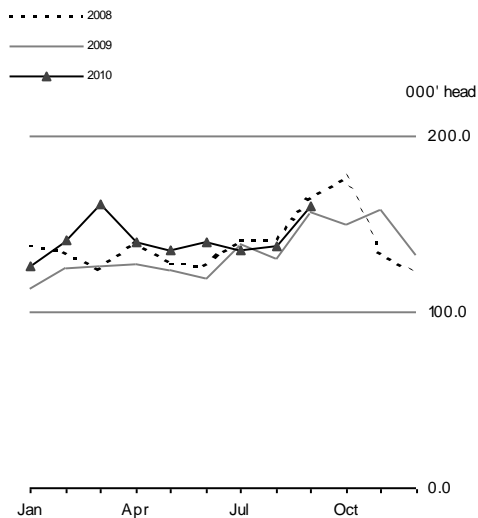




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Cattle Slaughtering



Livestock Slaughtering September 2010

	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
	'000 head		
Sep 2009	157.3	274.1	204.5
Sep 2010	160.0	251.3	235.6
% change	1.7%	-8.3%	15.2%
Jan-Sep 2010/2009	9.8%	-13.1%	9.7%

Cattle slaughtering up 1.7% in September

The number of cattle slaughtered in September 2010 was 1.7% higher than in September 2009. See Table 1 and graph.

A comparison of September 2010 and 2009 figures also shows that

- ◆ Sheep slaughtering decreased by 8.3%.
- ◆ Pig slaughtering increased by 15.2%.

The number of cattle slaughtering in January-September 2010 was 9.8% higher than the corresponding 2009 figure. Over the same period there was a decrease of 13.1% in sheep slaughtering and an increase of 9.7% in pig slaughtering.

Comparing the periods January to July 2009 and 2010, the United Kingdom and France recorded increases in cattle slaughtering of 7.6% and 1.3% respectively. During the same period Germany and Italy recorded decreases of 1.9% and 0.7% respectively. 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	134.9	137.0*	160.0				
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	204.5*	234.6*	255.3*	251.3				
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	225.8	226.0*	235.6				
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	43.5	44.6	52.6				
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	5.1				
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*	18.3				

¹ Carcass weight

* Revised

Background Notes

- Introduction** This release gives the number and carcass weight of cattle, sheep and pig slaughterings. The figures include slaughterings 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 slaughterings 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 slaughterings 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 slaughterings 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.

Cattle Slaughterings

'000 head

Country	Jan-Jul 2009	Jan-Jul 2010	% change
European Union	15,422	15,421	0
Austria	387	382	-1.1
Belgium	454	455	0.3
Bulgaria	13	12	-6.9
Cyprus	11	9	-18.2
Czech Republic	154	144	-6.7
Denmark	267	269	0.6
Estonia	22	20	-10.1
Finland	151	142	-5.8
France	2,834	2,871	1.3
Germany	2,080	2,040	-1.9
Greece	150	143	-4.6
Hungary	70	60	-14.0
Ireland	872	977	12.0
Italy	2,169	2,154	-0.7
Latvia	53	50	-5.7
Lithuania	104	95	-8.9
Luxembourg	15	15	4.0
Malta	4	4	6.3
Netherlands	1,163	1,116	-4.0
Romania	62	66	6.4
Poland	920	924	0.4
Portugal	257	227	-11.8
Slovak Republic	36	29	-17.9
Slovenia	67	65	-2.4
Spain	1,335	1,282	-4.0
Sweden	284	267	-5.8
United Kingdom	1,489	1,601	7.6

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