



LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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DECEMBER KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	603.0	676.9	683.5
Calves	39.2	97.9	106.9
Sheep	1 230.5	1 181.6	1 152.8
Lambs	1 300.0	1 311.3	1 322.4
Pigs	415.3	384.3	396.4

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	148 123	163 916	166 639
Veal	1 731	2 996	3 356
Mutton	26 214	24 858	24 516
Lamb	24 016	24 400	25 460
Pig meat	28 551	26 943	28 220

DECEMBER KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of sheep slaughtered in December 1998 was 1.2 million, the eleventh consecutive monthly decrease.

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents statistics on livestock slaughtering 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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