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Number of poultry as at 31 December 2008 increased by 602 thousand heads (2.5%) y-o-y., of which number of hens went up by 43 thousand (0.7%). Compared with the beginning of the 4th quarter 2008 numbers of poultry total went down by 6.3 %, number of hens decreased by 3.3%. Egg production reached the level of 1 722 mil. pieces in the period of 1. 1. - 31. 12. 2008, i. e. y-o-y increase by 6.4%. Average egg laying per hen was 284.8 eggs (more by 1.2%). Sale of eggs went up by 10.5 % to 1 322 mil. pieces. Marketability of eggs was 76.8%. Sale of poultry for slaughter decreased by 10.8 % to 317 thousand tonnes of live weight.