



LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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DECEMBER KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
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Cattle	536.9	604.8	625.7
Calves	36.3	92.6	89.1
Sheep	1 215.2	1 164.8	1 095.7
Lambs	1 403.8	1 424.0	1 389.8
Pigs	444.1	411.9	410.2

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	138 030	154 652	162 123
Veal	1 716	2 999	2 939
Mutton	26 365	24 959	23 363
Lamb	27 173	27 743	27 018
Pig meat	31 054	30 144	29 740

DECEMBER KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of pigs slaughtered in December 1999 was 410,200, which was the eleventh consecutive monthly decrease.

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents statistics on livestock slaughterings and meat production. These statistics are based on a monthly collection from abattoirs and other major slaughtering establishments. More detailed information on this series can be obtained by contacting the ABS or by referring to the quarterly ABS publication *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0).

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