

The Office of Rural Affairs of the Consell de Formentera reports that islanders with livestock must file their mandatory declaration for the livestock census by 28 February. Whether producing for profit or self-consumption, all livestock farmers on Formentera must renew their livestock cards (*cartilles ramaderes*).

"The goal is to plan and guarantee application of appropriate sanitary controls for production animals", said Josep Marí, rural affairs councillor. This includes pigs, sheep, goats, horses and all poultry, including chickens, turkeys and pigeons.

Livestock cards can be renewed at the Office of Rural Affairs (*àrea de Medi Rural*) in Centre Antoni Tur "Gabrielet" between 9.00am and 2.00pm, Monday through Friday. Farmers must bring their *Llib re de Registre d'Explotació* with details of breeding animals and animal movement.

In 2022 the Consell offered aid to farmers keeping sheep or goats "to ensure the economic viability of these farms and reduce the risk of abandonment", explained Councillor Marí. Farmers received €50 per eligible animal, including female sheep and goats kept as breeding stock, with the Consell disbursing a total of €13,950 in aid. Farmers can only receive this assistance if they have completed the livestock census declaration.

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