

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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MAY KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	701.2	635.9	609.4
Calves	91.5	96.0	93.6
Sheep	1 174.4	1 196.5	1 185.5
Lambs	1 672.5	1 612.9	1 509.4
Pigs	473.0	431.6	426.8

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	181 553	167 036	159 430
Veal	3 287	3 083	2 930
Mutton	24 017	25 061	24 753
Lamb	34 103	32 730	30 450
Pig meat	35 070	31 378	30 807

MAY KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the amount of pig meat produced in May 2000 was 30,800 tonnes, which was the eighth consecutive monthly increase.

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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