

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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AUGUST KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate</i>
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	677.4	644.5	648.3
Calves	241.9	95.5	91.6
Sheep	1 210.1	1 410.2	1 376.3
Lambs	1 657.7	1 637.8	1 691.6
Pigs	434.0	432.9	423.1

MEAT PRODUCED	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate</i>
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	178 265	171 373	170 748
Veal	5 882	3 050	2 871
Mutton	26 470	30 850	29 916
Lamb	32 958	32 797	33 786
Pig meat	31 956	31 430	30 518

AUGUST KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for beef production in August 2000 was 171,000 tonnes. This was the sixth consecutive monthly increase and the highest monthly figure on record.

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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