



# LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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## MAY KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	740.5	658.6	642.5
Calves	86.6	86.8	84.5
Sheep	1 438.1	1 504.9	1 392.0
Lambs	1 758.8	1 653.2	1 610.8
Pigs	478.2	434.4	426.6

MEAT PRODUCED	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	194 300	174 897	169 919
Veal	3 011	2 669	2 554
Mutton	28 921	30 952	28 557
Lamb	34 965	32 768	31 919
Pig meat	35 420	31 109	30 801

## MAY KEY POINT

### TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of pigs slaughtered in May 2001 was 427,000. This was the seventh consecutive monthly increase and the highest monthly figure since March 1999.

## 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).

### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

The June 2001 issue of this data is due for release on 2 August 2001.

- For more information about these and related statistics, contact Debbie Thomas on Hobart 03 6222 5948, or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

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