

12 DAYS of CHRISTMAS in EUROPE

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1 Partridge in a Pear Tree



Croatia has 10,000 pairs of partridges.
Italy is the 2nd -largest pear producer in the world, at 926,000 metric tons annually.



The population of turtle doves in the UK is 28,000 and declining.

2 Turtle Doves



3 French Hens



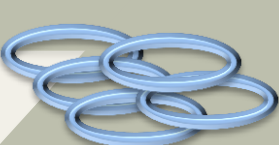
57,000 tons of eggs are exported annually from France.

Flocks of 80-100 ring-necked parakeets are found in coastal Greece.



4 Calling Birds

5 Golden Rings



Germany exports \$7.4 billion in gold annually.



There is a population of at least 22,000 Grelag Geese in Norway.

6 Geese-a-Laying

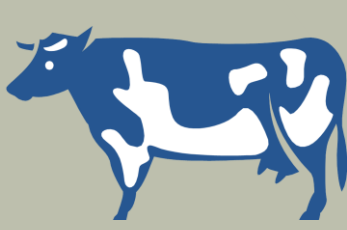


7 Swans-a-Swimming

Poland is home to 4000 pairs of Mute Swans.



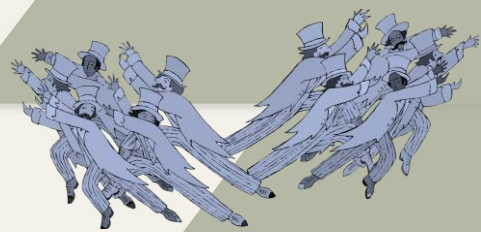
The Netherlands exported €5.9 billion of dairy products to 135 countries.



8 Maids-a-Milking

9 Ladies Dancing

Tickets to see "Riverdance" at the Gaiety Theatre in Dublin, Ireland cost €47.50 each.



In 1975, Spain stripped 10 lords (Dons) of their noble titles.



10 Lords-a-Leaping

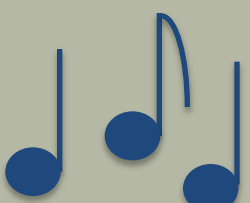


Hiring a bagpiper for an event in Glasgow, Scotland costs £360. 11 bagpipers cost £3960.

11 Pipers Piping



12 Drummers Drumming



In 2014, Brussels allowed for the importation of portable musical instruments without customs formalities.



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