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## 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 referring to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) quarterly publication, *Livestock Products, Australia* (cat. no. 7215.0).

Additional time series spreadsheets containing state/territory and national data are available from the Downloads tab for this publication. These spreadsheets contain original, seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for slaughtering and meat production for bulls, bullocks and steers, cows and heifers, cattle (excluding calves), calves, sheep, lambs and pigs.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics  
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## MAIN FEATURES

### LIVESTOCK

- In August 2010, the trend estimate for cattle slaughterings continued to increase, up 1% from July 2010 to 660 thousand.
- Calf slaughterings were down 7% from July 2010.
- The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings in August 2010 increased to 495 thousand, but is still down 33% from August 2009.
- Lamb slaughterings in August 2010 remained relatively steady.
- In August, the trend estimate for pig slaughterings continued to increase, up 1% from July 2010 to 397 thousand, an increase of 5% from August 2009.

### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED, Australia—August 2010

	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	<i>Trend</i>
	no.	no.	no.
Cattle(a)	641 371	655 534	659 920
Calves	121 479	57 131	60 746
Sheep	467 294	519 591	495 022
Lambs	1 450 834	1 622 233	1 650 134
Pigs	388 253	399 391	396 995

(a) Excludes calves

### MEAT

- In August 2010, the trend estimate for beef production rose by 1% from July 2010 to 183 thousand tonnes. This represents an increase of 5% from August 2009.
- Veal production was down 7% from July 2010.
- The trend estimate for mutton production remained relatively steady at 12 thousand tonnes, but was still down 27% from August 2009.
- In August 2010, production of lamb and pig meat remained steady.

### MEAT PRODUCED, Australia—August 2010

	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	<i>Trend</i>
	t	t	t
Beef	178 038	180 929	182 675
Veal	4 977	3 220	3 525
Mutton	11 045	12 107	11 651
Lamb	30 750	35 540	36 580
Pig meat	28 891	29 119	28 930

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication contains information on livestock slaughterings and meat production.
- 2** The statistics on slaughterings for red meat production are based on a monthly collection from abattoirs and other major slaughtering establishments and include estimates of animals slaughtered by country butchers and other small slaughtering establishments.
- 3** From July 2010, on-farm slaughter was no longer included in estimates of livestock slaughterings or meat production. Historical data back to July 2007 were revised for all series. Calf and pig definitions were also aligned to current industry standards.
- 4** Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.
- 5** Care should be taken when using this information as the figures only relate to slaughterings for human consumption and do not include animals condemned, slaughtered for pet food or those killed for boiling down.
- 6** The figures in this publication have been rounded. As a result, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

- 7** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.
- 8** In the seasonal adjustment of the livestock estimates, account has been taken of both normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects, where significant. Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular influences (e.g. abnormal weather, industrial disputes).
- 9** As for the seasonally adjusted state components, the state component trend estimates have been produced independently and therefore may not add up to the Australian group totals.
- 10** In this publication, the seasonally adjusted estimates are produced by the concurrent seasonal adjustment method which takes account of the latest available original estimates. This method improves the estimation of seasonal factors and, therefore, the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for the current and previous months. As a result of this improvement, revisions to the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates will be observed for recent periods. A more detailed review is conducted annually.
- 11** For further information, see *Time Series Analysis Frequently Asked Questions, 2003* (cat. no. 1346.0.55.002).
- 12** From September 2007, improved methods of producing seasonally adjusted estimates, focused on the application of Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) modelling techniques, were implemented. The ARIMA modelling technique can be used to extend original estimates beyond the end of a time series.
- 13** For further information on ARIMA modelling, see the feature article '*Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions*' in Australian Economic Indicators, Oct 2004 (cat. no. 1350.0).

### TREND ESTIMATES

- 14** A trend estimate is obtained by reducing the irregular component from the seasonally adjusted series. For monthly data, trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. Revisions of trend estimates will occur with revisions to the original data and re-estimation of seasonal factors.
- 15** For further information, see *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring Trends, 2003* (cat. no. 1349.0).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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