

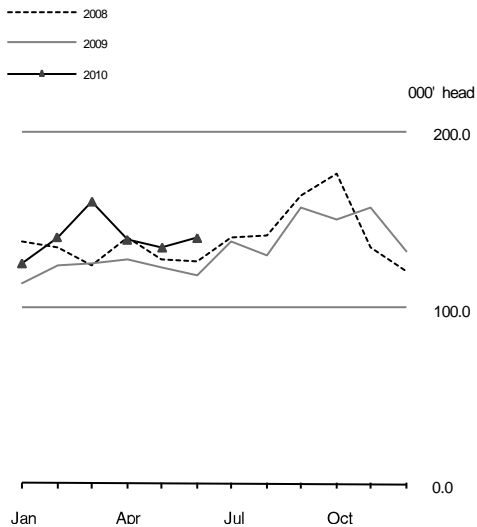


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Livestock Slaughtering

June 2010

Cattle Slaughtering



	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
	'000 head		
June 2009	119.0	241.7	196.8
June 2010	140.3	202.3	218.1
% change	17.9%	-16.3%	10.8%
Jan-Jun 2010/2009	14.7%	-15.9%	7.6%

Cattle slaughtering up 17.9% in June

The number of cattle slaughtered in June 2010 was 17.9% higher than in June 2009. See Table 1 and graph.

A comparison of June 2010 and 2009 figures also shows that

- ◆ Sheep slaughtering decreased by 16.3%.
- ◆ Pig slaughtering increased by 10.8%.

The number of cattle slaughtering in January-June 2010 was 14.7% higher than the corresponding 2009 figure. Over the same period there was a decrease of 15.9% in sheep slaughtering and an increase of 7.6% in pig slaughtering.

Comparing the periods January to April 2009 and 2010, the United Kingdom, France and Germany recorded increases in cattle slaughtering of 6.0%, 0.7% and 0.7% respectively. During the same period Italy recorded a decrease of 1.7%. 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	160.9*	139.3*	134.9*	140.3							
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		161.2	147.1	175.5*	153.4*	165.5*	202.3							
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*	220.5*	213.7*	218.1							
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	422.3
	2010		41.2*	45.9	52.0	45.0	43.7	45.5							
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	4.0							
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*	17.6							

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-Apr 2009	Jan-Apr 2010	% change
European Union	:	8,796	:
Austria	:	223	:
Belgium	:	260	:
Bulgaria	:	7	:
Cyprus	7	5	-24.1
Czech Republic	90	84	-6.5
Denmark	157	157	-0.1
Estonia	13	11	-9.8
Finland	88	80	-8.9
France	1,643	1,654	0.7
Germany	1,217	1,226	0.7
Greece	82	77	-5.8
Hungary	43	36	-16.2
Ireland	492	567	15.3
Italy	1,254	1,233	-1.7
Latvia	30	28	-4.0
Lithuania	57	50	-11.4
Luxembourg	9	9	-2.3
Malta	2	2	29.0
Netherlands	647	638	-1.4
Romania	32	34	5.0
Poland	521	427	-17.9
Portugal	143	129	-10.1
Slovak Republic	20	17	-14.6
Slovenia	40	40	-1.0
Spain	749	716	-4.5
Sweden	172	158	-8.1
United Kingdom	874	927	6.0

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