

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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OCTOBER KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
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Cattle	670.1	661.6	659.9
Calves	91.4	84.0	85.7
Sheep	1 526.2	1 418.2	1 508.2
Lambs	1 728.3	1 565.4	1 590.6
Pigs	393.6	413.3	411.9

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	180 541	177 493	176 423
Veal	2 995	3 055	2 981
Mutton	33 198	29 646	32 052
Lamb	33 838	30 885	31 439
Pig meat	28 667	29 704	29 989

OCTOBER KEY POINT**TREND ESTIMATES**

- The trend estimate for beef production in October 2000 was 176,000 tonnes. This was the eighth consecutive monthly increase and the highest monthly figure on record.

NOTES**INTRODUCTION**

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