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# Cattle and cow population in Ukraine

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In August 2023, Ukraine increased the export of cattle and beef to the amount of 9 million dollars, which is 40% more compared to July. The driver of growth was the activity of buyers from China, who increased purchases of frozen red meat, and Lebanon, where live animals were supplied from Ukraine, - reports the analyst of the Association of Milk Producers Heorhiy Kukhaleishvili.

According to preliminary data of the SSS, in August Ukraine exported about 1.2 thousand tons of live weight cattle, which is 46% more compared to July. The revenue for delivered animals amounted to almost 2.3 million dollars and grew by 61% compared to the previous month. Last month, only Lebanon bought cows from Ukraine. In August, cattle deliveries to the Middle East of the country increased by 64.4%. In January-August 2023, Ukraine exported 13.64 thousand tons of cattle in live weight for the amount of 21.78 million dollars, which is 18% more than last year in physical volumes, although the monetary revenue increased by only 0.5%.

The natural volumes of frozen beef exports increased to 1.67 thousand tons (+36%), and the monetary revenue for the delivered meat increased to 6.6 million dollars. (+34%). The main export destinations of frozen meat were China (50.6%), Azerbaijan (18%), Uzbekistan (11%), Georgia (9.8%), Kazakhstan (7.34%) and Moldova (3.6%). ). It is worth noting that in August, deliveries to China increased by 65%, and the share of this country among the export destinations of frozen red meat increased from 32% to 50.6%. Deliveries to Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan and Georgia also increased. In eight months of 2023, Ukraine exported 13.95 thousand tons of frozen red meat, which is 48% more compared to last year's period. Export revenue in January-August 2023 amounted to 55.51 million dollars, which is 33% more than last year.

However, in August, Ukraine reduced natural volumes of chilled beef exports to 34 tons (-2%). Cash proceeds for delivered goods decreased to 123 thousand doll. (-3%). About 96.42% of the goods were shipped to Georgia. The volume of deliveries to the South Caucasian republic remained at the level of July 2023 (33 thousand tons). Red meat deliveries to Moldova, Spain, and Turkey decreased. In August, fresh beef was not delivered to Malta. Although, since the beginning of the year, the export of chilled red meat has increased to 174 tons (+84%), and the monetary revenue for the shipped goods has grown to 646 thousand tons (+77%).

Last month, Ukraine did not import cattle by live weight. In August, the volume of imports of chilled beef increased to 11 tons (+41%), and of frozen beef - to 180 tons (+18%). The goods were supplied to Ukraine from the USA and EU member states, including Lithuania.

In August, the balance of foreign trade in cattle and beef was positive and amounted to 7.86 million dollars.