

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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APRIL KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	543.6	570.4	592.8
Calves	56.7	83.0	94.0
Sheep	1 060.7	1 156.7	1 166.3
Lambs	1 331.3	1 383.7	1 426.7
Pigs	388.2	414.4	422.7

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	141 544	149 663	154 287
Veal	2 150	2 581	2 917
Mutton	21 675	24 041	24 367
Lamb	26 859	27 869	28 482
Pig meat	27 742	29 673	30 505

APRIL KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of lambs slaughtered in April 2000 was 1.4 million, which was the fifth consecutive monthly increase. This was the highest monthly figure since October 1989.

NOTES

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