

Livestock Sector Data

Compound Animal Feed Production ('000 mt)

Type of Feed	2023	2024
Dairy Feed	55.69	74.58
Poultry Feed	995.26	1,187.67
Pig Feed	4.54	3.93
Goat Feed	0.07	0.05
Shrimp feed	1.21	1.42
Fish Feed		
Horse Feed	0.17	0.22
Other Feed	0.03	0.31
Feed premixes	29.45	33.15
Total Commercial Feed		
Production	1,086.43	1,301.33
Self-mixed	170.16	177.64
Total Feed Production	1,256.59	1,478.97

Source : VRA (DAPH)

Local Production of Animal Feed Ingredients

		Extent	Production	Average
		(ha)	(Mt)	Yield (Mt/Ha)
Maize	2023/24 Maha	65,300	196,871	3.01
	2024 Yala	7,401	26,626	3.60
	Annual	72,701	223,497	3.07
Soya bean	2023/24 Maha	289	508	1.76
	2024 Yala	2,927	5,688	1.94
	Annual	3,216	6,196	1.93

Source : Department of Census and Statistics

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Imports and Exports of Livestock Products

Imports (MT)	2023	2024
Meat & Meat Products	622.15	852.85
Milk & Milk Products	71,180.20	67,147.19
Milk & Milk Products(000L) ¹	520,084.78	494,036.09
Egg & Egg Products	9,102.06	3,083.44
Feed Ingredients ²	241,353,259	324,251,196
Exports (MT)		
Meat & Meat Products	1,871.62	2,555.40
Milk & Milk Products	1,581.06	1,563.71
Milk & Milk Products(000L) ¹	9,376.54	9,437.28
Egg & Egg Products	925.03	706.17
Feed Ingredients ²	127,976,759	173,483,700

Source : Sri Lanka Customs, ¹ Equal amount of liquid milk(modified LPE/DAPH)

² Fish/meat meal, bran and oil cake

Cost of Production of Livestock Products

Item	2023	2024
Chicken Meat (Rs.kg)		
Large scale - Live Weight	567.20	446.30
- Dressed Weight	784.48	664.80
- Frozen Chicken	884.61	764.52
Small scale - Live Weight	716.26	627.48
- Dressed Weight	1,025.49	918.64
Eggs(Rs/Egg)- Large scale	32.82	31.18
- Small scale	37.85	35.17
Milk(Rs/L) - Intensive system	80.92	78.48
Mutton(Rs/kg)	1,826.11	1,783.37
Beef(Rs/kg)	550.95	574.86
Pork(Rs/kg) - Live Weight	380.27	407.19
- Dressed Weight	565.27	602.90

Source: LPE (DAPH)

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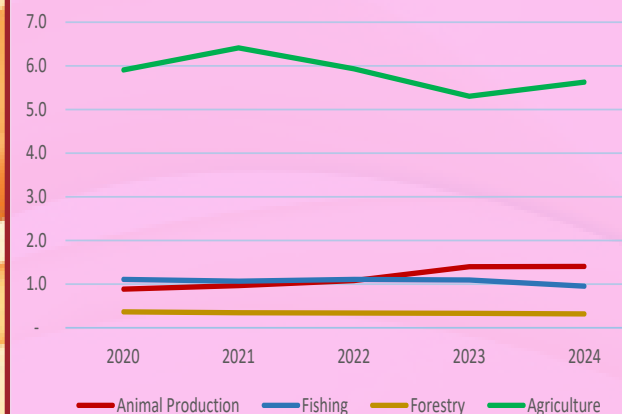


LIVESTOCK OUTLOOK OF SRI LANKA 2023 & 2024

Between 2020 and 2024, Animal Production has exhibited consistent year-on-year growth, contrasting with the fluctuations observed in other sub-sectors such as Fisheries and Agriculture.

This sustained growth underscores the rising importance of Animal Production in supporting food security, rural livelihoods, and broader economic stability.

Share of Annual GDP at Current Prices, 2020-2024
(Agriculture, Animal Production, Forestry and Fisheries Sector)



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Country Profile

Land Use Types of Sri Lanka – 2018

Land Use	Extent (ha)	(%)
Agricultural Lands	3,340,074	50.91
Non -Agricultural Lands	85,094	1.30
Forest Lands	2,516,438	38.35
Water Bodies	374,553	5.71
Other *	244,841	3.73
Total	6,561,000	100

* Note: (Marsh, Barren Land, Distorted Surface, Grass Land, Mangrove, Sand, Rock & Play ground etc.)

Source: Land Use & Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Lands.

Socio Economic Data

	2023	2024
Mid Year Population ('000 person)	22,037	21,763
Population Growth (%)	-0.6	-0.5
Population Density (Person's per sq km)	351	352
Labour Force ('000 person)	8,408	8,316
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	48.6	47.4
Male	68.6	67.4
Female	31.3	29.8
Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	4.7	4.4
Employment (%) in Agriculture sector	26.1	25.7
Animal Production percentage share of GDP at current market price	1.396	1.404

** Data revised by Central Bank

Source: Central Bank Annual Report 2021

Total No. of DS ¹ Divisions	331	331
Total No. of VS ² Divisions	337	337
Total No. of GN ³ Divisions	14,022	14,022

(1) Divisional Secretariat, (2) Veterinary Surgeon's, (3) Grama Niladari

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Contribution of Animal Production Subsectors to the GDP at Current Market Price

Commodity	Share (%)	
	2023	2024
Dairy	0.19	0.19
Chicken meat	0.86	0.86
Egg	0.24	0.24
Beef	0.07	0.08
Mutton	0.01	0.01
Pork	0.02	0.02
Total	1.39	1.40

Source: National Accounts Division, Department of Census & Statistics

Per-Capita Availability of Livestock Products

	2023	2024
Milk and Milk Products (LME)-Litres*	39.98	40.30
Meat (kg)		
Chicken	10.64	11.80
Beef	1.23	1.37
Mutton	0.12	0.15
Pork	0.43	0.41
Egg (Number)	99.74	137.72

Source: LPE (DAPH) * LME : Liquid milk equivalent

Livestock Production

	2023	2024
Annual Milk Production		
Cow Milk (Mn Lt)	318.47	338.22
Buffalo Milk (Mn Lt)	53.26	54.32
Total Milk (Mn Lt)	371.73	392.54
Meat & Egg Production		
Chicken meat ('000 MT)	236.11	258.54
Egg (Mn)	2,043.50	2,953.06
Pork ('000 MT)	9.37	8.96
Beef ('000 MT)	27.28	29.79
Mutton ('000 MT)	2.75	2.66

Source: LPE (DAPH)

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Animal Population (Number)

Cattle	2023	2024
Cows		
Milking Cows	523,388	524,310
Non-milking Cows	221,662	128,050
Other Cows**	97,003	182,022
Young Female Animals		
Heifers	278,013	248,378
Calves	172,331	178,894
Male Animals		
Adults	137,819	133,777
Calves	160,582	155,603
Total Cattle	1,590,798	1,551,034
Buffaloes		
Cows		
Milking Cows	146,873	144,487
Non-milking Cows	61,625	52,216
Other Cows**	29,569	32,866
Young Female Animals		
Heifers	83,136	80,224
Calves	57,254	55,247
Male Animals		
Adults	43,294	39,857
Calves	51,738	47,420
Total Buffaloes	473,489	452,317
Goats	750,987	742,647
Swine	170,409	94,986
Poultry (Number-Mn)		
Grand Parents and Parents	1.75	2.00
Commercial	26.48	30.82
Backyard	3.23	2.70
Total Poultry	31.46	35.52

** Unproductive (Infertile / Aged) cows

Source: LPE (DAPH)