



# LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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## APRIL KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	647.4	662.3	622.0
Calves	62.0	98.9	93.1
Sheep	1 186.0	1 273.8	1 171.7
Lambs	1 458.2	1 555.3	1 481.0
Pigs	462.4	473.7	464.2

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	168 954	170 292	161 750
Veal	2 431	3 153	2 996
Mutton	23 278	25 811	23 814
Lamb	29 764	31 816	30 129
Pig meat	34 132	35 267	34 091

## APRIL KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- In April 2002, the trend estimate for pig slaughtering rose for the nineteenth consecutive month to a new monthly record of 464,000. Cattle and calves slaughtering continued to increase due mainly to sustained dry weather.

## 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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The May 2002 issue of this data is due for release on 5 July 2002.

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