



LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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MARCH KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	615.2	599.8	576.0
Calves	42.7	83.8	86.0
Sheep	1 197.6	1 104.1	1 110.0
Lambs	1 352.7	1 395.6	1 471.5
Pigs	448.5	449.4	454.7

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	161 696	157 099	150 816
Veal	1 966	2 641	2 812
Mutton	23 742	22 474	22 743
Lamb	27 569	28 312	29 678
Pig meat	32 567	32 385	33 086

MARCH KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- In March 2002, the trend estimate for pigs slaughtered was 455,000. This was the eighteenth 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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The April 2002 issue of this data is due for release on 4 June 2002.

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