

Domain: Agriculture

Subdomain: Slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production

Compared to the previous month, in May 2017 the number of slaughtered sheep and goats decreased more than 4.8 times

- Compared to April 2017, in May 2017 the slaughtering and the carcass weight decreased for cattle, pigs, sheep and goats and increased for poultry.
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Table 1: Slaughtering of animals and poultry

	Slaughtered animals and poultry		Carcass weight	
	May 2017*) as against:		May 2017*) as against:	
	May 2016	April 2017	May 2016	April 2017
Cattle - total	81.8	88.7	82.7	85.4
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	109.1	133.3	108.4	132.5
Pigs - total	98.1	98.6	98.5	98.2
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	99.1	103.5	102.0	103.5
Sheep and goats - total	91.3	20.5	101.2	26.7
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	188.4	36.7	181.4	47.0
Poultry - total	110.9	119.4	111.5	114.6
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	110.9	119.4	112.0	116.7

*) Provisional data

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

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

Table 2: Average carcass weight for the slaughtered animals and poultry

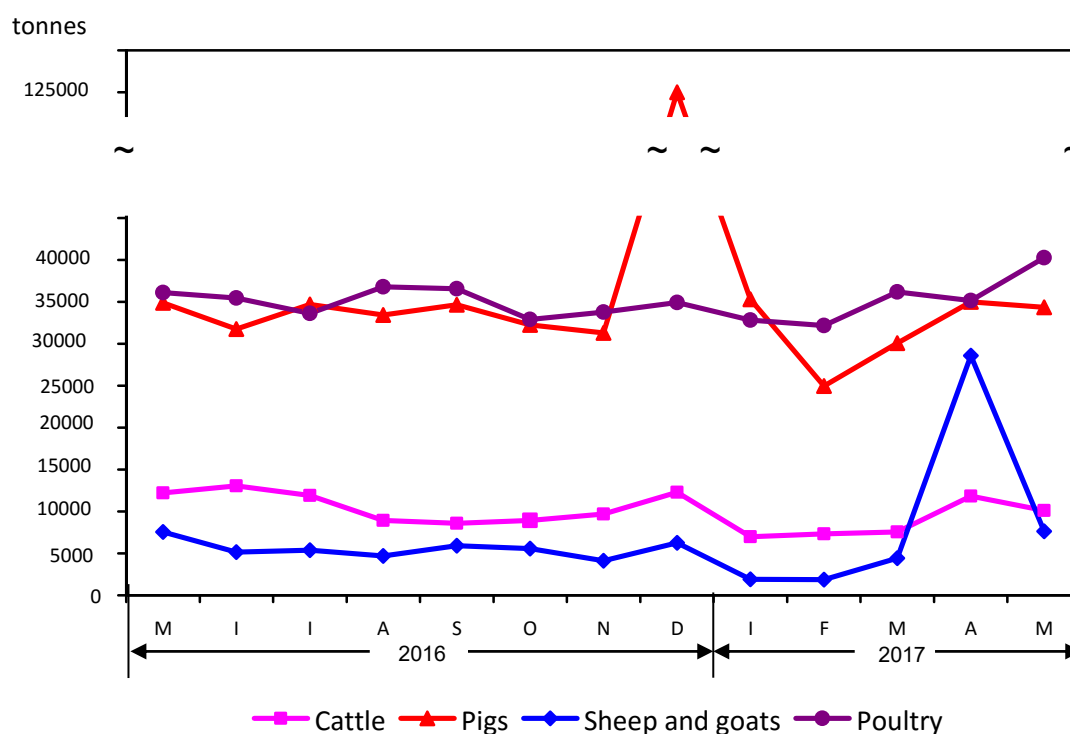
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	Average carcass weight		
	May 2016	April 2017	May 2017*)
Cattle - total	158.6	166.7	160.4
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	216.9	216.8	215.5
Pigs - total	83.0	83.7	83.4
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	82.8	85.2	85.2
Sheep and goats - total	10.4	8.8	11.5
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	13.2	9.9	12.7
Poultry - total	1.7	1.8	1.7
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	1.7	1.7	1.7

*) Provisional data

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

Chart: The evolution of the carcass weight of the slaughtered animals and poultry, in the period May 2016 – May 2017



[Chart data in \(xls\)](#)

➤ **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. 5/2017, date of issue July 27, 2017.

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