

# **LIVESTOCK AND MEAT** AUSTRALIA

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## APRIL KEY FIGURES

<b>LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>	<b>Trend estimate</b>
	<b>'000</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>'000</b>
Cattle	632.5	639.1	646.1
Calves	60.8	85.9	81.2
Sheep	1 118.1	1 124.7	1 141.1
Lambs	1 245.3	1 208.2	1 275.5
Pigs	415.9	426.3	419.2

<b>MEAT PRODUCED</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>	<b>Trend estimate</b>
	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>
Beef	158 743	159 572	163 482
Veal	2 330	2 619	2 503
Mutton	22 591	23 191	23 544
Lamb	24 176	23 423	24 552
Pig meat	30 335	30 791	30 105

## APRIL KEY POINT

### TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of sheep slaughtered in April 1999 was 1.1 million, the sixteenth consecutive monthly decrease.

## NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

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