



LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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FEBRUARY KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	597.7	597.4	565.6
Calves	35.3	86.7	82.7
Sheep	1 275.4	1 103.9	1 125.0
Lambs	1 417.2	1 494.6	1 525.9
Pigs	431.9	456.4	455.4

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	157 887	156 446	147 684
Veal	1 889	2 898	2 763
Mutton	25 698	22 410	23 196
Lamb	28 649	29 888	30 564
Pig meat	30 899	33 215	33 449

FEBRUARY KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- In February 2002, the trend estimate for pigs slaughtered was 455,000. This was the seventeenth consecutive monthly increase, and the highest figure on record.

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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The March 2002 issue of this data is due for release on 3 May 2002.

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