

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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MAY KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	669.8	654.0	641.7
Calves	81.0	93.9	84.6
Sheep	1 147.4	1 253.8	1 190.3
Lambs	1 235.8	1 282.2	1 259.4
Pigs	447.3	437.5	430.2

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	165 864	161 764	162 070
Veal	2 950	3 213	2 714
Mutton	23 139	26 240	24 759
Lamb	24 282	25 080	24 476
Pig meat	33 285	32 398	31 377

MAY KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the amount of beef produced in May 1999 was 162,000 tonnes, the fifth consecutive monthly decrease.

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents statistics on livestock slaughtering 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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