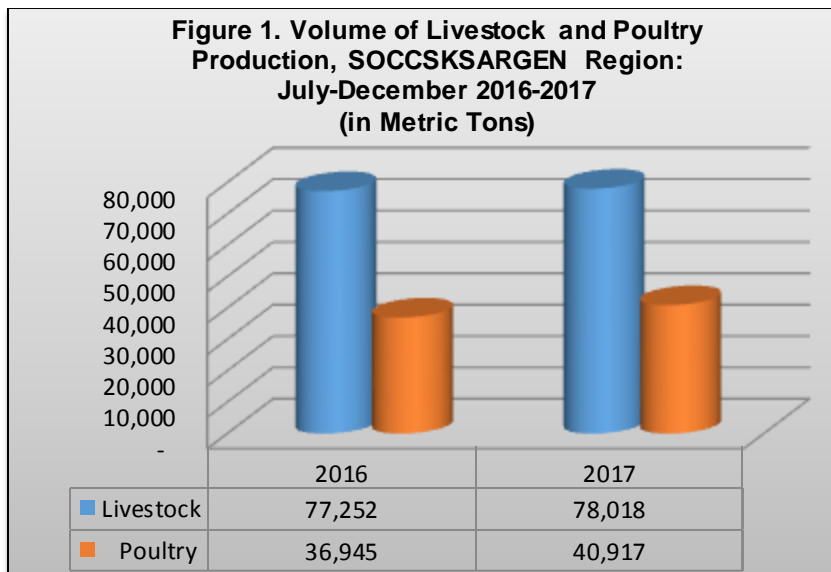




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Total Livestock and Poultry Production in SOCCSKSARGEN Region Up by 4.1 percent in the 2nd Semester of 2017

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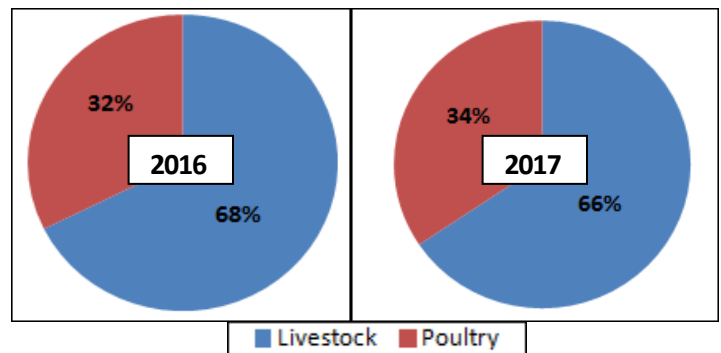
Livestock are domesticated animals raised in an agricultural setting to produce labor and commodities such as meat, eggs, milk, fur, leather, and wool.

Total livestock and poultry production in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region increased by 4.0 percent during the second semester of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016.

Livestock output was bulk of the region's total livestock and poultry production in the second half of 2017

Livestock production accounted for the biggest share in the total livestock and poultry production in the region. In the second semester of 2017, it has a share of 65.6 percent or lower by 2.0 percentage points compared to the 67.6 percent recorded on the second half of 2016 but this was still double that of the share of the poultry output .

Figure 2. Distribution of Livestock and Poultry Production, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: July-December 2016-2017





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Livestock production in July-December 2017 went up by 1.0 percent compared to the same review period in 2016. Of the 78,018 metric tons of livestock production in the 2nd semester of 2017, about 79.5 percent of the production output was that of hogs. This was followed by cattle (10.9%), carabao (5.8%) and goat (3.8%). At 4.27 percent, only hog production recorded a positive growth rate; production of other livestock fell during the period.

The decreased in carabao production was due to lesser mature animals in the beginning inventory that were disposable. Dwindling population of cattle in commercial farms caused the decrease in the production of cattle on the second semester of 2017.

Table 1. Livestock Production, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: July-December 2016-2017

Sector	Production (in MT)		Growth rate (%)
	2016	2017	
Livestock	77,252	78,018	1.0
Carabao	4,985	4,545	(8.8)
Cattle	9,587	8,523	(11.1)
Hog	59,478	62,017	4.3
Goat	3,202	2,933	(8.4)

Table 2. Livestock Production by Animal Type & Province, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: July-December 2016-2017

Province	Production in Metric Tons			
	Carabao		Cattle	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
Sarangani	745.55	555.75	376.68	562.9
South Cotabato	1,537.20	1,750.32	4,659.67	3,835.01
Sultan Kudarat	1,051.90	880.79	1,469.95	1,329.10
North Cotabato	1,650.06	1,358.63	3,081.06	2,795.71
Province	Goat		Hog	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
	Sarangani	319.38	322.53	5,261
South Cotabato	630.89	596.71	30,274	33,700
Sultan Kudarat	662.02	623.94	9,136	8,074
North Cotabato	1,590.00	1,390.06	14,807	14,902

Among the provinces in the region, South Cotabato recorded the highest carabao production at 1,750.32 metric tons in the second semester of 2017. It was 13.9 percent higher compared to the same period the previous year.

Sarangani's cattle production grew the highest at 49.4 percent while South Cotabato posted the highest decrease at 17.7 percent .

North Cotabato had the highest goat production in 2017 despite a drop of 12.6 percent. Sarangani posted a minimal gain of 1.0 percent.

At 33,700 metric tons, South Cotabato had the highest hog output in 2017, up by 11.3 percent compared to the 30,274 metric tons recorded in 2016.

Figure 3. Volume of Poultry Production, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: July-December, 2016-2017 (in Metric Tons)

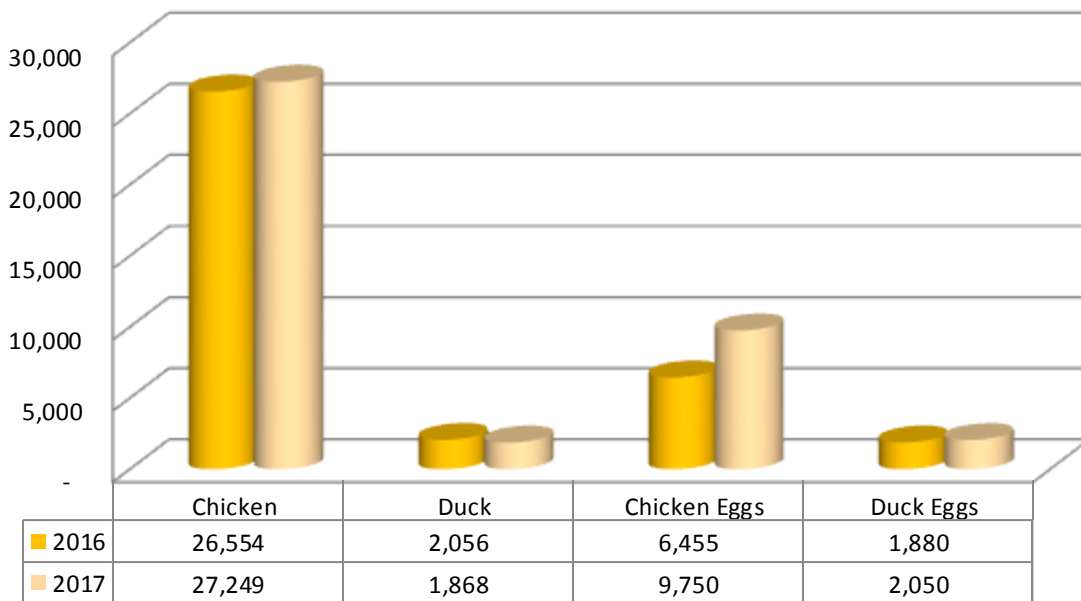


Table 3. Poultry Production by Province, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: July-December 2016-2017

Only two (2) provinces recorded positive growths in chicken production during the second half of 2017. North Cotabato posted the highest chicken output at 4,368 metric tons or about 27.2 percent higher compared to the same period in 2016. South Cotabato was the leading producer of chicken in the region with a share of 70.8 percent in the second semester of 2017. Sarangani also recorded double digit growths at 14.3 percent.

Subsector	Production in MT		Growth rate (%)
	2016	2017	
Chicken	26,555	27,248	2.61
Sarangani	2,043	2,336	14.34
South Cotabato	19,811	19,294	(2.61)
Sultan Kudarat	1,267	1,250	(1.35)
North Cotabato	3,434	4,368	27.22
Chicken Egg	6,455	9,751	51.07
Sarangani	142.78	141.72	(0.74)
South Cotabato	4,388.52	7,597.18	73.11
Sultan Kudarat	570.62	389.58	(31.73)
North Cotabato	1,352.62	1,622.14	19.93

Among the subsectors of poultry, only the duck production went down by 9.1 percent. Chicken eggs production went up by 51.1 percent to reach 9.75 thousand metric tons in 2017. Chicken production slightly went up by 2.6 percent while duck egg production increased by 9.0 percent.



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The biggest producer of chicken eggs in the region is South Cotabato. In the second semester of 2017, the province produced 7,597.18 metric tons of chicken eggs accounting for more than three-fourths of the chicken eggs in the region during the period. Eggs production in the province increased by 73.1 percent in the second half of 2017. North Cotabato, the only other province in the region which posted a 19.9 percent increase in chicken eggs output.

Table 4. Poultry Production by Province, SOCCSKSARGEN Region July-December 2016-2017

Subsector	Production in MT		Growth rate (%)
	2016	2017	
Duck	2,056	1,868	(9.14)
Sarangani	46	63	36.51
South Cotabato	745	683	(8.29)
Sultan Kudarat	644	518	(19.59)
North Cotabato	621	604	(2.71)
Duck Egg	1,880	2,050	9.07
Sarangani	12.70	21.65	70.47
South Cotabato	515.46	512.71	(0.53)
Sultan Kudarat	792.94	875.28	10.38
North Cotabato	558.77	640.77	14.68

Sarangani posted the highest growth rate in both duck and duck egg production in the second semester of 2017 at 36.5 percent and 70.5 percent, respectively.

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