

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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JULY KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate</i>
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	721.4	705.0	684.2
Calves	136.6	100.1	91.6
Sheep	1 038.3	1 327.9	1 212.8
Lambs	1 338.1	1 420.9	1 307.8
Pigs	434.5	419.2	420.2

MEAT PRODUCED	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate</i>
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	173 146	168 362	162 261
Veal	4 489	3 374	3 386
Mutton	21 144	27 067	24 598
Lamb	25 923	27 642	25 132
Pig meat	31 718	30 604	30 280

JULY KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of sheep slaughtered in July 1998 was 1.2 million, the sixth consecutive monthly decrease.

NOTES

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