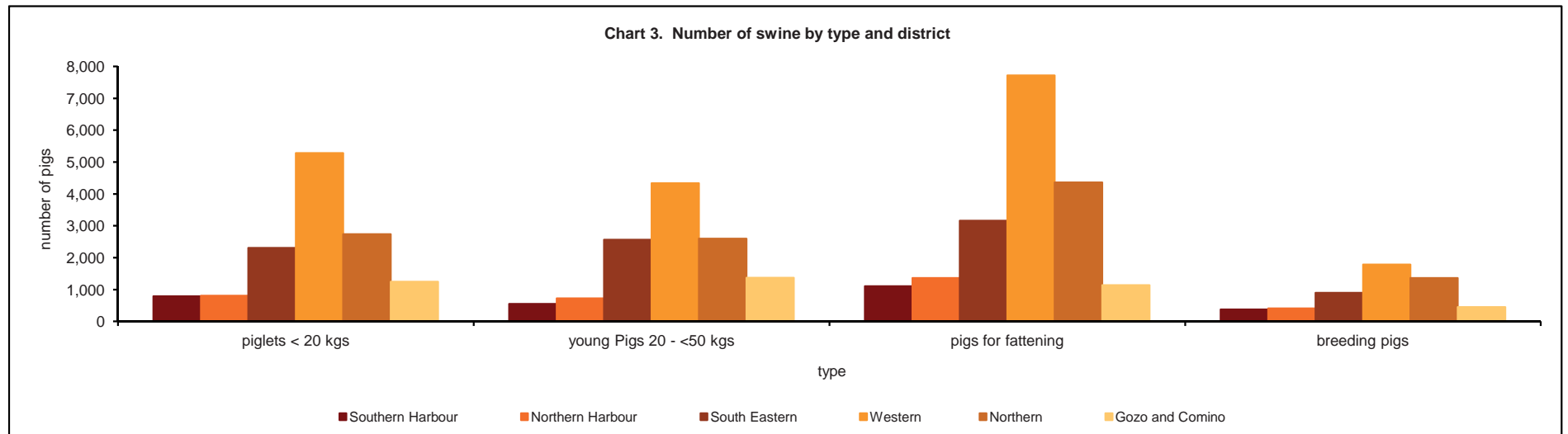


Table 2. Number of pigs and holdings by size class

Administrative area	Total	Number of pigs					
		1-9	10-49	50-99	100-199	200-399	≥ 400
<b>MALTA</b>							
<i>No. of holdings</i>	<b>105</b>	2	7	12	22	20	42
<i>No. of pigs</i>	<b>49,451</b>	4	295	932	3,195	5,606	39,419
<b>Malta</b>							
<i>No. of holdings</i>	<b>93</b>	2	6	10	19	18	38
<i>No. of pigs</i>	<b>45,243</b>	4	246	742	2,798	4,895	36,558
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>							
<i>No. of holdings</i>	<b>12</b>	-	1	2	3	2	4
<i>No. of pigs</i>	<b>4,208</b>	-	49	190	397	711	2,861

Table 3. Number of sows and holdings by size class

Administrative area	Total	Number of sows					
		0	1-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	≥ 100
<b>MALTA</b>							
<i>No. of holdings</i>	<b>105</b>	5	11	26	35	20	8
<i>No. of sows</i>	<b>4,965</b>	-	70	366	1,200	1,397	1,932
<b>Malta</b>							
<i>No. of holdings</i>	<b>93</b>	4	11	21	31	19	7
<i>No. of sows</i>	<b>4,530</b>	-	70	304	1,024	1,305	1,827
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>							
<i>No. of holdings</i>	<b>12</b>	1	-	5	4	1	1
<i>No. of sows</i>	<b>435</b>	-	-	62	176	92	105

Chart 4. Distribution of pig population by size of holding

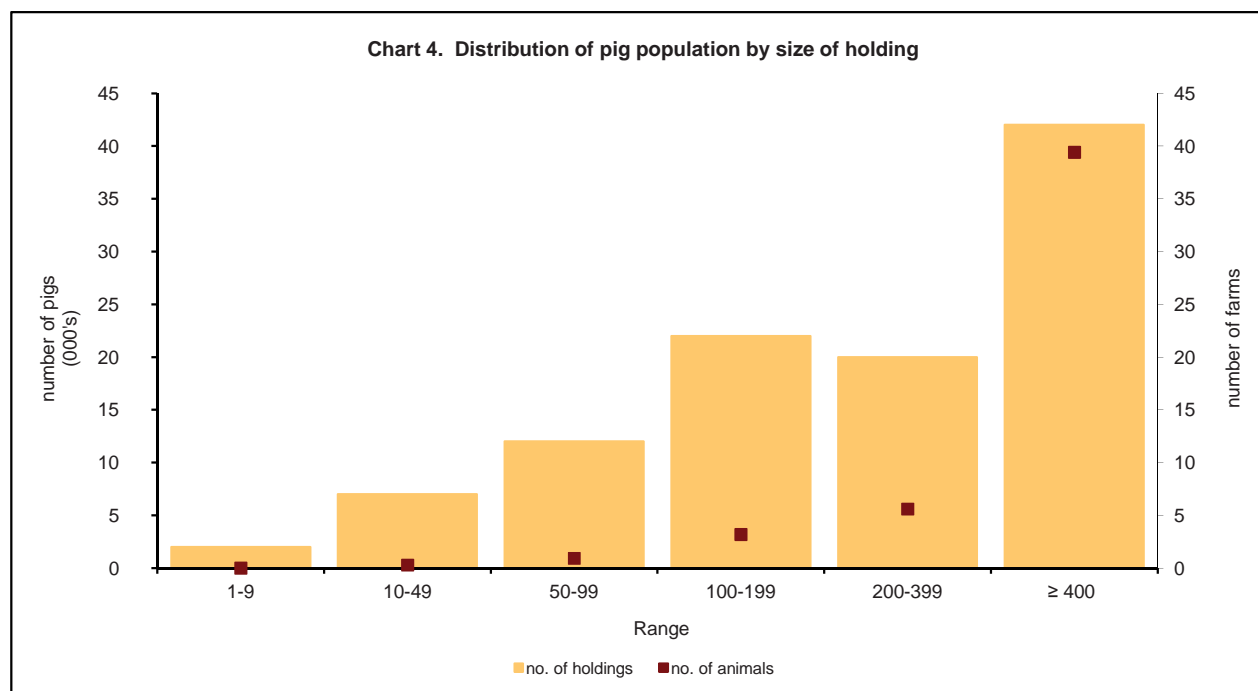


Table 4. Distribution of pig population by administrative area: 2010-2013

Year	Piglets (<20 Kgs)			Young pigs (20 - <50 Kgs)			Fattening Pigs (≥50 Kgs)			Breeding Stock			Total Pig 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
2010	18,413	17,072	1,341	17,649	16,807	842	27,631	26,019	1,612	6,890	6,457	433	70,583	66,355	4,228
2011	12,316	11,300	1,016	11,370	10,679	691	17,567	16,621	946	5,034	4,706	328	46,287	43,306	2,981
2012	11,762	10,741	1,021	12,331	11,450	881	15,838	14,662	1,176	5,278	4,895	383	45,209	41,748	3,461
2013	13,175	11,930	1,245	12,149	10,777	1,372	18,845	17,707	1,138	5,282	4,829	453	49,451	45,243	4,208
%11/10	-33.1%	-33.8%	-24.2%	-35.6%	-36.5%	-17.9%	-36.4%	-36.1%	-41.3%	-26.9%	-27.1%	-24.2%	-34.4%	-34.7%	-29.5%
%12/11	-4.5%	-4.9%	0.5%	8.5%	7.2%	27.5%	-9.8%	-11.8%	24.3%	4.8%	4.0%	16.8%	-2.3%	-3.6%	16.1%
%13/12	12.0%	11.1%	21.9%	-1.5%	-5.9%	55.7%	19.0%	20.8%	-3.2%	0.1%	-1.3%	18.3%	9.4%	8.4%	21.6%

Chart 5. Percentage distribution of pigs by category

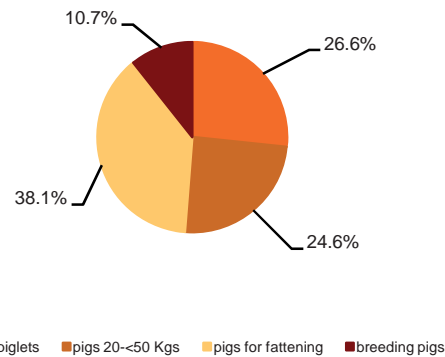


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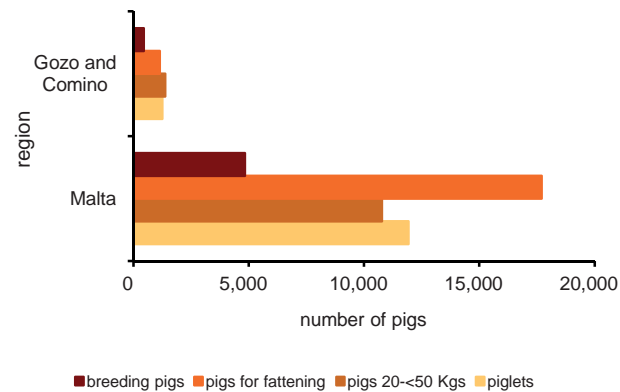
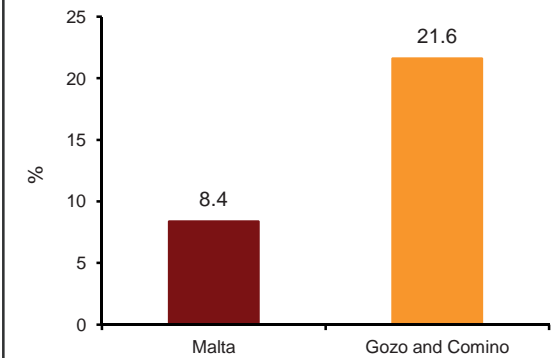


Chart 7. Regional annual percentage change of pig stock



## Methodological Notes

1. The pig census is carried out every year and is in accordance with Council Regulation No.1165/2008. Census Date is 1 December.
2. The small number of pig breeders does not allow for a sample survey to be carried out. Hence, a head count on all farms is taken.
3. In order to obtain livestock numbers, a postal survey is undertaken. Non-respondents are contacted by telephone and every effort is made to contact every farm on the register.
4. The data in this release are final and are not normally subject to revision.

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