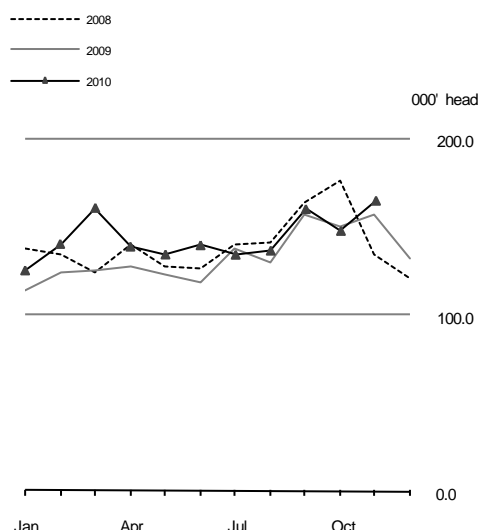




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Cattle Slaughtering



Livestock Slaughtering

November 2010

	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
	'000 head		
Nov 2009	157.6	236.7	210.9
Nov 2010	165.0	232.0	247.3
% change	4.7%	-2.0%	17.3%
Jan-Nov 2010/2009	8.1%	-11.5%	10.1%

Cattle slaughtering up 4.7% in November

The number of cattle slaughtered in November 2010 was 4.7% higher than in November 2009. See Table 1 and graph.

A comparison of November 2010 and 2009 figures also shows that

- ◆ Sheep slaughtering decreased by 2.0%.
- ◆ Pig slaughtering increased by 17.3%.

The number of cattle slaughtering in January-November 2010 was 8.1% higher than the corresponding 2009 figure. Over the same period there was a decrease of 11.5% in sheep slaughtering and an increase of 10.1% in pig slaughtering.

Comparing the periods January to September 2009 and 2010, Germany, Denmark, Poland and France recorded increases in pig slaughtering of 3.8%, 3.5%, 7.0% and 0.1% respectively. During the same period Spain recorded a decrease of 1.2%. See page 4.

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Table 1 Livestock Slaughtering

Category	Year	Unit	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Cattle	2008	'000	137.2	134.5	123.7	139.7	126.8	126.3	140.4	140.6	164.2	176.6	134.4	120.5	1,664.9
	2009	head	114.1	124.5	125.8	127.5	123.3	119.0	138.1	130.6	157.3	150.6	157.6	132.0	1,600.3
	2010		126.0	140.8	161.0	139.3	134.9	140.1	134.7	137.0	160.3*	148.1*	165.0		
Sheep	2008	'000	212.4	175.7	189.5	211.2	244.6	248.8	273.2	269.7	302.0	276.1	238.1	277.8	2,919.1
	2009	head	210.7	172.1	172.9	195.2	202.9	241.7	259.0	282.6	274.1	254.1	236.7	228.0	2,729.9
	2010		161.1	147.0	175.8	153.1	165.6	204.6	234.5	255.5	249.3*	234.8*	232.0		
Pigs	2008	'000	233.4	226.0	207.6	226.8	215.1	206.0	224.4	200.6	219.6	222.5	211.9	183.8	2,577.6
	2009	head	213.6	188.4	208.9	203.5	184.0	196.8	208.2	191.8	204.5	200.6	210.9	209.5	2,420.8
	2010		200.7	202.2	231.0	220.4	213.8	217.9	225.9	226.1	235.7	214.5*	247.3		
Cattle	2008	'000	45.3	44.0	40.3	45.2	41.3	40.9	45.0	45.4	53.1	56.4	42.3	38.1	537.3
	2009	tonnes ¹	36.6	40.3	40.6	41.2	39.6	38.3	44.4	41.6	50.5	48.3	50.6	42.4	514.4
	2010		41.2	45.9	52.0	45.0	43.7	45.4	43.4	44.6	52.7	48.8	54.1		
Sheep	2008	'000	4.3	3.5	3.8	4.3	4.9	5.0	5.5	5.4	6.1	5.6	4.8	5.5	58.7
	2009	tonnes ¹	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.9	4.1	4.9	5.2	5.7	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.5	55.1
	2010		3.2	2.9	3.5	3.1	3.3	4.1	4.7	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.6		
Pigs	2008	'000	19.0	18.1	16.3	17.8	16.7	16.0	17.4	15.6	17.0	17.3	16.8	14.4	202.4
	2009	tonnes ¹	17.4	15.3	16.8	16.4	14.9	15.8	16.7	15.4	16.6	16.4	17.2	16.7	195.6
	2010		16.4	16.5	18.9	18.1	17.3	17.4	17.9	18.0	18.9	17.2	20.1		

¹ Carcass weight

* Revised

Background Notes

- Introduction** This release gives the number and carcass weight of cattle, sheep and pig slaughtering. The figures include slaughtering at both licensed meat export and Local Authority licensed premises. The collection of monthly slaughtering data for cattle, sheep and pigs is governed by Regulation (EC) No. 1165/2008.
- Export** The number of slaughtering in meat export premises for cattle, sheep and pigs is received from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on a monthly basis. Average carcass weights of cattle are taken from the Department's Beef Carcass Classification Scheme. Average weights of pigs are based on information obtained directly from the export factories by the CSO. Average weights of sheep are derived through consultations with industry experts.
- Local Authorities** The CSO conducts a monthly survey of all Local Authorities in the State. All slaughtering in premises over which inspection controls are exercised are included.
- The CSO estimates the carcass weight of cattle, sheep and pigs slaughtered in premises under Local Authority control. These estimates are reviewed on a regular basis with butchers and abattoirs.
- Calves** Calf slaughtering are included with cattle.
- Carcass weight** For cattle, the carcass weight is defined as the weight of the slaughtered animal's cold body after being skinned, bled and eviscerated and after removal of external genitalia, the limb at the carpus and tarsus, head, tail, kidneys and kidney fats and the udder.
- For sheep, the carcass weight is defined as the weight of the slaughtered animal's cold body after being skinned, bled and eviscerated and after removal of the head, feet, tail and genital organs including the udder. Kidneys and kidney fats are included in the carcass.
- For pigs, the carcass weight is defined as the weight of the slaughtered animal's cold body either whole or divided in half along the mid-line, after being bled and eviscerated and after the removal of the tongue, bristles, hooves, genitalia, flare fat, kidneys and diaphragm.

Pig Slaughterings

'000 head

Country	Jan-Sep 2009	Jan-Sep 2010	% change
European Union	178,387	:	:
Austria	4,102	4,212	2.7
Belgium	8,269	8,879	7.4
Bulgaria	392	396	1.1
Cyprus	536	:	:
Czech Republic	2,438	2,308	-5.3
Denmark	14,402	14,901	3.5
Estonia	293	303	3.5
Finland	1,752	1,652	-5.7
France	18,606	18,616	0.1
Germany	41,571	43,159	3.8
Greece	1,240	:	:
Hungary	3,099	3,411	10.1
Ireland	1,798	1,974	9.8
Italy	9,318	9,486	1.8
Latvia	253	226	-10.9
Lithuania	397	504	27.0
Luxembourg	99	99	-0.6
Malta	66	61	-7.9
Netherlands	10,119	10,186	0.7
Romania	1,991	2,060	3.4
Poland	13,753	14,711	7.0
Portugal	4,305	4,369	1.5
Slovak Republic	568	561	-1.1
Slovenia	212	214	1.2
Spain	29,959	29,598	-1.2
Sweden	2,242	2,191	-2.3
United Kingdom	6,607	6,969	5.5

Source: Eurostat website <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu> and national data

: not available