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Livestock Census in the country started in the year 1919 and since then the exercise has been continuing every five year. The data are being used for policy formulation and has wide utility in the field of planning and research activities. The 19th Livestock Census was conducted in the year 2012 with the participation of all States and Union Territories. The census covered all villages and towns/ wards in the country. The data of 19th Livestock Census was compiled at the Central level by setting up data entry centers at selected States considering the volume of work. The data validation processes were also carried out extensively with the help of State Governments and the error free data are made available for its use in the current year.

The 19th Livestock Census shows an overall decline of 3.33% in the total livestock population as compared to the previous census of 2007. However, some states such as Gujarat (15.36%), Uttar Pradesh (14.01%), Assam (10.77%), Punjab (9.57%) Bihar (8.56%), Sikkim (7.96%), Meghalaya (7.41%), and Chhattisgarh (4.34%) have shown an increase in their total livestock population.

The number of *milch* animals (in-milk and dry), cows and buffaloes, has increased from 111.09 million to 118.59 million, an increase of 6.75%.

The number of 'animals in-milk' has increased from 77.04 million to 80.52 million showing an increase of 4.51%.

The Female Cattle (Cows) Population has increased by 6.52% over the previous census (2007) and the total number of female cattle in 2012 is 122.9 million numbers. The Female Buffalo population has also increased by 7.99% over the previous census and the total number of female buffalo is 92.5 million numbers in 2012.

Further, the exotic/crossbred milch cattle increased from 14.4 million to 19.42 million, showing an increase of 34.78% whereas the indigenous milch cattle increased from 48.04 million to 48.12 million, an increase of 0.17%. The milch buffaloes increased from 48.64 million to 51.05 million with an increase of 4.95% over previous census.

Poultry sector has also shown a healthy increase by 12.39% over the previous census and the total poultry in the country was 729.2 million numbers in 2012.
