

Domain: Agriculture

Subdomain: Slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production

Compared to the previous month, in August 2017 the number of slaughtered cattle decreased by almost 19%.

- Compared to July 2017, in August 2017, the number of slaughtering decreased for cattle and sheep and goats and increased for pigs and poultry; the carcass weight decreased for cattle and pigs and increased for sheep and goats and poultry.
- Compared to August 2016, the number of slaughtering decreased for cattle and poultry and increased for pigs and sheep and goats; the carcass weight decreased for cattle and increased for the other species.

Table 1: Slaughtering of animals and poultry

	Slaughtered animals and poultry		Carcass weight	
	August 2016	July 2017	August 2016	July 2017
Cattle - total	85.5	81.0	85.6	79.5
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	92.6	108.7	93.6	112.0
Pigs - total	101.5	101.5	103.5	98.5
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	95.6	105.1	98.0	105.9
Sheep and goats - total	126.4	96.7	129.5	106.3
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	134.9	103.6	131.8	108.5
Poultry - total	99.0	104.7	100.6	103.6
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	102.3	104.7	101.2	102.9

*) 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 the slaughtered animals and poultry

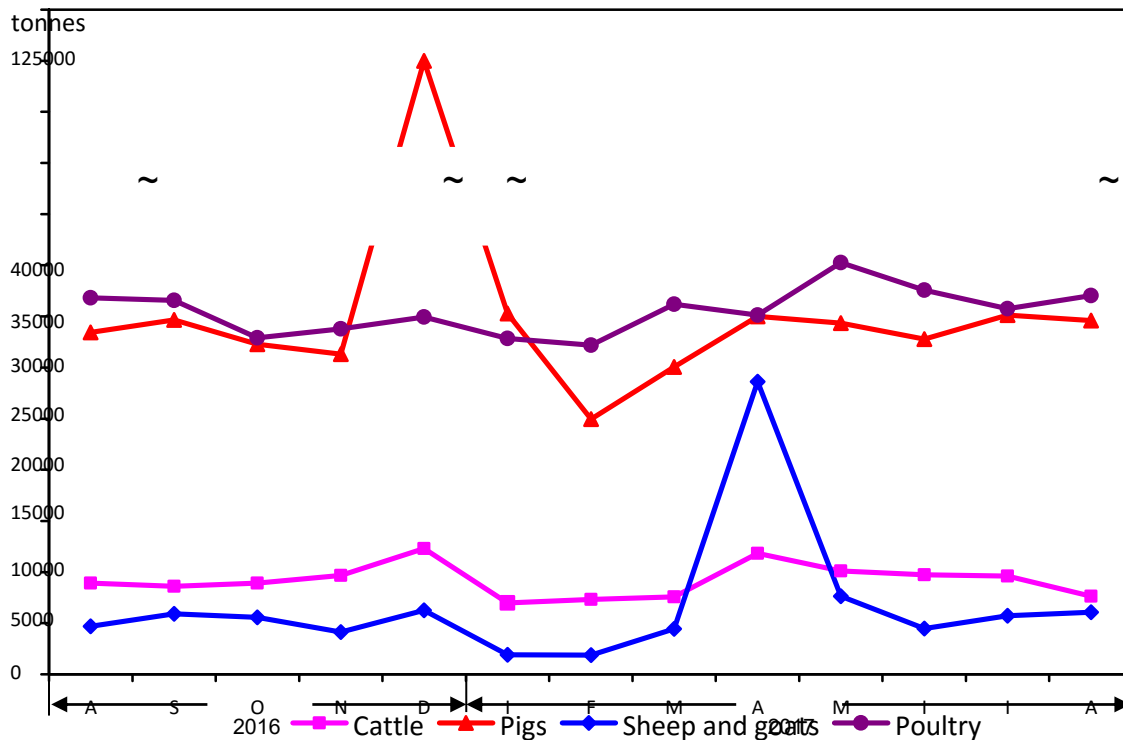
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	Average carcass weight		
	August 2016	July 2017	August 2017*)
Cattle - total	162.3	165.9	162.7
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	211.7	207.7	214.0
Pigs - total	81.2	85.3	82.8
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	80.7	82.1	82.7
Sheep and goats - total	14.4	13.4	14.8
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	14.9	13.9	14.6
Poultry - total	1.6	1.6	1.6
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	1.6	1.6	1.6

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

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



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

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. 8/2017, date of issue October 27, 2017.

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