

Domain: Agriculture

Subdomain: Slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production

In January 2018, compared to December 2017, the number of slaughtered pigs decreased almost 4 times.

- *Compared to December 2017, the slaughtering and the carcass weight decreased for all species of animals and increased for poultry.*
- *Compared to January 2017, in January 2018 the slaughtering and the carcass weight increased for pigs and poultry and decreased for cattle and sheep and goats.*

Table 1: Slaughtering of animals and poultry

- percentage -

	Slaughtered animals and poultry		Carcass weight	
	January 2018*) compared to:		January 2018*) compared to:	
	January 2017	December 2017	January 2017	December 2017
Cattle - total	95.3	53.9	96.4	53.5
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	94.4	73.9	92.7	71.9
Pigs - total	101.9	26.9	101.3	27.0
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	97.5	63.9	99.1	67.4
Sheep and goats - total	90.4	30.0	92.8	28.6
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	241.7	46.8	230.7	57.3
Poultry - total	110.7	110.0	117.7	110.6
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	110.7	110.0	114.9	111.1

*) Provisional data

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Note: The data for the specialised industrial units (slaughter houses) have been obtained through exhaustive statistical surveys carried out by the National Institute of Statistics and the data for individual agricultural holdings from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

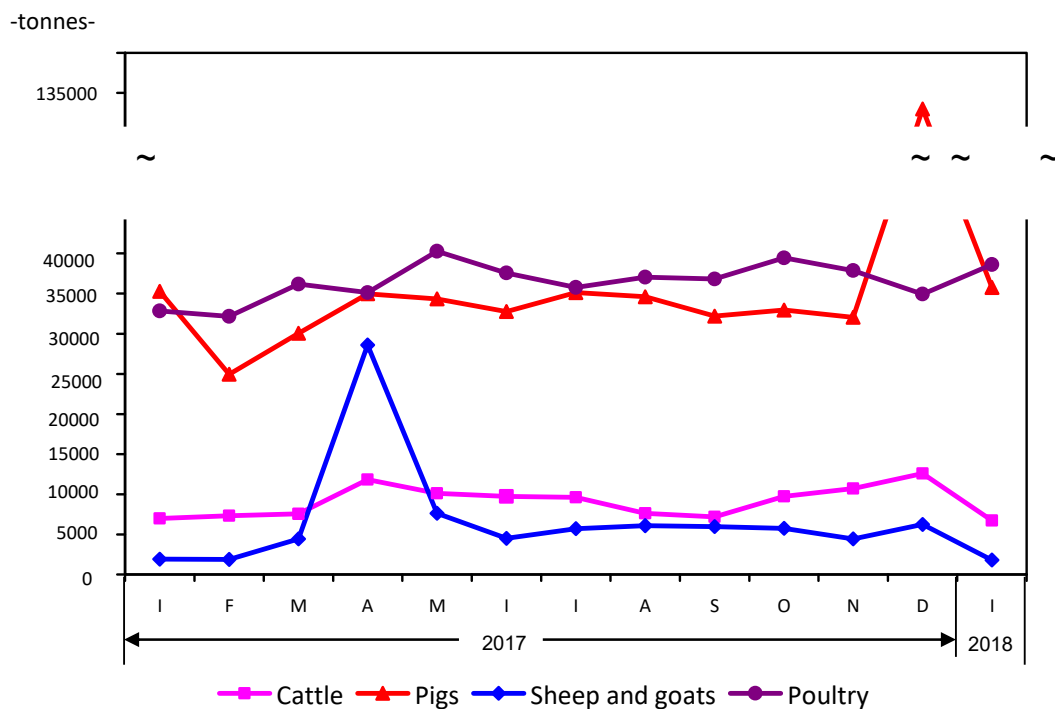
Table 2: Average carcass weight for slaughtered animals and poultry

	Average carcass weight		
	January 2017	December 2017	January 2018*)
Cattle - total	162.5	165.6	164.3
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	217.5	219.4	213.5
Pigs - total	85.5	84.7	84.9
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	85.1	82.1	86.5
Sheep and goats - total	14.1	15.2	14.5
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	20.1	15.6	19.2
Poultry - total	1.6	1.7	1.7
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	1.7	1.7	1.7

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Chart: The evolution of the carcass weight of the slaughtered animals and poultry, in the period January 2017 – January 2018



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➤ **The term “carcass”**

a) For cattle, the carcass weight means the weight of the whole body of a slaughtered animal after removing the skin, blood and internal organs, without head, udder, tail, kidney fat and legs (separated at the level of the metacarpal and metatarsal joints).

b) For pigs, the carcass weight means the weight of the body of the slaughtered animal, whole or split in half along the spine backbone, after bleeding, without internal organs, hair, hoofs, tongue, lard and diaphragm.

c) For sheep and goats, the carcass weight means the weight of the body of the slaughtered animal, after bleeding and peeling of the skin, without internal organs, head and legs (separated at the level of the metacarpal and metatarsal joints). The kidneys and the kidney fat are included in the carcass.

d) For poultry, the carcass weight means the weight of the slaughtered bird, after bleeding, without feathers, fluff and internal organs (intestines, liver, heart and gizzard) and without head, neck and claws.

➤ **The average carcass weight:** represents the ratio between the carcass weight and the number of slaughtered animals or poultry.

For the correct interpretation of the indicators, kindly see the [Methodological Notes attached to the press release on the homepage](#).

For more information, see the Monthly Statistical Bulletin no. 1/2018, date of issue March 26, 2018.

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