



LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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MARCH KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	686.0	626.6	659.7
Calves	46.1	84.0	81.9
Sheep	1 318.1	1 113.5	1 136.5
Lambs	1 371.7	1 317.6	1 322.8
Pigs	422.5	403.7	405.3

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	173 891	157 691	165 576
Veal	1 953	2 475	2 588
Mutton	26 691	22 875	23 589
Lamb	26 575	25 267	25 281
Pig meat	30 142	29 128	29 011

MARCH KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of pigs slaughtered in March 1999 was 405,300, 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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