

## **Comment**

*Number of cattle as at 31 December 2018 decreased by 1.1 thousand heads (0.1 %) y-o-y, of which number of other cows increased by 5.9 thousand heads (+2.8%) and number of dairy cows decreased by 6.9 thousand heads (-1.9%). Compared with the beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> half-year 2018 the number of cattle decreased by 4.8%, of which other cows went down by 3.0 % and number of dairy cows by went down by 0.7%.*

*Milk production reached the level of 3 078,4 mil. litres in 2018 (+2.7%) year on year. Average daily milk yield 23.36 l rose by 3.7%. 98.7 calves born per 100 cows (1.1 %) y-o-y and 92.0 calves were reared (0.9%). Losses of calves less than 3 months old related to the total number of calves were 6.8% (0.2 % points). Marketability of milk was 96.8%. Production of cattle for slaughter went grew up by 8.3 thousand tonnes in live weight (5.0%) y-o-y.*