



# LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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## SEPTEMBER KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	683.7	691.1	689.7
Calves	199.5	105.3	93.3
Sheep	1 355.7	1 462.7	1 389.6
Lambs	1 351.8	1 353.9	1 359.2
Pigs	464.3	478.7	478.7

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	175 813	176 904	177 256
Veal	6 421	4 341	3 448
Mutton	27 408	29 037	27 461
Lamb	25 451	25 492	25 990
Pig meat	34 285	35 533	34 846

## SEPTEMBER KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- In September 2002, the trend estimate for pigs slaughterings rose for the twenty fourth consecutive month to a new monthly record of 479,000. Cattle slaughterings rose for the eighth consecutive month due mainly to sustained dry weather.

## 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).

### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

The October 2002 issue of this data is due for release on 5 December 2002.

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