



# LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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## AUGUST KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	697.2	675.6	685.3
Calves	229.5	92.5	84.4
Sheep	1 221.3	1 355.1	1 295.3
Lambs	1 273.2	1 331.1	1 384.3
Pigs	469.5	466.1	476.8

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	179 085	173 465	177 524
Veal	5 454	2 962	2 779
Mutton	24 483	26 830	25 624
Lamb	24 086	25 224	27 240
Pig meat	34 163	33 410	34 336

## AUGUST KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- In August 2002, the trend estimate for pigs slaughterings rose for the twenty third consecutive month to a new monthly record of 477,000. Cattle slaughterings rose for the seventh 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 September 2002 issue of this data is due for release on 4 November 2002.

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