

MAIN FINDINGS

Livestock Census 2006 revealed that during the reference period there were 29.56 million cattle, 27.33 million buffaloes, 26.49 million sheep and 53.79 million goats in Pakistan. Besides that there were 0.92 million camels, 0.34 million horses, 0.16 million mules and 4.27 million asses. The province-wise distribution of animals is given as below:-

LIVESTOCK POPULATION AS PER LIVESTOCK CENSUS 2006

Country / Province	Cattle	Buffaloes	Sheep	Goats	Camels	Horses	Mules	Asses
In Million								
Pakistan	29.56	27.33	26.49	53.79	0.92	0.34	0.16	4.27
Per Cent Distribution								
NWFP	20	7	13	18	7	22	43	13
Punjab	49	65	24	37	22	47	41	52
Sindh	23	27	15	23	30	13	12	24
Balochistan	8	1	48	22	41	18	4	11

The table shows that cattle happened to be the dominant animal among large ruminants while goat was dominant among small ruminants in the country. Among the draft / traction animals, the population of asses was reportedly far ahead of other types of animals. The population of livestock varied by province however in the inter-provincial comparison the number of cattle, buffaloes, goats, horses and asses exceeded in the Punjab while of sheep and camels in Balochistan and of mules in the NWFP. A comparison of the Livestock Censuses of 1996 and 2006 is given as under:-

Cattle

The cattle population had increased by 44.7 per cent from 20.4 million in 1996 to 29.6 million in 2006. The break-up with regard to bullocks and cows, 3 years of age and above, and youngstock below 3 years of age is depicted in the table given on next page:-

**COMPARISON OF THE CATTLE POPULATION AS REPORTED
IN 1996 AND 2006 LIVESTOCK CENSUSES**

Cattle	Livestock Census		% Variation
	1996	2006	
Total	20,424,458	29,558,812	(+) 44.7
Bullocks (3 years & above)	3,669,885	4,146,859	(+) 13.0
Cows (3 years & above)	10,020,935	15,156,583	(+) 51.2
In-milk Cows	6,326,144	8,720,361	(+) 37.8
Youngstock (below 3 years)	6,733,642	10,255,372	(+) 52.3
Male	3,568,181	5,374,016	(+) 50.6
Female	3,165,461	4,881,356	(+) 54.2

The population of bullocks, 3 years and above age, had increased by 13.0 per cent from 1996 to 2006 period, whereas the population of cows, 3 years and above age, increased by 51.2 per cent, of in-milk cows by 37.8 per cent and of youngstock by 52.3 per cent.

Buffaloes

According to the Livestock Census 2006, the population of buffaloes stood at 27.3 million at the country level which was 34.8 per cent higher than that of 1996 Livestock Census. Further break-up of the animals have been given in the following table:-

**COMPARISON OF THE BUFFALOES POPULATION AS REPORTED
IN 1996 AND 2006 LIVESTOCK CENSUSES**

Buffaloes	Livestock Census		% Variation
	1996	2006	
Total	20,272,873	27,334,985	(+) 34.8
Male Buffaloes (3 years & above)	360,855	609,956	(+) 69.0
Female Buffaloes (3 years & above)	12,211,116	15,562,548	(+) 27.4
In-milk Buffaloes	7,809,518	10,222,233	(+) 30.9
Youngstock (below 3 years)	7,700,894	11,162,485	(+) 45.0
Male	3,286,239	4,705,721	(+) 43.2
Female	4,414,655	6,456,764	(+) 46.3

The male buffaloes, 3 years and above age, had reportedly increased by 69.0 per cent, the female buffaloes, 3 years and above age, by 27.4 per cent, in-milk buffaloes by 30.9 per cent and the youngstock by 45.0 per cent during the period from 1996 to 2006.

Sheep

As shown in the table below, the population of sheep according to Livestock Census 2006 stood at 26.5 million in Pakistan which was 12.5 per cent higher as compared to that of Livestock Census 1996.

COMPARISON OF THE SHEEP POPULATION AS REPORTED IN 1996 AND 2006 LIVESTOCK CENSUSES

Sheep	Livestock Census		% Variation
	1996	2006	
Total	23,543,973	26,487,741	(+) 12.5
Male Sheep	3,410,993	4,364,563	(+) 28.0
Female Sheep	13,290,153	13,755,025	(+) 03.5
Youngstock	6,842,827	8,368,155	(+) 22.3

Similarly, the male sheep in 2006 Livestock Census was higher by 28.0 per cent, female sheep by 3.5 per cent and youngstock by 22.3 per cent in comparison with 1996 Livestock Census.

Goats

Table given below shows, the comparison of goats in Pakistan as ascertained through Livestock Censuses of 2006 and 1996.

COMPARISON OF THE GOATS POPULATION AS REPORTED IN 1996 AND 2006 LIVESTOCK CENSUSES

Goats	Livestock Census		% Variation
	1996	2006	
Total	41,169,309	53,786,988	(+) 30.6
Male Goat	5,217,345	6,616,711	(+) 26.8
Female Goat	22,357,285	31,171,164	(+) 39.4
Youngstock	13,594,679	15,999,121	(+) 17.7

It is evident from the table that the population of goats had increased by 30.6 per cent during the inter-census period. Where as the population of male goats observed an increase by 26.8 per cent, female goats by 39.4 per cent and youngstock by 17.7 per cent during this period.

Draft Animals

The Livestock Census 2006 in comparison with that of Livestock Census 1996 is given in the table below:-

COMPARISON OF THE DRAFT ANIMALS AS REPORTED IN 1996 AND 2006 LIVESTOCK CENSUSES

Draft Animal	Livestock Census		% Variation
	1996	2006	
Camels	815,290	920,868	(+) 13.0
Horses	333,944	344,253	(+) 03.1
Mules	131,848	155,698	(+) 18.1
Asses	3,559,011	4,268,472	(+) 19.9

Table shows that population of camels had gone up by 13.0 per cent from 0.82 million in 1996 to 0.92 million in 2006 while the number of horses had increased by 3.1 per cent from 0.33 million in 1996 to 0.34 million in 2006. Similarly, the mules population increased by 18.1 per cent in 2006 over 1996 from 0.13 million to 0.16 million while the number of asses had increased by 19.9 per cent during the inter-census period from 3.56 million in 1996 to 4.27 million in 2006.