## Comment

Number of cattle as at 31 December 2012 decreased by 18.4 thousand heads (-1.4%) year on year, of which number of suckler cows went down by 7.2 thousand heads (-3.9%) and number of dairy cows decreased by 7 thousand heads (-1.9%). Compared with the beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> half-year 2012 the number of cattle decreased by 2.3%, of which suckler by 2.3% and number of dairy cows went down by 1.2%.

Milk production amounted to 2 741 mil. litres in 2012 (+2.9%) year on year. Average daily milk yield 20.31 I rose by 4.0%. 97.0 calves born per 100 cows and 90.2 calves were weaned (-0.1%) year on year. 7.0% of calves less than 3 month out of total calves born were lost by death (+0.1 percentage point). Marketability of milk was 95.9%. Sales of cattle for slaughter grow up by 0.6 thousand tonnes in live weight (+0.3%) year on year.