

Domain: Agriculture

Slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production in March 2018

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

Table 1: Slaughtering of animals and poultry

- percentage -

	Slaughtered animals and poultry		Carcass weight	
	March 2018*) compared to:		March 2018*) compared to:	
	March 2017	February 2018	March 2017	February 2018
Cattle - total	95.9	127.0	96.0	116.9
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	81.8	120.0	81.4	116.3
Pigs - total	122.8	127.9	122.2	128.2
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	127.6	122.0	127.3	121.6
Sheep and goats - total	204.0	916.8	180.8	505.3
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	283.9	993.8	223.2	516.9
Poultry - total	108.8	115.9	110.4	115.2
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	104.1	115.9	105.3	114.6

*) Provisional data

[Table data in \(xls\) format](#)

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		
	March 2017	February 2018	March 2018*)
Cattle - total	154.5	168.0	154.6
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	216.3	222.1	215.3
Pigs - total	85.6	85.0	85.3
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	86.4	86.4	86.1
Sheep and goats - total	9.8	15.7	8.7
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	13.5	20.4	10.6
Poultry - total	1.7	1.7	1.7
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	1.7	1.7	1.7

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Table data in (xls) format

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

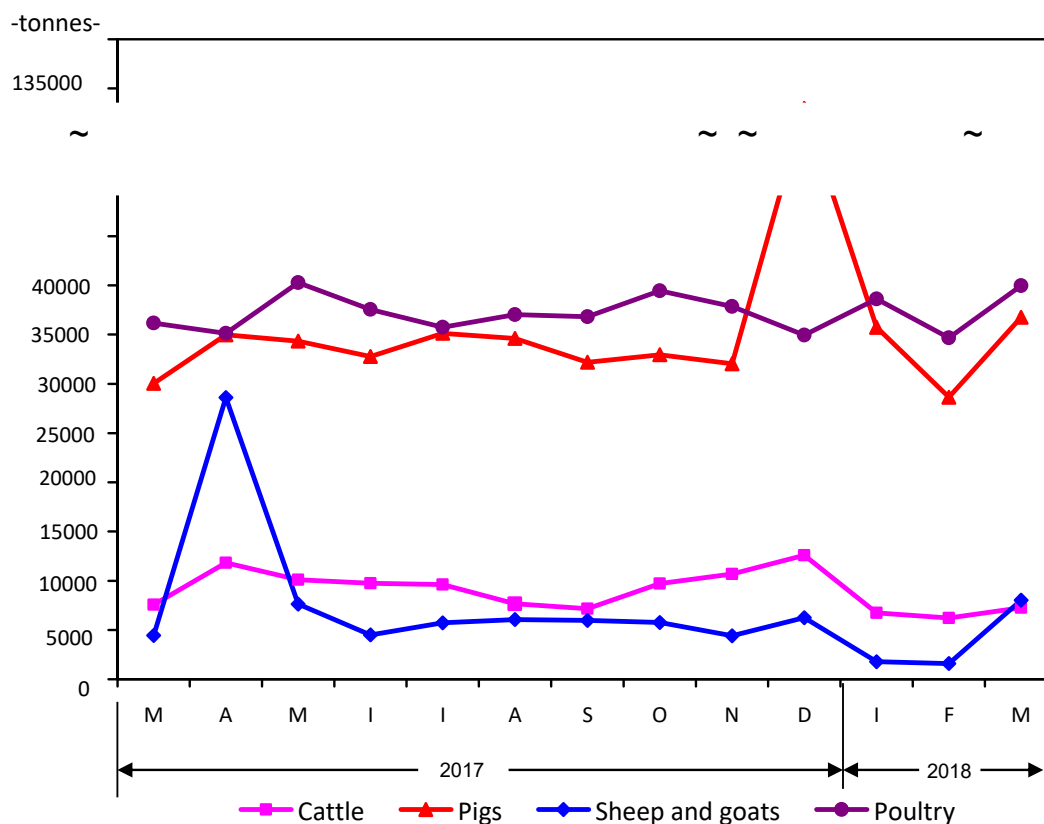


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Additional information:

➤ 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. 3/2018, date of issue May 25, 2018.

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