

LIVESTOCK MARKETS:IMPACT OF DATABANKS THE PORTUGUESE EXPERIENCE



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LIVESTOCK MARKETS:

Rates Market

- We don't represent all the Portuguese Market's;
- Only cattle (in the near future also horses)
- We don't have any experience with sheep

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Rates Market

- Weekly market: mondays and tuesdays, on both days the market runs the entire day,
- Indoor market,
- The majority of animals are Holstein\Frisian dairy cows,
- Furthermore there are bulls, calves of different ages and cows of regional breeds (around 800 in total, each market)

LIVESTOCK MARKETS: Rates Market

2008	31.855
2009	37.056
2010	36.224

Table 1:total cattle transactions in 2008,2009,2010

ELECTRONIC AND INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION

- Portugal: electronic identification is being introduced in sheep;
- We will introduce the electronic identification in cattle when the EU legislation expressly requests it.
- At this moment, all the Portuguese cattle are identified:
 - two ear tags with the individual number,
 - have a passport with :
 - Individual number
 - Breed and color
 - Birth date
 - Genealogy

DATABANKS

The Portuguese databank is SNIRA,ie, :
Animal Identification and Registration National
System

SNIRA records all the animal's movements:

- Birth date
- Death date
- Movements trough farms\markets\
slaughterhouses

SNIRA

- Established in 1999;
- Apart National authorities, the access is granted to slaughterhouses, farmers organizations with active protocol to exercise this kind of services to Confederations (Breed associations, cooperatives among others)

PISA.NET

- PISA.net is the system adopted by the Portuguese government concerning animal health, in 1990
- PISA main goal is to aggregate and made available all the information already treated and actualized for each individual or authorized organization, according is own function and authorization levels, all this in a central bank.
- Works with 5,5 milions of animals:
 - 1,5 milions of cattle
 - 4 milions of sheep

INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE IMPROVEMENTS

We don't have experience of electronic identification in cattle, but:

- interesting and very useful, if it's possible for all the elements involved in the cattle trade to access it,
- In this perspective, it will be an opportunity to :
 - improve the EU livestock markets,
 - more efficiently control of the cattle movements
- We think the passport and the ear tags shouldn't be replaced by the databases,
- perhaps they can continue as a complement for it.



Thank you very much for your attention

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