

# **LIVESTOCK AND MEAT** AUSTRALIA

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## MARCH KEY FIGURES

<b>LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>	<b>Trend estimate</b>
	<b>'000</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>'000</b>
Cattle	695.9	631.5	608.7
Calves	55.3	100.6	98.6
Sheep	1 403.8	1 190.0	1 154.0
Lambs	1 582.0	1 488.2	1 432.8
Pigs	451.4	433.6	424.1

<b>MEAT PRODUCED</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>	<b>Trend estimate</b>
	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>	<b>tonnes</b>
Beef	182 899	162 942	157 532
Veal	2 493	3 197	3 110
Mutton	28 772	25 133	24 240
Lamb	31 510	29 280	28 319
Pig meat	32 414	31 054	30 922

## MARCH KEY POINT

### TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of cattle slaughtered in March 2000 was 608,700, which was the sixth 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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