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Chicken production 2019: less eggs for hatching, more slaughterings

Vienna, 2020-01-31 – In 2019, hatcheries subject to reporting requirements reported a total of 125.3 million chicken eggs for hatching, according to Statistics Austria. This represents a decrease of 3.0% compared to the previous year. The number of eggs for laying breeds decreased by 4.6% to 23.3 million; eggs for fattening breeds declined by 2.6% to 102.0 million.

Accordingly, the number of hatched chicks for laying purpose decreased to 18.7 million (-2.7%) in the same period, while those for fattening purpose amounted to 81.6 million (-1.7%; see table 1).

Furthermore, slaughterhouses subject to reporting requirements slaughtered 90.7 million chickens in 2019, by 5.8% more than in 2018. The volume of chicken meat in processing form reached 115 500 tonnes, 5.4% more than in the previous year. With 44.2% of the total slaughter volume (2018: 46.2%), the major processing form was "meat, parts" (see table 2).

For more detailed results and further information concerning statistics of hatching eggs please refer to our [website](#).

Information on methods, definitions: In accordance with Federal Law Gazette II No. 356/2003 (in the version currently in force), all slaughterhouses with at least 5 000 poultry slaughterings per year and all hatcheries with a capacity of at least 1 000 hatching eggs per year are subject to this survey. Numbers on turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowls and chicken for mixed meat and laying use will not be published for data protection reasons.

Table 1: Eggs for hatching and hatched chicks 2019

	2018	2019	Change in %
Eggs for hatching in pieces	129 172 185	125 335 939	-3.0
for laying purpose	24 445 578	23 310 823	-4.6
for fattening purpose	104 726 607	102 025 116	-2.6
Hatched chicks in head	102 274 236	100 316 741	-1.9
for laying purpose – female	9 553 193	9 280 090	-2.9
for laying purpose – male	9 644 337	9 399 902	-2.5
for fattening purpose	83 076 706	81 636 749	-1.7
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Table 2: Chicken slaughterings 2019

Chicken slaughterings	2018	2019	Change in %
In head	85 693 546	90 701 991	+5.8
Weight in kg	109 586 704	115 511 521	+5.4
plucked and gutted	57 828	49 182	-15.0
ready to roast/grill (incl. giblets)	23 123 156	25 508 254	+10.3
ready to roast/grill (excl. giblets)	27 977 740	30 920 005	+10.5
meat, parts	50 609 073	51 073 947	+0.9
meat, boneless	7 818 907	7 960 133	+1.8
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