



Slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production in June 2024

- In June 2024, compared to May 2024, the slaughtering increased for cattle and pigs and decreased for sheep and goats and poultry; the carcass weight increased for cattle and decreased for pigs, sheep and goats and poultry.
- In June 2024, compared to June 2023, the slaughtering and the carcass weight increased for pigs and decreased for cattle, sheep and goats and poultry.

Table 1: Slaughtering of animals and poultry

	Slaughtered animals and poultry - thou heads -			Carcass weight - tonnes -		
	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024 ^{*)}	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024 ^{*)}
Cattle - total	43	37	41	7071	6104	6867
- in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	10	10	10	2361	2458	2471
Pigs - total	252	294	297	22192	26525	26390
- in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	207	265	257	17802	23811	22525
Sheep and goats - total	315	410	311	4213	4480	4061
- in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	22	28	31	387	459	573
Poultry - total	27343	28987	27261	46137	49394	45585
- in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	25786	27538	25518	43816	47324	43119

^{*)} Provisional data

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

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

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

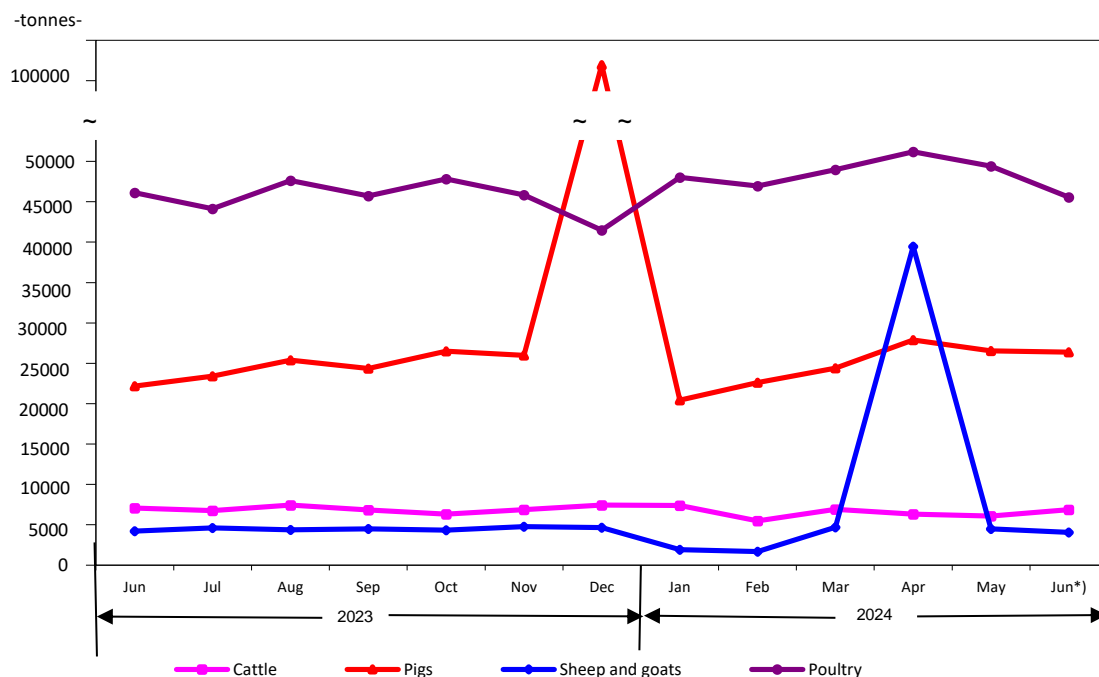
- kilograms -

	Average carcass weight		
	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024 ^{*)}
Cattle - total	164.4	165.0	167.5
in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	236.1	245.8	247.1
Pigs - total	88.1	90.2	88.9
in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	86.0	89.9	87.6
Sheep and goats - total	13.4	10.9	13.1
in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	17.6	16.4	18.5
Poultry - total	1.7	1.7	1.7
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 June 2023-June 2024



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

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 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 Monthly Statistical Bulletin No. 6/2024, date of issue August 28, 2024.

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