

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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SEPTEMBER KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	679.9	628.9	653.2
Calves	215.3	99.2	94.9
Sheep	1 130.6	1 158.7	1 209.0
Lambs	1 468.3	1 283.4	1 338.5
Pigs	425.9	413.9	416.4

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	165 534	158 769	161 593
Veal	5 571	3 251	3 292
Mutton	24 105	23 946	25 277
Lamb	28 392	25 181	26 181
Pig meat	30 539	29 314	29 801

SEPTEMBER KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of sheep slaughtered in September 1998 was 1.2 million, the eighth 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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