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ROMANIAN PIG FARMING IN TERMS OF BUSINESSES PERFORMANCE

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Abstract: *The Romanian people have a rich history in terms of agriculture and animal husbandry. Various documentary sources provide information on the existence of pigs in the Romanian space, both in terms of food economy, as well as in fairy tales, beliefs, popular customs and religious representations. Pig breeding aims to produce meat and fat and presents a series of advantages (relatively short development cycle, high prolificacy, pigs have a varied diet, they make very good use of concentrated feed, high yield at slaughter, by-products resulting from slaughter can be used, low housing requirements, ensuring income through capitalization). Pig breeding has presented and presents great economic importance, proving to be one of the most profitable branches of the zootechnical sector.*

• Introduction

The transition of humans from the "status" of nomads to that of farmers occurred about 10,000 years ago, with the domestication of plant and animal species, when most of their time was spent sowing, maintaining crops and herding animals.

With the Agricultural Revolution, the population experienced rapid growth due to the increase in the amount of food available to humans. In addition to plants, domesticated animals were the ones that provided food for humans, and were a source of leather, fur, wool, being used for traction and even guarding households. Even though in agricultural societies, animal husbandry was a secondary activity alongside plant cultivation, in some places societies based on the exploitation of animals emerged.

As humans spread around the world, so did the animals they raised. If about 10,000 years ago, several million sheep, cattle, goats and chickens were found in limited areas of the world, today the number of sheep is approaching one billion heads, pigs number one billion, and cattle exceed one billion.

• Material and method

Based on desk research, this article analyzes the main financial performance indicators for the pig farming sector in Romania.

• Results and discussions

In Romania, the growth registered by companies active in the field of pig farming is constant.

In 2023, 481 companies were registered whose business is pig farming, with a total number of 2,579 employees, 510,429,168 euros in net turnover and 37,203,496 euros in net profit. Compared to 2022, the turnover registered an increase of 15.10%.

Pig farming is concentrated in some counties of Romania. In counties such as Vrancea Neamț, Brașov, Teleorman, Vâlcea, Hunedoara and Bihor, there are companies that register the highest turnovers at the national level.

• Conclusions

Pig farming is a complex agricultural activity with significant economic and social implications.

Pig farming requires a careful and responsible approach that takes into account many aspects, from genetics and nutrition to animal health and environmental impact.

Efficient production management and adaptation to market changes are essential for business success and a positive contribution to the economy.