



LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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DECEMBER KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
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Cattle	560.0	664.7	705.2
Calves	41.0	114.4	101.7
Sheep	1 212.6	1 257.9	1 308.2
Lambs	1 260.5	1 375.4	1 399.1
Pigs	462.8	446.9	461.7

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	142 919	170 973	175 864
Veal	1 958	3 502	2 771
Mutton	24 227	24 782	25 361
Lamb	24 753	27 552	26 854
Pig meat	32 587	32 661	33 605

DECEMBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- In December 2002, the trend estimate for cattle slaughterings rose for the eleventh consecutive month to 705,000 due mainly to sustained dry weather. Likewise, the trend estimate for calves slaughterings rose for the sixth consecutive month to 102,000.

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 January 2003 issue of this data is due for release on 7 March 2003.

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