



Domain: Agriculture

Slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production in May 2020

- In May 2020, compared to April 2020, the slaughtering increased for cattle, pigs and poultry and decreased for sheep and goats; the carcass weight increased for cattle and pigs and decreased for sheep and goats and poultry.
- Compared to May 2019, both the slaughtering and the carcass weight decreased for all species of animals and poultry.

Table 1: Slaughtering of animals and poultry

- percentage -

	Slaughtered animals and poultry		Carcass weight	
	May 2020 ^{*)} compared to:		May 2020 ^{*)} compared to:	
	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020
Cattle - total	88.1	104.0	89.3	101.7
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	50.0	125.0	54.1	118.9
Pigs - total	91.9	110.4	96.9	110.7
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	95.0	111.2	98.7	111.5
Sheep and goats - total	94.2	8.2	90.1	9.3
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	46.7	25.4	48.0	33.5
Poultry - total	93.5	102.0	89.3	95.5
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	92.9	102.8	88.3	97.4

^{*)} 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. The data refer to slaughtering for consumption only.

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

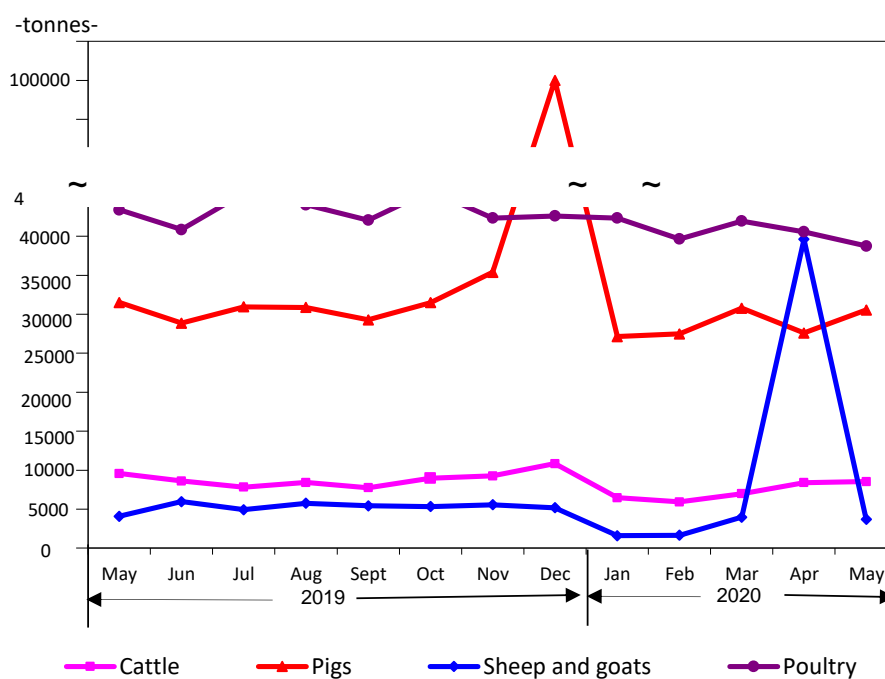
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	Average carcass weight		
	May 2019	April 2020	May 2020*)
Cattle - total	162.3	168.2	164.4
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	220.1	250.6	238.3
Pigs - total	88.3	92.9	93.1
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	89.2	92.5	92.7
Sheep and goats - total	11.9	9.9	11.4
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	13.7	10.7	14.1
Poultry - total	1.7	1.7	1.6
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	1.7	1.7	1.6

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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 May 2019 – May 2020



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

IMPORTANT!

The information in this press release (May 2020) capture the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and of the measures taken by the authorities following the state of emergency decree on the Romanian territory starting with March 16, 2020 and the state of alert starting with May 17.

The National Institute of Statistics understands the difficulties faced by our respondents during this period and we are aware that the answers to the statistical surveys may not be a priority at present.

However, by collecting statistical information, we will be able to monitor and inform all our users about the effects of COVID-19 on our economy and society.

We appreciate the continued support of our respondents in the statistical surveys conducted by the National Institute of Statistics and understand the difficulties which all providers of statistical data are facing.

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. 5/2020, date of issue July 24, 2020.

The next issue of the press release on the slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production will be on Monday, August 10, 2020.

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