



Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2024

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Why in News?

Recently, the **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying** released the [Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2024 \(BAHS\)](#) on the occasion of [National Milk Day \(26th November\)](#).

- It is based on the outcomes of the [Integrated Sample Survey \(ISS\) \(March 2023-February 2024\)](#) and shows trends in major livestock products like **milk, eggs, meat, and wool**.
 - ISS is an annual, large-scale survey conducted by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
 - It covers 15% of the villages across the country and estimates livestock numbers and production data for major products, including milk, meat, wool, and eggs.

Note:

National Milk Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of [Vergheese Kurien](#) who made India **self-sufficient in milk** output through the [white revolution](#).

What are Key Highlights of the BAHS 2024?

- **Milk Production:** India's total [milk production](#) for 2023-24 is estimated at **239.30 million tonnes**, reflecting a **3.78% increase** over 2022-23.
 - India is the **largest** producer of **milk** in the **world**. **Top 3** producers are **Uttar Pradesh**, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
 - Per Capita Milk Availability increased to **471 grams per day** in 2023-24 from **459 grams per day** in 2022-23.
- **Egg Production:** Total [egg production](#) for 2023-24 is estimated at **142.77 billion numbers**, a **3.18% increase** from 2022-23.
 - India ranked **2nd globally** in **egg production**. **Top 3** producers are **Andhra Pradesh**, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.
- **Meat Production:** India's total [meat production](#) for 2023-24 is estimated at **10.25 million tonnes**, reflecting a **4.95% growth** over 2022-23.
 - **Top 3** producers are **West Bengal**, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra.
- **Wool Production:** India's total [wool production](#) for 2023-24 is estimated at **33.69 million kg**, showing a **0.22% increase** from the previous year.
 - **Top 3** producers are **Rajasthan**, Jammu & Kashmir, and Gujarat.
- **Livestock Growth:** From 2014-15 to 2022-23, the sector grew at a **compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.38%** (at constant prices).
 - The **share of livestock in agriculture Gross Value Added (GVA)** increased from **24.32% (2014-15)** to **30.38% (2022-23)**.
 - Currently, the [21st Livestock Census](#) is underway to provide updated data on cattle populations.

21st Livestock Census

- **About:** The **21st Livestock Census** was recently launched by the **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**.
 - The census is carried out **every five years** to gather data on the number of **domesticated animals, poultry, and stray animals** across the country.
 - A total of **20 livestock censuses** have been conducted since **1919**. The **20th Census** was conducted in **2019**.
- **Data Collection:** The data will include information about the **species, breed, age, sex, and ownership status** of animals.
- **Animals Included in the Census:**
 - **Animals:** The census will cover **16 animal species**, including **Cattle, buffalo, mithun, yak, sheep, goat, pig, camel, horse, ponies, mule, donkey, dog, rabbit, and elephant**.
 - **219 indigenous breeds** recognised by the **ICAR-National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR)** will be included.
 - **Poultry Birds:** The census will also count **poultry birds**, including **Fowl, chicken, duck, turkey, geese, quail, ostrich, and emu**.

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

Prelims

Q. As per the NSSO 70th Round “Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households”, consider the following statements: (2018)

1. Rajasthan has the highest percentage share of agricultural households among its rural households.
2. Out of the total agricultural households in the country, a little over 60 percent belong to OBCs.
3. In Kerala, a little over 60 percent of agricultural households reported to have received maximum income from sources other than agricultural activities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (c)