

Domain: Agriculture

Slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production in September 2019

- *Compared to August 2019, in September 2019 the slaughtering and the carcass weight decreased for all species of animals and birds.*
- *Compared to September 2018, the slaughtering and the carcass weight increased for cattle and poultry and decreased for pigs and sheep and goats.*

Table 1: Slaughtering of animals and poultry

- percentage -

	Slaughtered animals and poultry		Average carcass weight	
	September 2019 ^{*)} compared to:		September 2019 ^{*)} compared to:	
	September 2018	August 2019	September 2018	August 2019
Cattle - total	104.5	90.2	104.5	92.0
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	75.0	100.0	79.3	101.7
Pigs - total	80.7	96.9	80.8	94.9
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	102.5	102.5	102.3	102.3
Sheep and goats - total	95.6	92.6	91.6	94.2
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	111.4	83.9	110.6	90.4
Poultry - total	105.0	94.1	104.8	95.5
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	107.3	94.1	108.0	95.3

^{*)} Provisional data

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Note: The data for the specialised industrial units (slaughterhouses) 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

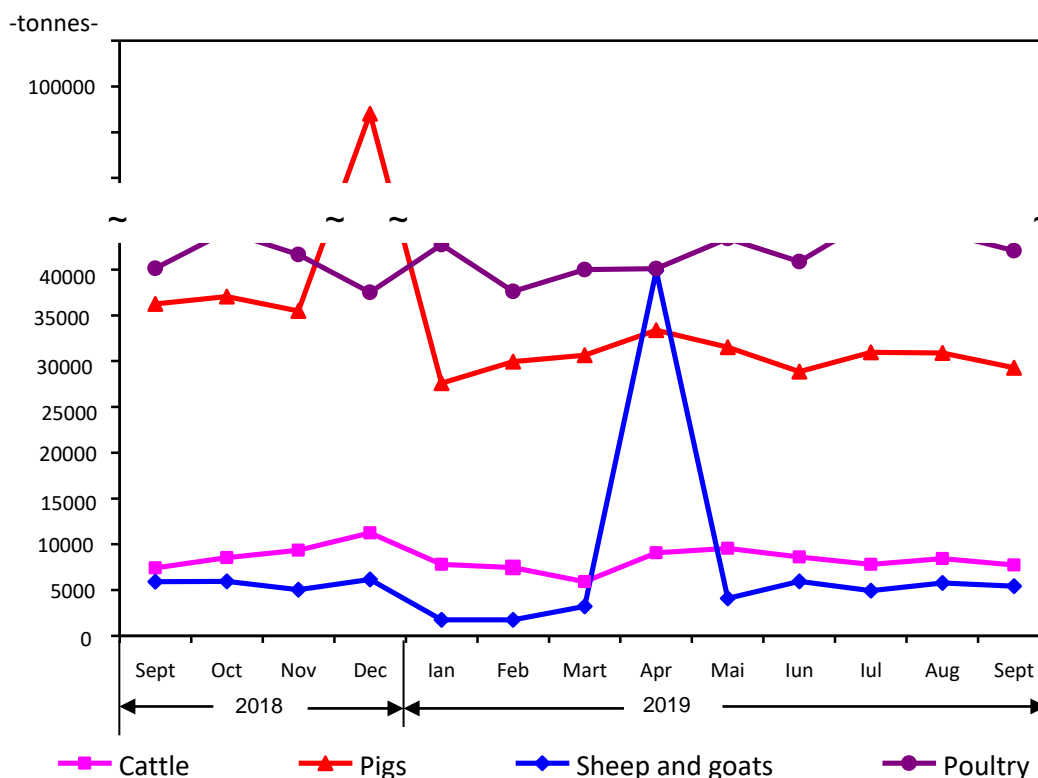
- Kg -

	Average carcass weight		
	September 2018	August 2019	September 2019 ^{*)}
Cattle - total	168.6	165.3	168.6
of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	208.4	216.5	220.2
Pigs - total	84.1	86.0	84.2
din care: în unități industriale specializate (abatoare)	84.2	84.2	84.0
Sheep and goats - total	14.6	13.8	14.0
din care: în unități industriale specializate (abatoare)	17.4	16.1	17.3
Poultry - total	1.7	1.7	1.7
din care: în unități industriale specializate (abatoare)	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 September 2018 – September 2019



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➤ **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. 9/2019, date of issue November 26, 2019.

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