



LIVESTOCK AND MEAT AUSTRALIA

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AUGUST KEY FIGURES

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate</i>
	'000	'000	'000
Cattle	663.4	628.5	644.9
Calves	207.9	80.8	82.4
Sheep	1 200.6	1 322.3	1 432.4
Lambs	1 404.8	1 370.2	1 389.1
Pigs	452.5	440.5	431.8

MEAT PRODUCED	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate</i>
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Beef	174 834	167 056	172 205
Veal	4 882	2 519	2 683
Mutton	25 144	27 561	29 468
Lamb	27 651	27 064	27 262
Pig meat	34 855	32 963	31 883

AUGUST KEY POINT

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for pig meat production in August 2001 was 31,900 tonnes. This was the fifth consecutive monthly increase and the highest monthly trend figure on record.

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

These statistics are based on a monthly collection from abattoirs and other major slaughtering establishments. Figures for sheep and lambs slaughtered, and mutton and lamb produced have been revised downwards for the last eleven months, following some corrections to originally reported figures. For Australia revisions range up to 4% in some months while revisions for WA are higher. Contact the ABS for more detailed information.

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

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The September 2001 issue of this data is due for release on 7 November 2001.

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