

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	640.2	642.2
Calves	33.2	98.3	83.6
Sheep	1 250.4	1 273.1	1 367.9
Lambs	1 425.9	1 563.8	1 542.2
Pigs	413.7	406.6	405.8

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	140 701	168 108	169 572
Veal	1 743	3 438	2 967
Mutton	26 922	26 645	28 590
Lamb	27 585	30 755	30 274
Pig meat	29 554	30 793	30 010

DECEMBER KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for lamb production in December 2000 was 30,300 tonnes. This was the fifth 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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