

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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DECEMBER KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
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Cattle	429.1	524.5	566.3
Calves	24.7	74.0	69.8
Sheep	1 102.6	1 143.5	1 138.5
Lambs	1 328.2	1 527.7	1 502.8
Pigs	454.3	454.4	445.4

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	112 875	137 281	147 633
Veal	1 180	2 361	2 254
Mutton	23 062	23 890	23 701
Lamb	26 127	30 663	29 953
Pig meat	32 062	33 741	32 729

DECEMBER KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for calves slaughtered in December 2001 was 69,800. This was the tenth consecutive monthly decrease, and the lowest level of calf slaughterings in over twenty years.

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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