## Comment

Number of cattle as at 31 December 2017 increased by 26.8 thousand heads (2.0 %) y-o-y, of which number of other cows increased by 12.4 thousand heads (+6.4%) and number of dairy cows decreased by 1.9 thousand heads (-0.5%). Compared with the beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> half-year 2017 the number of cattle decreased by 3.8%, of which other cows went down by 4.0 % and number of dairy cows by grew up by 0.3%.

Milk production reached the level of 2 998 mil. litres in 2017 (+0.5%) year on year. Average daily milk yield 22.53 I rose by 2.3%. 97.6 calves born per 100 cows (-0.4%) y-o-y and 91.1 calves were reared (-0.9%). Losses of claves less than 3 months old related to the total number of calves were 6.6% (0.5% points). Marketability of milk was 96.6%. Production of cattle for slaughter went down by 7.7 thousand tonnes in live weight (-4.4%) y-o-y.