

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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JANUARY KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
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Cattle	556.0	659.9	675.7
Calves	35.1	85.5	92.9
Sheep	1 233.0	1 137.4	1 123.5
Lambs	1 220.2	1 311.0	1 313.3
Pigs	334.2	381.0	387.6

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	136 873	169 014	167 486
Veal	1 807	2 813	3 028
Mutton	25 866	22 975	23 274
Lamb	23 748	25 207	25 122
Pig meat	23 746	27 874	27 871

JANUARY KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of sheep slaughtered in January 1999 was 1.1 million, the twelfth 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. 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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