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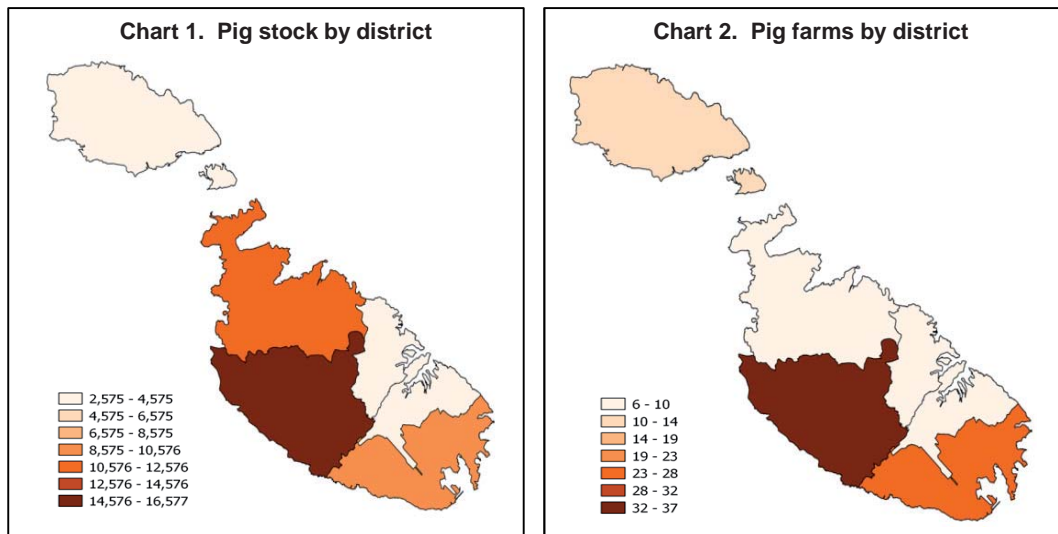
In 2014, pig stock decreased by 4.0 per cent over 2013.

Pig Census: 2014

In December 2014, the pig stock amounted to 47,465 heads, down by 4.0 per cent, or 1,986 heads, over 2013. Drops of 14.7, 12.6 and 1.0 per cent were registered in piglets, breeding stock and young pigs respectively. An increase of 3.7 per cent was registered in respect of fattening pigs (Table 4).

The census revealed that 100 farms were engaged in the rearing of pigs. Of these, 62 farms raised less than 400 pigs and accounted for 10,933 heads. Farms that raised 400 pigs or more accounted for 36,532 heads (Table 2).

Regarding distribution by region, 90.4 per cent of pig stock was located in Maltese farms and 9.6 per cent in Gozo and Comino (Table 4). The largest proportion of pig farms was concentrated in the Western District (Table 2) ■



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Table 1. Pig stock by category and district

Administrative area	Grand total	Young pigs of which:				Fattening pigs of which:				Breeding pigs of which:				
		Total young pigs	Young Pigs 20 to <50 kgs		Total fattening pigs	50 to <80 kgs		80 to <110 kgs		Total breeding stock	Breeding boars	Covered sows mated more than once	Covered sows mated for the first time	Other sows (gilts)
			Piglets <20 kgs	20 to <50 kgs		<80 kgs	80 to <110 kgs	>=110 kgs						
MALTA	47,465	23,048	11,022	12,026	19,803	10,585	7,134	2,084	4,614	269	3,332	449	564	
Malta	42,917	20,563	10,053	10,510	18,169	9,555	6,624	1,990	4,185	254	2,994	421	516	
Southern Harbour	2,576	1,213	683	530	1,047	585	295	167	316	65	183	37	31	
Northern Harbour	4,358	2,228	1,222	1,006	1,669	967	608	94	461	24	344	35	58	
South Eastern	8,801	4,523	2,183	2,340	3,429	2,011	1,178	240	849	52	580	118	99	
Western	16,582	7,699	3,493	4,206	7,260	3,530	2,655	1,075	1,623	74	1,237	140	172	
Northern	10,600	4,900	2,472	2,428	4,764	2,462	1,888	414	936	39	650	91	156	
Gozo and Comino	4,548	2,485	969	1,516	1,634	1,030	510	94	429	15	338	28	48	

Chart 3. Pig stock by category and district

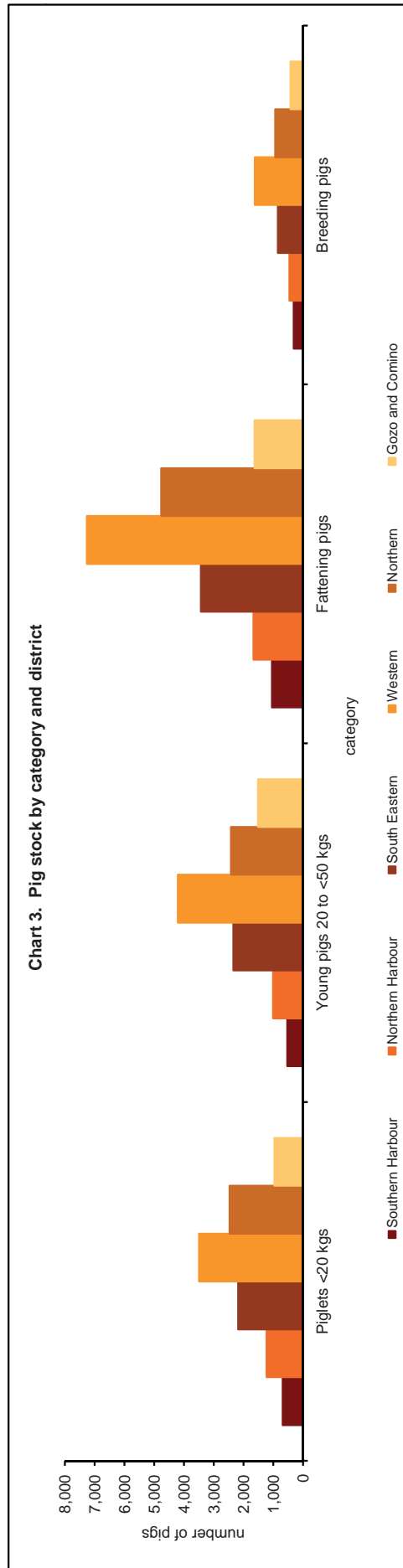


Table 2. Distribution of pig farms by size class and corresponding number of pigs: as at 1 December 2014

Administrative area	Total	Farm size class					
		1-9	10-49	50-99	100-199	200-399	≥400
MALTA							
Farms	100	1	5	10	24	22	38
Number of pigs	47,465	5	165	743	3,596	6,424	36,532
Malta							
Farms	89	1	5	9	20	19	35
Number of pigs	42,917	5	165	676	3,052	5,339	33,680
Gozo and Comino							
Farms	11	-	-	1	4	3	3
Number of pigs	4,548	-	-	67	544	1,085	2,852

Table 3. Distribution of pig farms by size class and corresponding number of sows: as at 1 December 2014

Administrative area	Total	Farm size class					
		0	1-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	≥100
MALTA							
Farms	100	4	16	20	34	16	10
Number of sows	4,345	-	102	284	1,122	1,050	1,787
Malta							
Farms	89	4	15	16	31	15	8
Number of sows	3,931	-	94	233	1,024	997	1,583
Gozo and Comino							
Farms	11	-	1	4	3	1	2
Number of sows	414	-	8	51	98	53	204

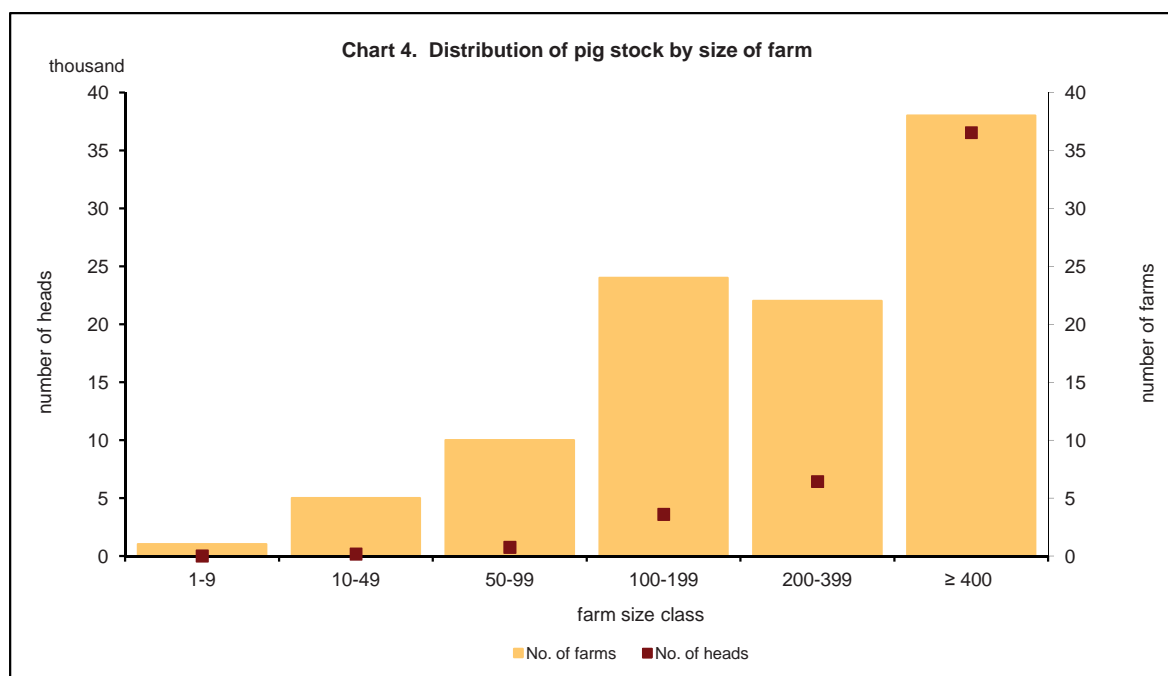
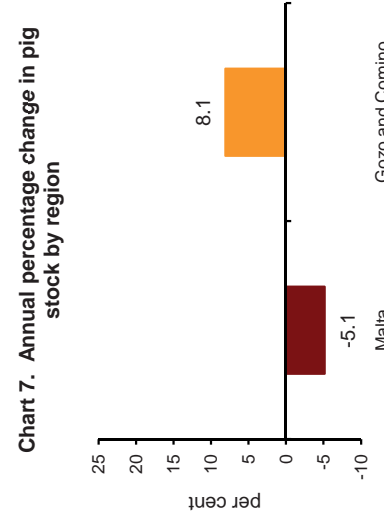
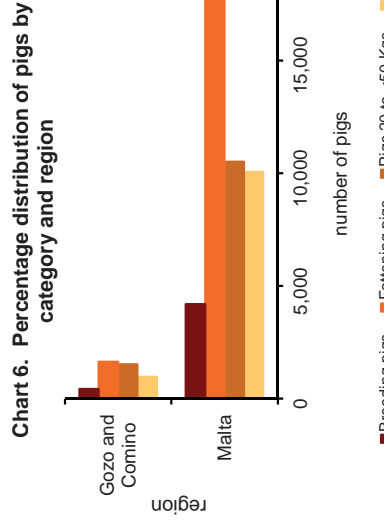
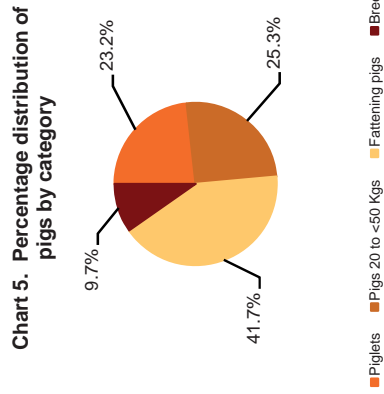


Table 4. Distribution of pig stock by administrative area: 2011-2014

Year	Piglets (<20 Kgs)			Young pigs (20 to <50 Kgs)			Fattening pigs (≥50 Kgs)			Breeding stock			Total pig stock		
	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
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	12,918	11,930	988	12,149	10,777	1,372	19,102	17,707	1,395	5,282	4,829	453	49,451	45,243	4,208
2014	11,022	10,053	969	12,026	10,510	1,516	19,803	18,169	1,634	4,614	4,185	429	47,465	42,917	4,548
%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	9.8%	11.1%	-3.2%	-1.5%	-5.9%	55.7%	20.6%	20.8%	18.6%	0.1%	-1.3%	18.3%	9.4%	8.4%	21.6%
%14/13	-14.7%	-15.7%	-1.9%	-1.0%	-2.5%	10.5%	3.7%	2.6%	17.1%	-12.6%	-13.3%	-5.3%	-4.0%	-5.1%	8.1%



Methodological Notes

1. The pig census is carried out every year and is in accordance with Council Regulation No.1165/2008. The reference date is 1 December 2014.
2. The small number of pig breeders does not allow for a sample survey to be carried out. Therefore, a headcount of all farms is taken.
3. In order to obtain livestock numbers, a postal survey is undertaken. Non-respondents are contacted by telephone and efforts are made to contact every pig farm.
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