



LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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AUGUST KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
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Cattle	637.6	668.6	668.6
Calves	190.8	85.4	86.3
Sheep	1 001.7	1 273.8	1 246.0
Lambs	1 240.7	1 355.5	1 343.3
Pigs	398.5	417.1	412.6

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	155 037	161 778	161 774
Veal	4 970	3 103	3 257
Mutton	21 109	27 037	25 891
Lamb	23 799	26 455	26 100
Pig meat	28 610	29 934	29 638

AUGUST KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of cattle slaughtered in August 1998 was 668,600, the fifth consecutive monthly decrease.

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. For more detailed information, refer to the quarterly ABS publication *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0).

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