

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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MAY KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	789.9	689.7	663.4
Calves	84.3	85.3	92.3
Sheep	1 168.1	1 158.9	1 180.0
Lambs	1 557.3	1 441.1	1 458.9
Pigs	525.7	459.7	465.0

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	205 464	183 349	173 980
Veal	3 059	2 755	2 964
Mutton	22 977	23 287	23 776
Lamb	31 759	28 920	29 603
Pig meat	38 325	32 638	33 710

MAY KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- In May 2002, the trend estimate for pig slaughterings rose for the twentieth consecutive month to a new monthly record of 465,000. Cattle slaughterings continued to rise as persistent dry weather encouraged producers to cull poorer quality animals.

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 June 2002 issue of this data is due for release on 5 August 2002.

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