

3.18 Orissa

The state of Orissa, located in the east coast of the country by the side of Bay of Bengal, has a geographic area of 1,55,707 sq.km., which is 4.7 % of the country's geographic area. The total human population of Orissa in 2001 is 36.71 million (3.6 % of the country's population). The rural population is 85 % and urban population is 15% and the population density of 236 persons per sq.km. The tribal population is 22.2 % of the population of the state. The state has a forest cover of 48,838 sq.km. The estimates of milk and egg production was 929 thousand tonnes and 8372 lakh nos respectively in 2001-02.

As per the last 16th livestock census, the state of Orissa had 6.92 % of Cattle, 1.53 % of buffaloes, 3.13 % of sheep, 4.71 % of goats and 3.2 % of pig population of the country. The poultry population is 10.31 % of the country's total poultry population ranking second in the country.

Livestock Population (000)	% increase/		
	1992	1997	decrease
Crossbred cattle	600	912	52.0
Indigenous cattle	13241	12898	-2.6
Total cattle	13841	13810	-0.2
Buffaloes	1536	1388	-9.6
Sheep	1838	1765	-4.0
Goats	4943	5772	16.8
Pigs	584	602	3.1
Others	0	1	
Total Livestock	22742	23338	2.6

Livestock

In Orissa, the crossbred cattle increased by 52.0 % but the indigenous cattle decreased marginally by -2.6 % during the period between 15th and 16th census showing an overall decrease of -0.2 % in total cattle population during the inter-censal period. The buffalo and sheep population has also decreased by -9.6 %

and -4.0 % respectively. The goats and pigs showed an increase of around 17 % and 3.1 % respectively. The total livestock in the state has increased from 22.742 million to 23.338 million between these two censuses showing an increase of 2.6 %.



