



# LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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## OCTOBER KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	768.5	701.5	693.5
Calves	103.5	88.5	93.5
Sheep	1 524.1	1 328.9	1 399.4
Lambs	1 567.1	1 306.2	1 316.4
Pigs	471.1	475.9	477.5

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	195 585	175 298	175 708
Veal	2 395	2 200	3 092
Mutton	29 846	24 966	27 093
Lamb	29 714	24 854	24 837
Pig meat	34 898	35 021	34 963

## OCTOBER KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- In October 2002, the trend estimate for pigs slaughterings rose for the twenty fifth consecutive month to a new monthly record of 478,000. Cattle slaughterings rose for the ninth 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).

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The November 2002 issue of this data is due for release on 6 January 2003.

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