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Cattle sector: challenges and perspectives in Central and Eastern Europe

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Overview of presentation

- **Farm structure in Central and Eastern European Countries**
- **Number and productivity of cows**
- **Milk Quota**
- **Input Cost**
- **Consumption**
- **Perspectives**



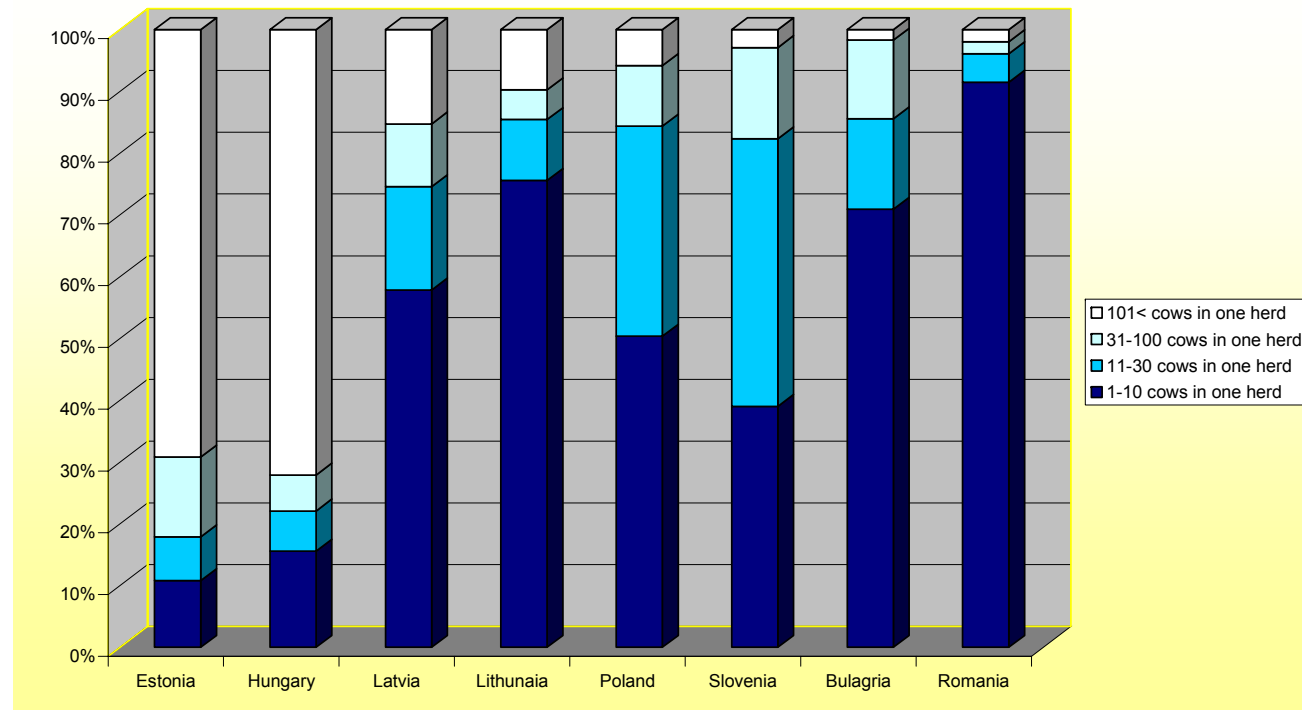
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Farm structure in Central and Eastern European Countries

- the majority of the farms are very small, keeping 1-2 cows
- predominantly semi-subsistence dairy farms
- the fusion of the very small dairy farms has been observed

Dairy farm structure in some CEE countries



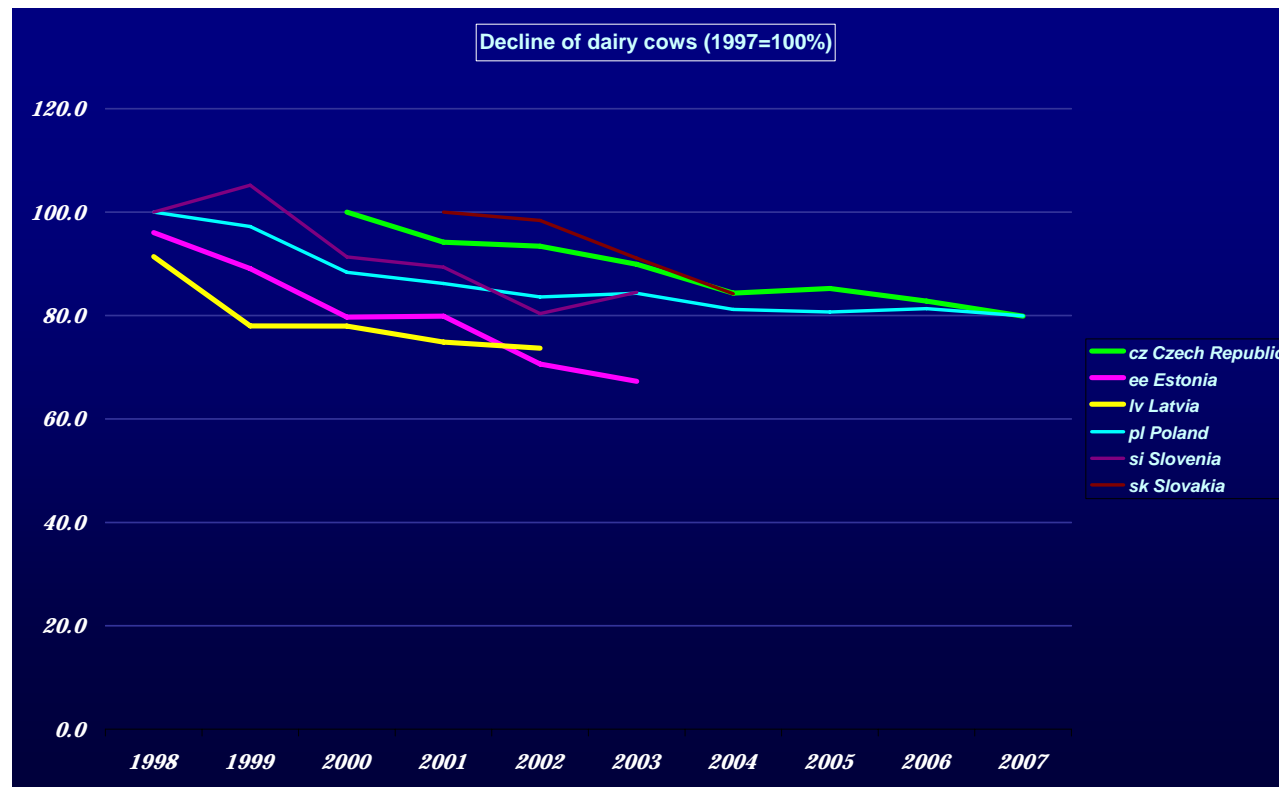
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Number and productivity of cows

The number of herds and dairy cattle has declined over the past decade in the majority of CEEC

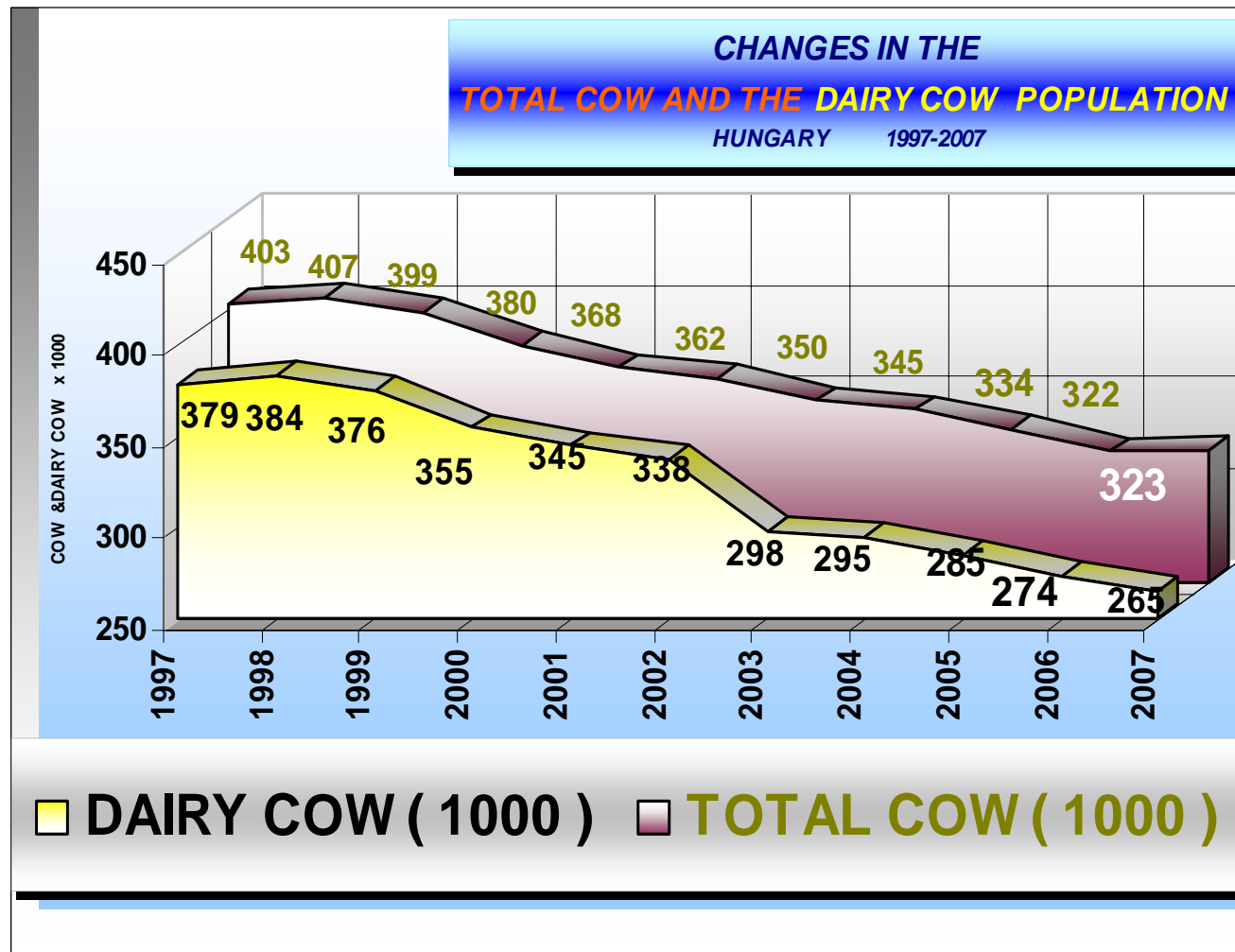


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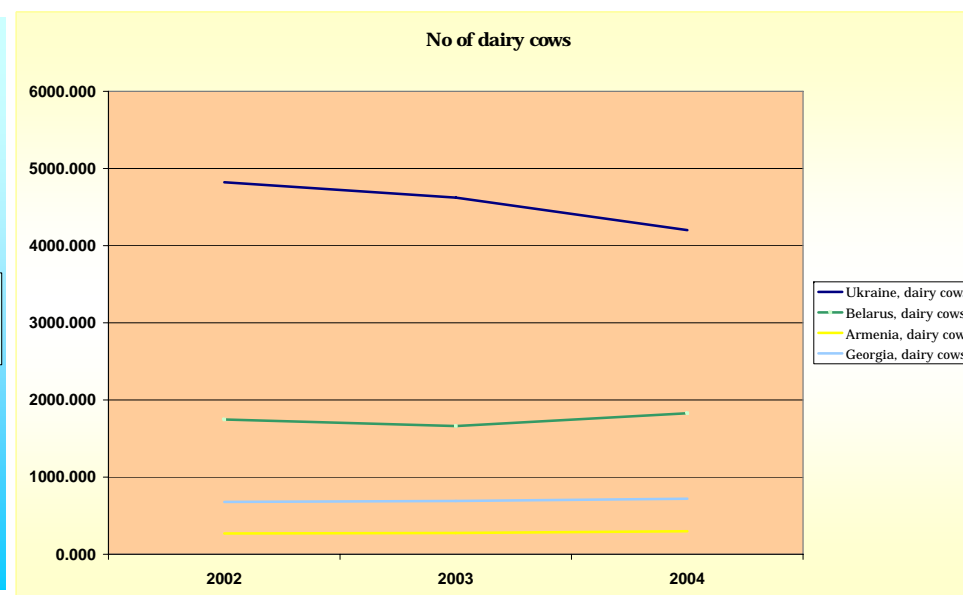
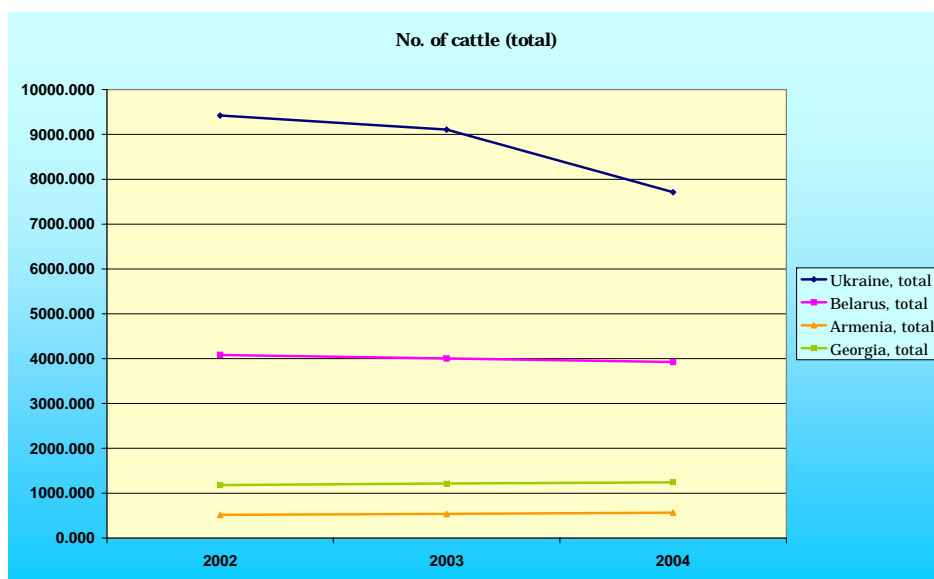
Number of cow and dairy cow in Hungary



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Trends in Cattle Sector in some of CIS countries



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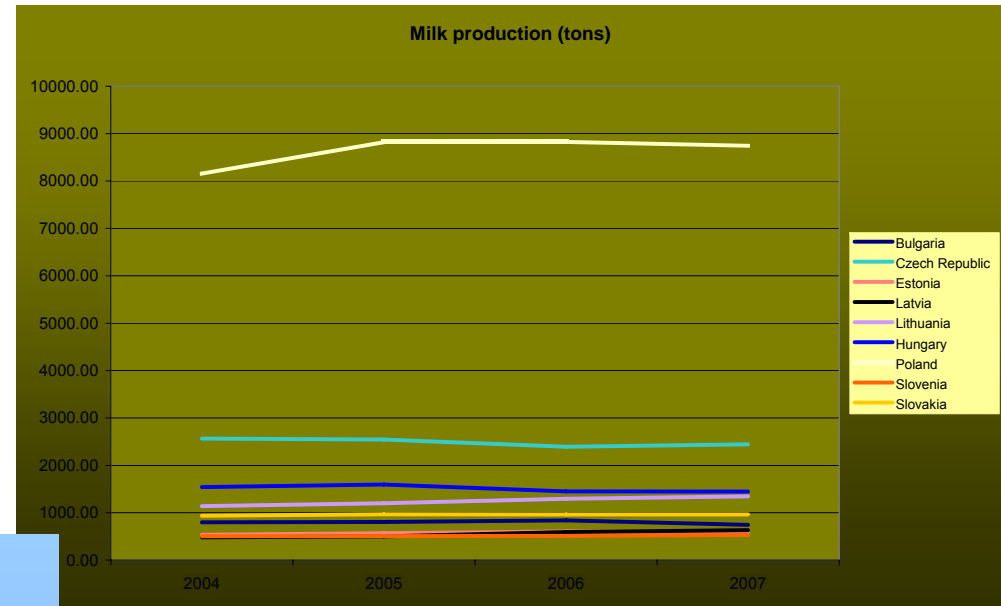
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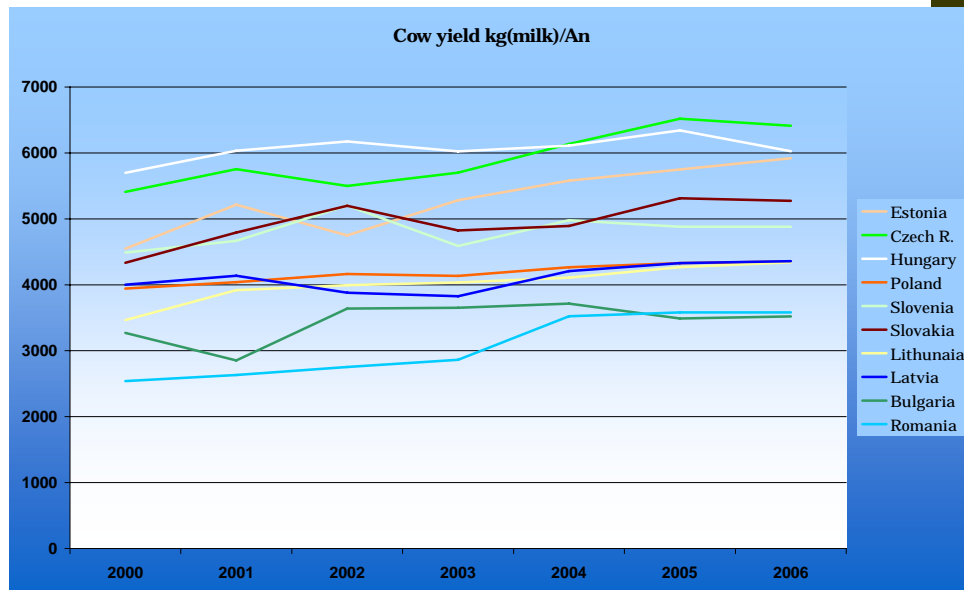
Number and productivity of cows

While the number of dairy cattle shows a permanent decline ***the milk production remained quite stable***

(Source: Eurostat)



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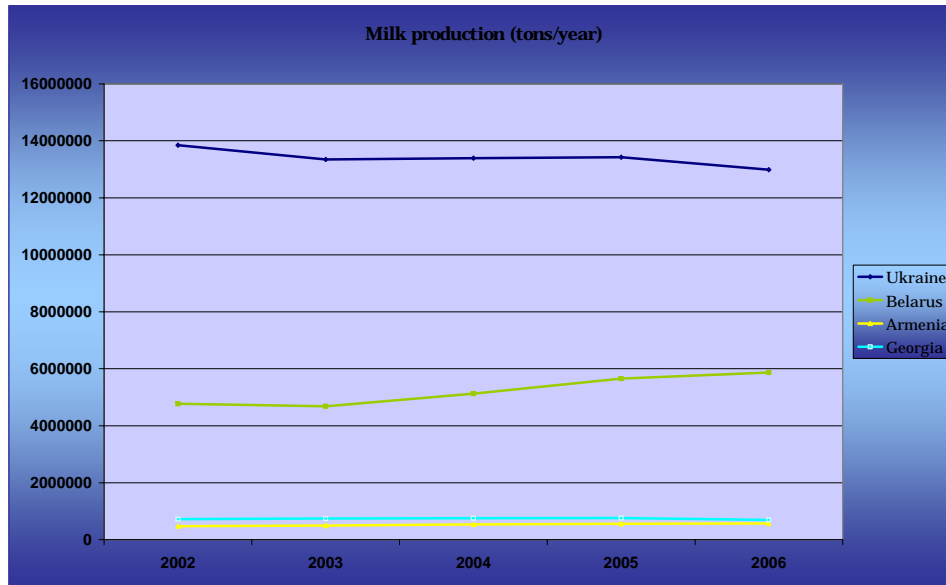
As a result of the ***increased yield of dairy cows***



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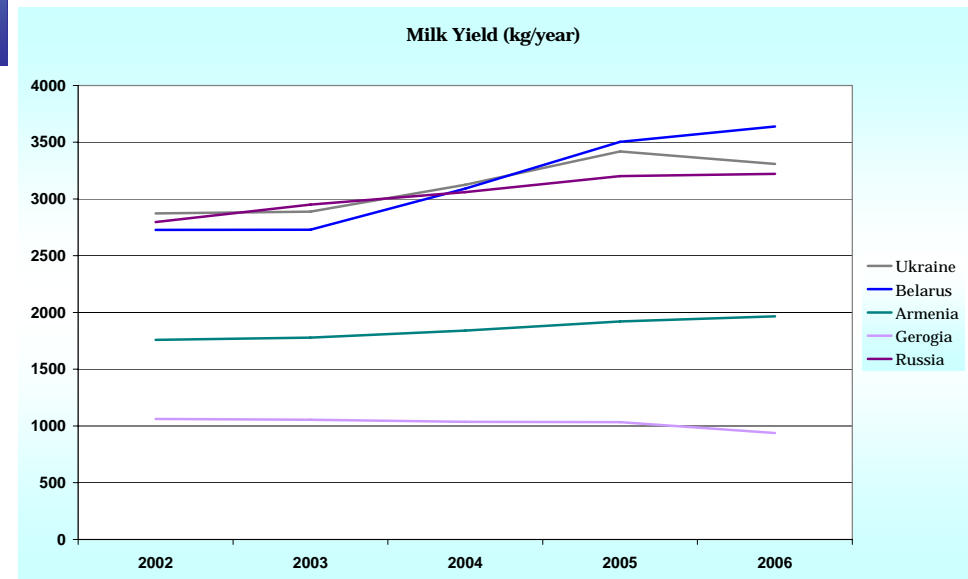
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Milk production and productivity of cows in CIS countries



(Source: FAOSTAT)

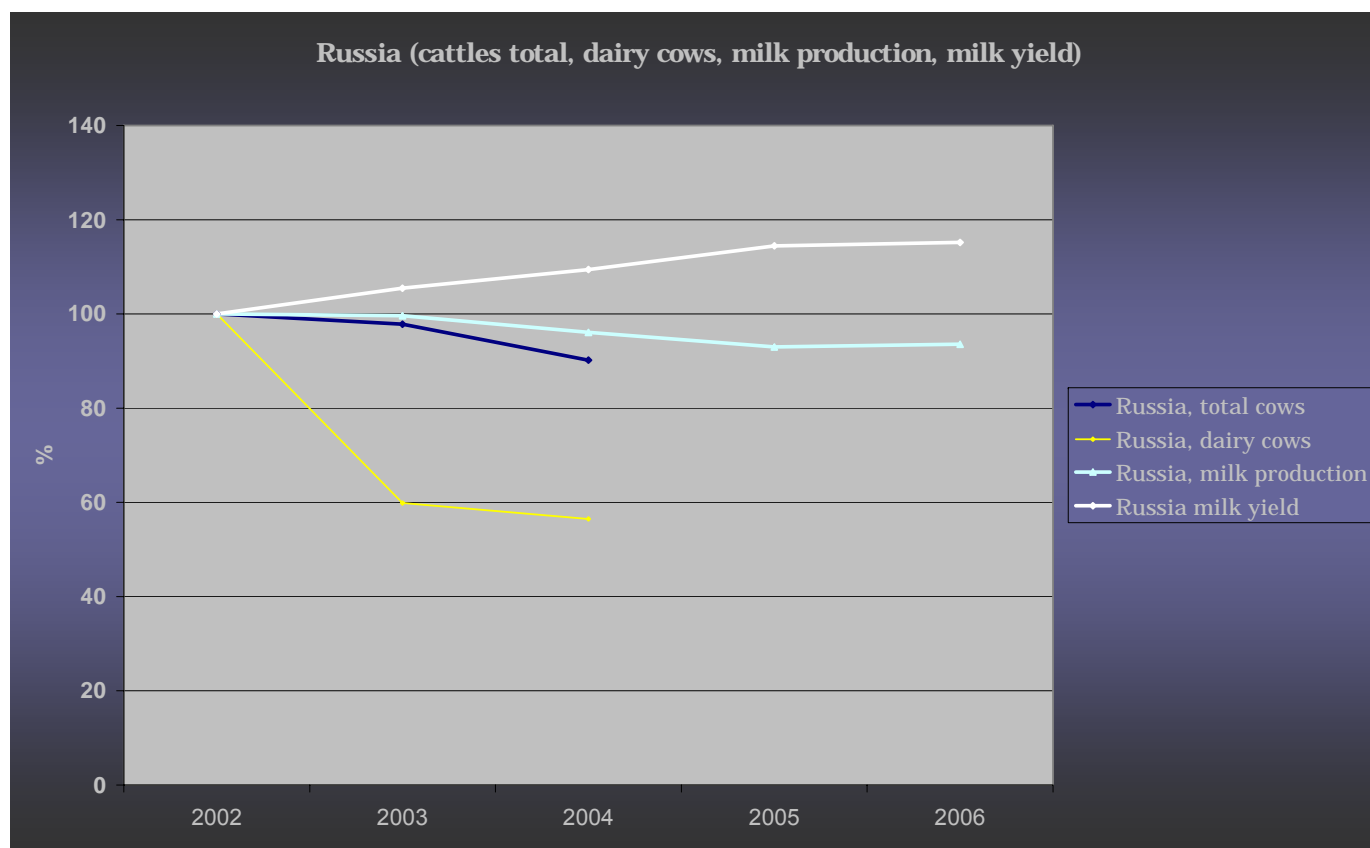
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Trends in Cattle Sector in the Russian Federation

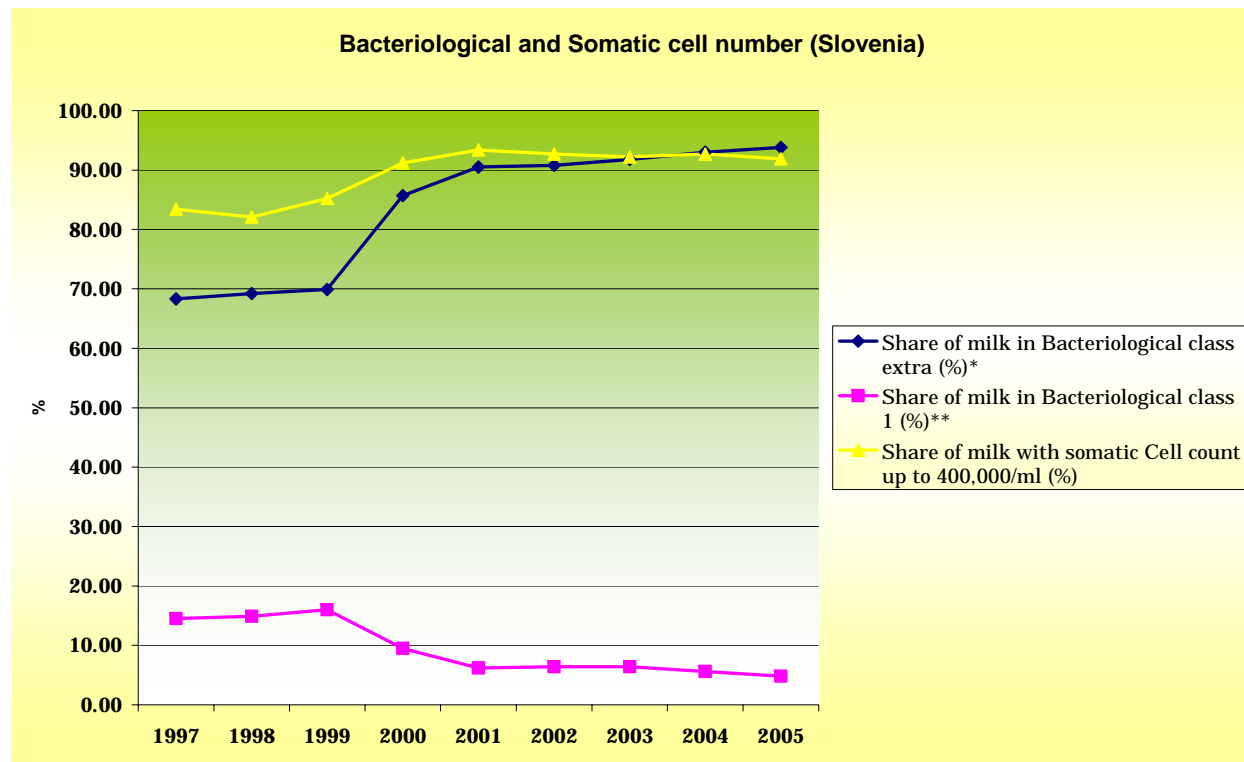


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The EU standards - the quality of milk

Adjusting to the EU standards the quality of milk has improved considerably in most of the new EU member states



(Source: Eurostat)

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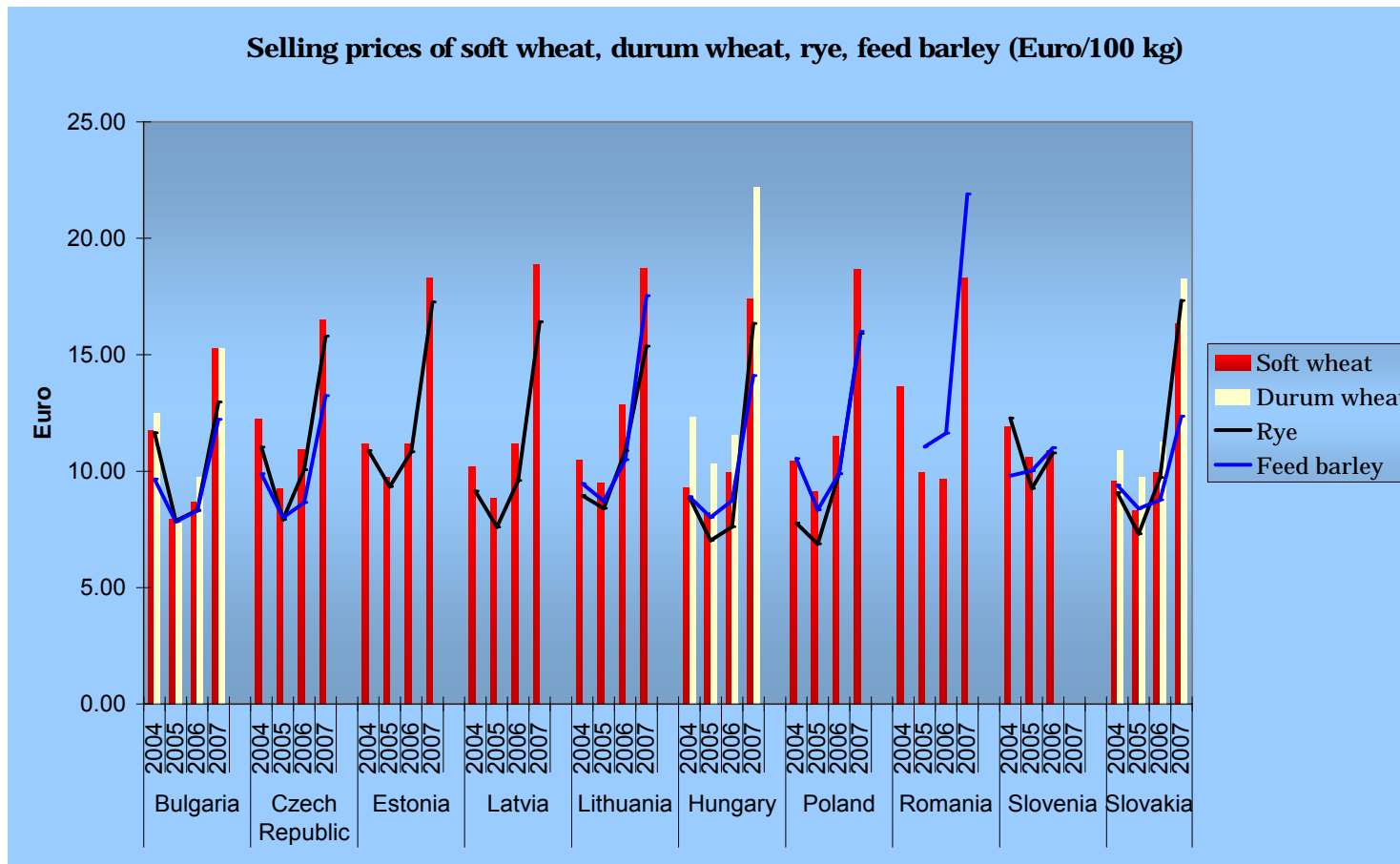
Milk Quota

The level of obtained quotas is regarded as low, as they already were exceeded in the season 2004/2005 in Poland and in the season 2005/2006 in Czech Republic

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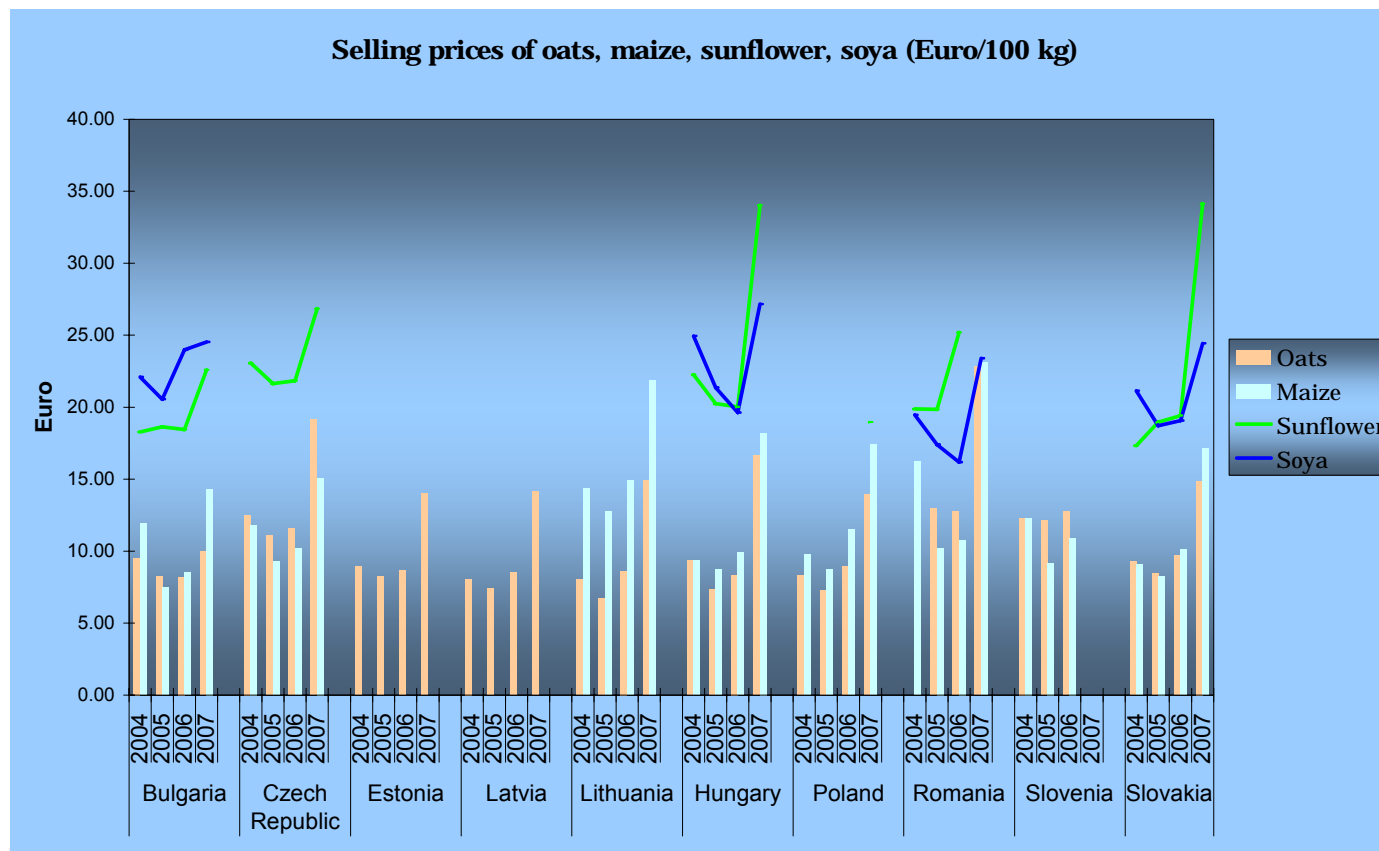
Input Prices – Cost of Feeds



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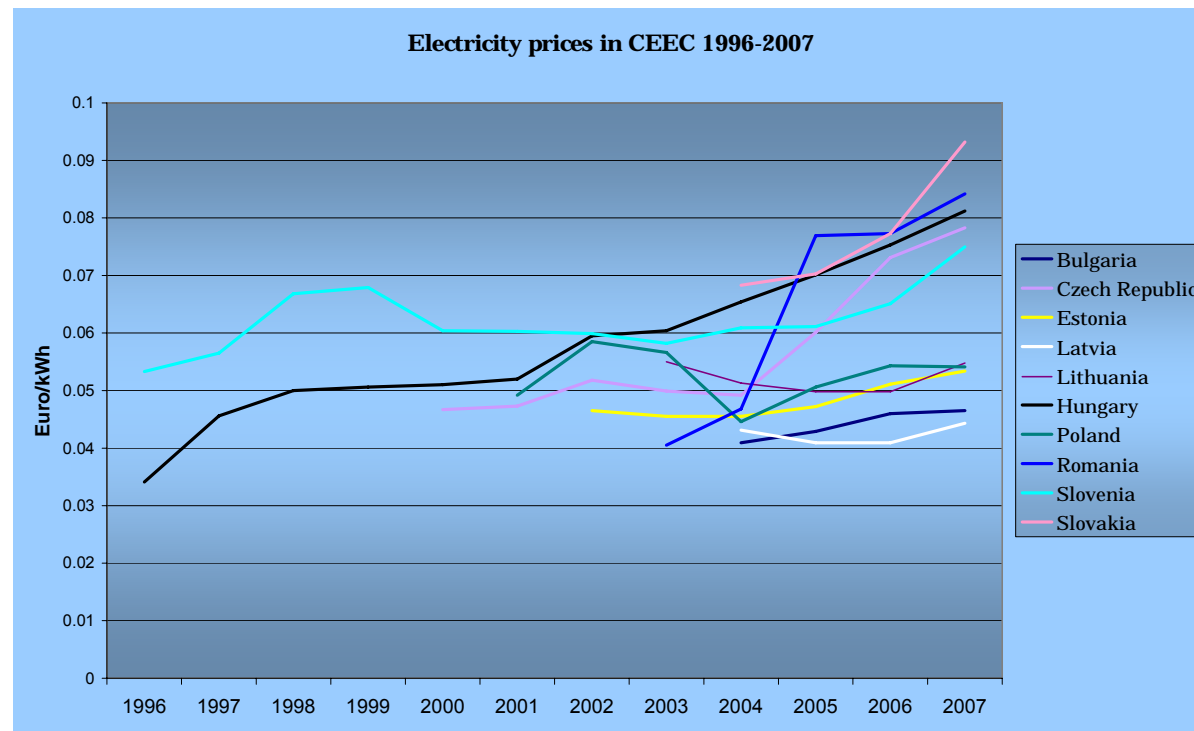
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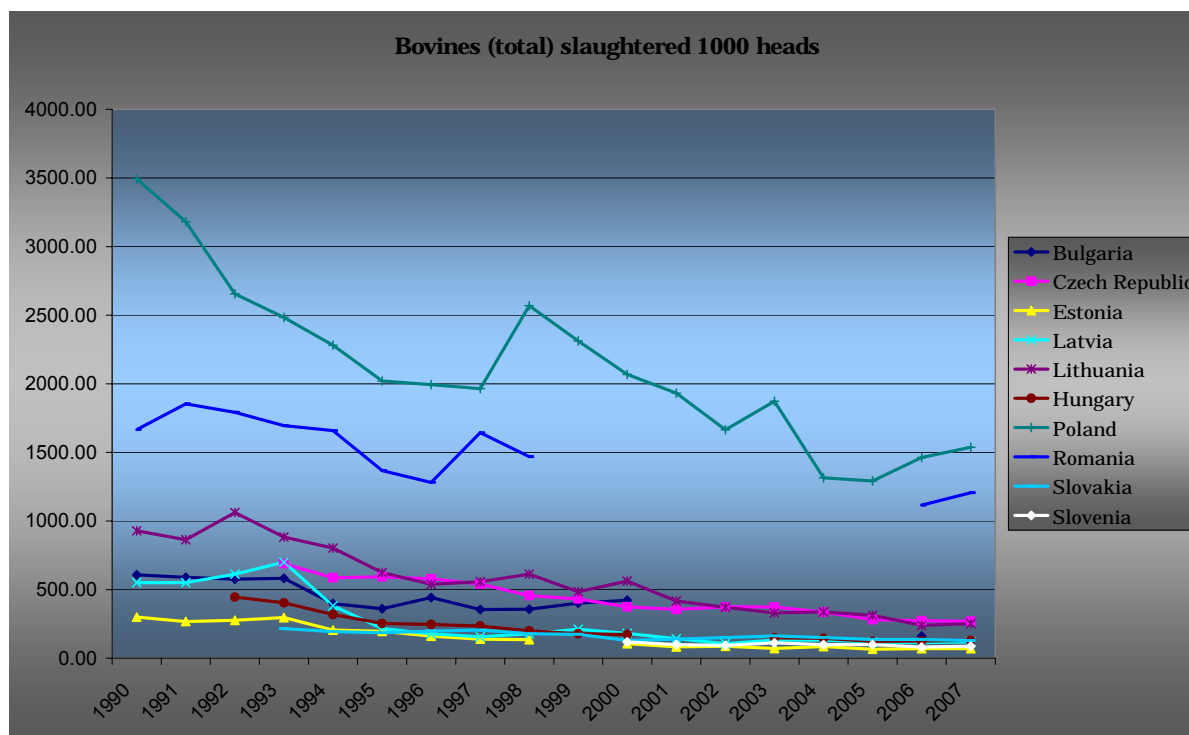
Input Prices – Cost of Electricity



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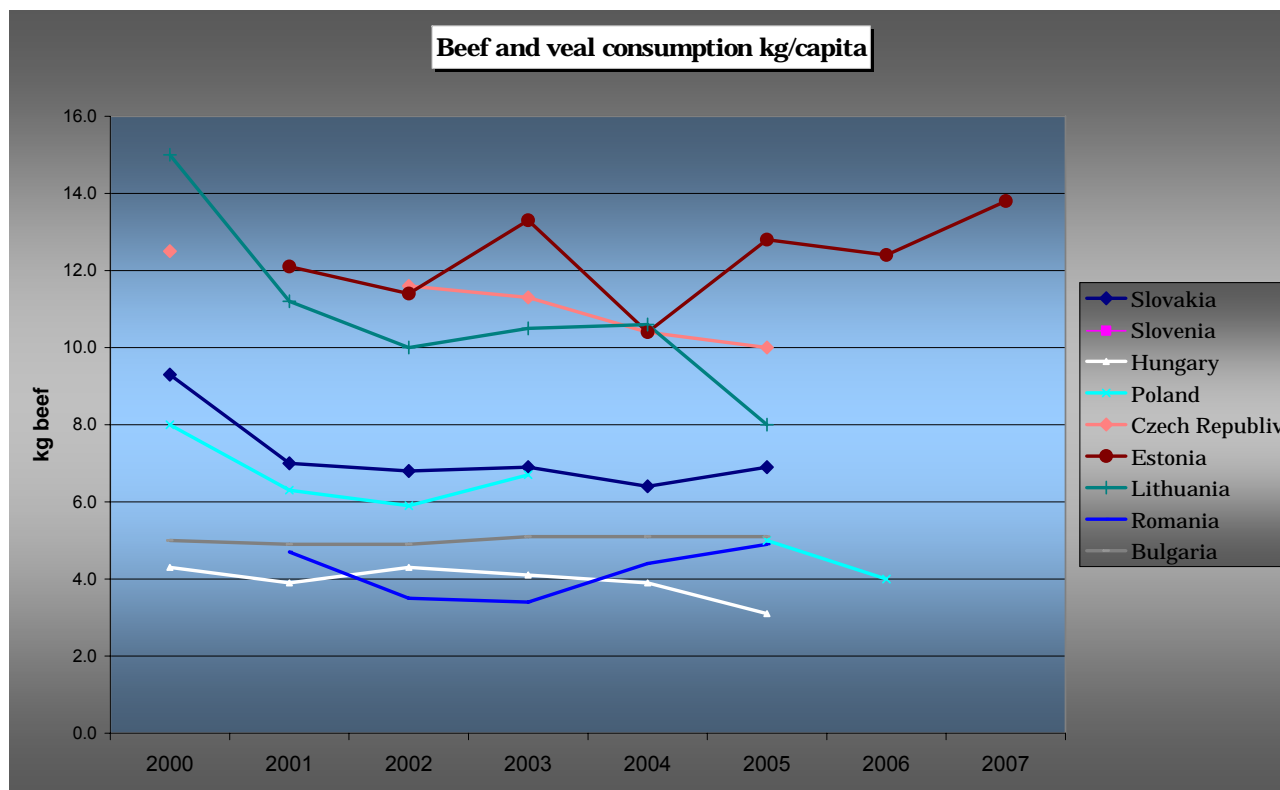
Beef Sector



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Beef and veal consumption



Red meat consumption
(including beef)
has declined

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Perspectives of cattle sector in CEE

- restructuring and intensifying milk and beef production and processing
- modernization and consolidation of farms
- specialization in beef or milk production
- improving meat and milk quality and product traceability



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Perspectives of cattle sector in CEE

- developing and implementing breeding policies and programmes that fully exploit the genetic potential within the region
- promoting national trademarks and exploiting niche markets for local or special products
- promotion of production of organic milk and meat



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