



Slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production in May 2025

- The number of slaughters and the weight in the carcass increased for cattle while for pigs, sheep and goats and poultry decreased both in May 2025, compared to April 2025 and in May 2025, compared to May 2024.

Table 1: Slaughtering of animals and poultry

	Slaughtered animals and poultry - thou of heads -			Carcass weight - tonnes -		
	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025*)	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025*)
Cattle – total	37	38	39	6104	6394	6576
Of which: in specialized industrial units (abators)	10	13	13	2458	3327	3174
Pigs - total	294	333	284	26525	31093	26153
Of which: in specialized industrial units (abators)	265	306	273	23811	28529	25096
Sheep and goats - total	410	4064	315	4480	44032	3653
Of which: in specialized industrial units (abators)	28	290	78	459	3351	1107
Poultry - total	28987	30703	25060	49394	51995	43357
Of which: in specialized industrial units (abators)	27538	29782	24308	47324	50708	42290

*) Provisional data

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

Note: The data for the specialized 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 in slaughtered animals and poultry

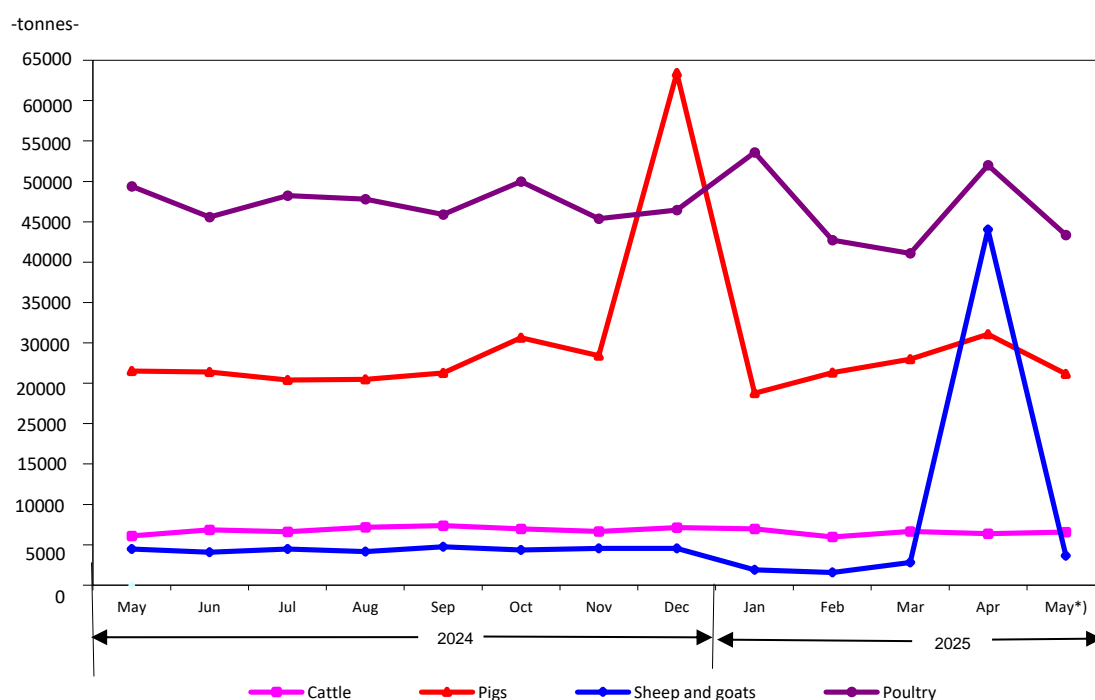
- kilograms -

	Average carcass weight		
	May 2024	April 2025	May 2025*)
Cattle - total	165,0	168,3	168,6
- in specialized industrial units (subscribers)	245,8	255,9	244,2
Pigs - total	90,2	93,4	92,1
- in specialized industrial units (subscribers)	89,9	93,2	91,9
Sheep and goats - total	10,9	10,8	11,6
- in specialized industrial units (subscribers)	16,4	11,6	14,2
Poultry - total	1,7	1,7	1,7
- in specialized industrial units (subscribers)	1,7	1,7	1,7

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**Graph: Evolution of the carcass weight of slaughtered animals and poultry,
between May 2024 – May 2025**



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

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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, internal organs (intestines, liver, heart and gizzard), 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. 5/2025, date of issue July 31, 2025.

The next issue of the press release on the slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production will be on Monday, August 11, 2025.

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