



LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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APRIL KEY FIGURES

| LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend estimate |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| Cattle | 593.2 | 620.7 | 626.5 |
| Calves | 48.6 | 75.8 | 84.2 |
| Sheep | 1 226.2 | 1 324.2 | 1 308.7 |
| Lambs | 1 452.1 | 1 513.5 | 1 581.9 |
| Pigs | 396.9 | 414.7 | 420.0 |

| MEAT PRODUCED | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend estimate |
|---------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|
| | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes |
| Beef | 156 399 | 165 114 | 164 411 |
| Veal | 1 855 | 2 316 | 2 567 |
| Mutton | 24 452 | 27 272 | 26 885 |
| Lamb | 28 327 | 30 086 | 31 193 |
| Pig meat | 29 059 | 30 340 | 30 615 |

APRIL KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of cattle slaughtered in April 2001 was 626,500. This was the eighth consecutive monthly decrease, though the rate of decline has slowed.

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 May 2001 issue of this data is due for release on 4 July 2001.

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