

Domain: Agriculture

Subdomain: Slaughtering of animals and poultry and meat production

**In December 2017, compared to December 2016, the number of sheep and goats slaughtered in slaughter houses increased by 37.8%.**

- *Compared to December 2016, in December 2017 the slaughtering increased for cattle and decreased for pigs, sheep and goats and poultry; the carcass weight increased for cattle, decreased for pigs and sheep and goats and remained constant for poultry.*
- *In 2017, compared to 2016, the slaughtering increased for pigs and sheep and goats and decreased for cattle and poultry; the carcass weight increased for all species.*

Table 1: Slaughtering of animals and poultry

Species	Slaughtered animals and poultry		Carcass weight	
	December 2017*) compared to December 2016	2017*) compared to 2016	December 2017*) compared to December 2016	2017*) compared to 2016
<b>Cattle - total</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>110.2</b>
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	104.5	102.2	107.8	102.8
<b>Pigs - total</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>108.2</b>
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	90.5	96.2	90.9	97.3
<b>Sheep and goats - total</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>127.4</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>160.5</b>
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	137.8	122.6	138.0	126.2
<b>Poultry - total</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>108.7</b>
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	100.2	103.9	102.0	103.9

\*) 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**

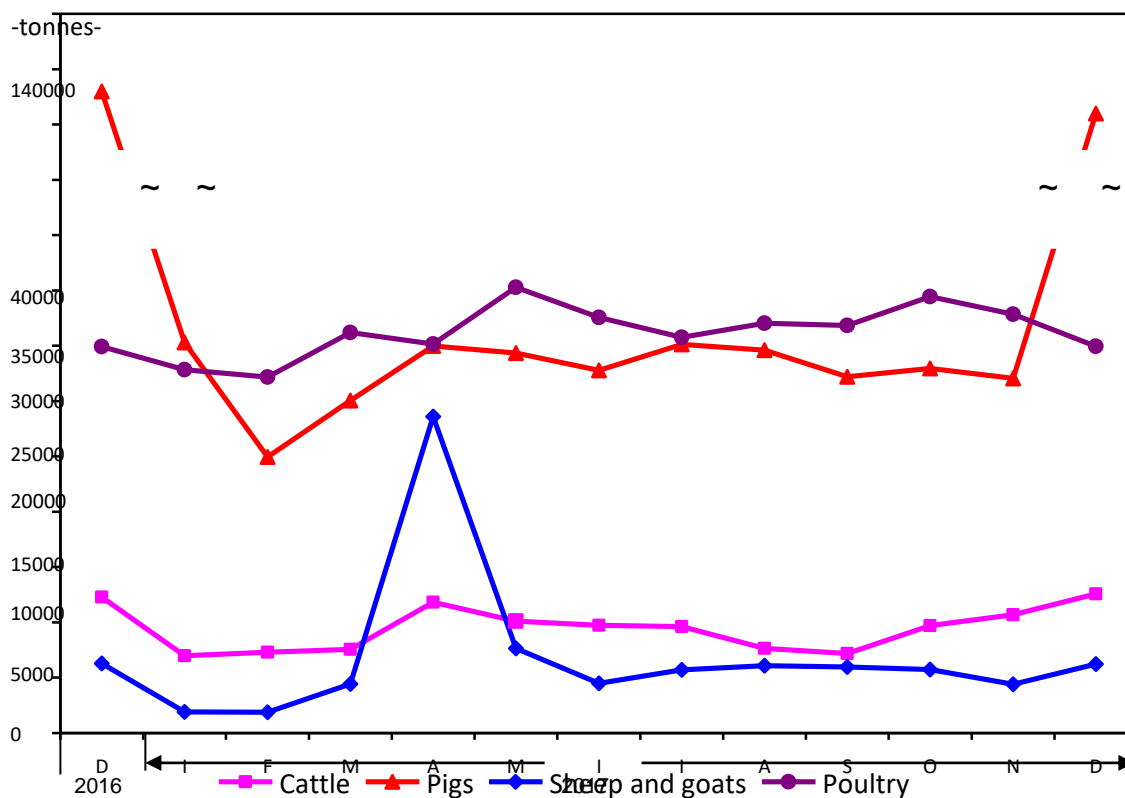
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Species	Average carcass weight			
	December 2016	December 2017 <sup>*)</sup>	Year 2016	Year 2017 <sup>*)</sup>
<b>Cattle - total</b>	<b>164.0</b>	<b>165.6</b>	<b>142.0</b>	<b>163.7</b>
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	212.9	219.4	213.9	215.1
<b>Pigs - total</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>84.4</b>
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	81.7	82.1	83.5	84.5
<b>Sheep and goats - total</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	15.6	15.6	13.3	13.7
<b>Poultry - total</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Of which: in specialised industrial units (slaughter houses)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7

<sup>\*)</sup> Provisional data

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

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



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

➤ **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. 12/2017, date of issue February 26, 2018.

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