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Livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses in April 2016

In April 2016 compared to April 2015, the total number of cattle in slaughterhouses increased by 2.7% and the net increased weight by 7.1%. The total number of slaughtered sheep decreased (by 31.8% and net weight decreased by 33.2%), pigs decreased (by 91.3% and net weight of 93.2%) compared to the same period in 2015.

In comparison with the previous month, the total number of slaughtered cattle increased (by 28%, a net weight by 33.2%). As far as sheep's, the total number of slaughtered animals is bigger (by 39.7% and net weight of 47%), pigs are bigger (by 61.7%, net weight of 5.2%).

Compared to the monthly average in 2015, in April 2016, fewer cattle slaughtered in total (by 4.8% a net weight of 5.4%), sheep total (by 55.6% and net weight of 58%) and pigs (by 92.2% and net weight of 90.2%).

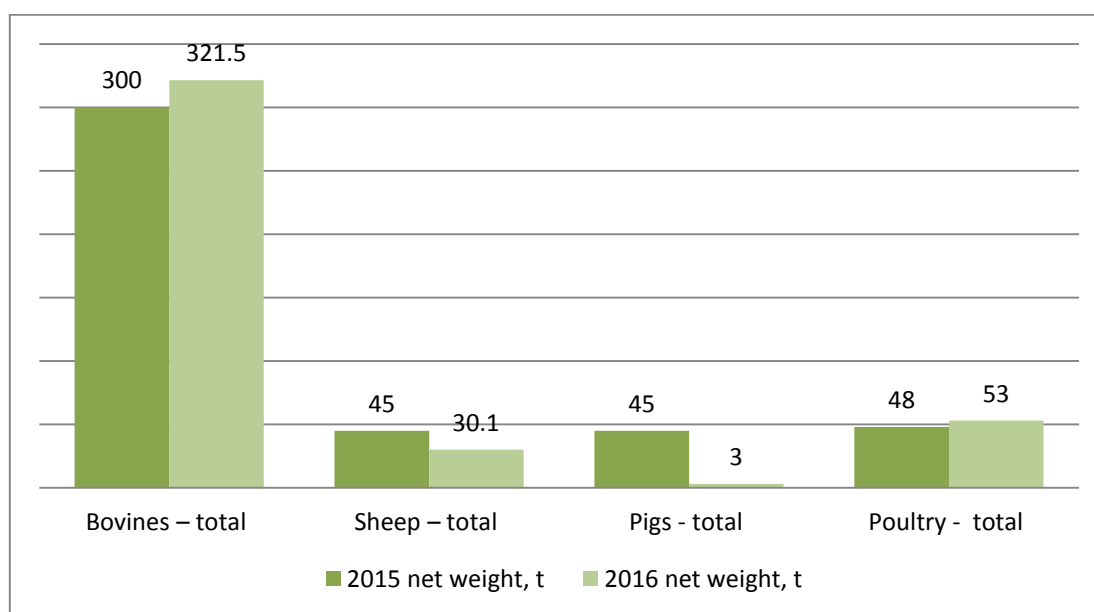
The number of slaughtered poultry decreased by 4.6%, a net weight increased by 10.4% compared with the same month last year. Compared with the previous month, the total number of slaughtered poultry decreased (by 9% and net weight increased of 6%), while compared to the actual monthly average in 2015, the number of slaughtered poultry decreased by (12.4%, the net weight increased of 2.6%).

Table 1. Livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses in April 2016 ¹⁾

	Slaughtering animals and poultry			Indices IV. 2016 IV. 2015		Indices IV. 2016 III. 2016		Indices IV. 2016 Ø 2015	
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	Number of head	Net weight, t	Coefficient of utilisation,%	Number of head	Net weight, t	Number of head	Net weight, t	Number of head	Net weight, t
Bovines – total	1,788	321.5	50	102.7	107.1	128	133.2	95.2	94.6
Calves and young cattle up to one year old	1,447	241.5	51.6	103.3	113.4	129	137.9	92.8	92.4
Heifers	9	2.26	50	47.3	75.3	225	201.7	65.4	75.3
Cows	268	63	47.5	172.9	170.3	152.2	161.5	149.9	145.5
Bulls and bullocks	84	23.8	49.5	50.9	51.7	88.4	89.8	66.3	68.8
Other cattle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sheep – total	1386	30.1	50.2	68.2	66.8	139.7	147	44.4	42
Lambs	1217	27.6	50.2	60	61.3	128.1	139.4	39	38.4
Tags, ewees and rams	169	2.5	50	-	-	402.4	396.8	-	-
Pigs - total	55	3.02	88.1	8.67	6.71	161.7	105.2	7.8	9.8
Poultry - total	29336	53	75.7	95.4	110.4	91	106	87.6	102.6
Fattened chickens (broilers)	29336	53	75.7	95.4	110.4	91	106	87.6	102.6

¹⁾ See methodology notes.

Graph 1 Net weight of animals and poultry 2015-2016



METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

LEGAL BASIS

The survey is conducted on the basis of the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 18/12).

Purpose and content of survey

The survey collects the data about the number of slaughtered animals by type and categories, weights (gross, net weight, and by head).

The collected data is protected in accordance with the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System of Montenegro (Article 34).

Reporting units

Reporting units are slaughterhouses in the territory of Montenegro.

Survey coverage

The coverage is full, and all slaughterhouses are covered by the survey.

Method and time of collection

Data are collected through reporting method. The periodicity is monthly. Reporting units are obliged to send the data to Statistical Office of Montenegro – **MONSTAT**, up to 15th of the current month for the previous month (Monthly survey).

Definition

Definitions are in accordance with the Regulation No 1165/2008 EC, Section II.

Gross weight - weight of livestock and poultry immediately before slaughter.

Net weight - the weight of dressed carcass of cattle and poultry, depending on the species.

-Cattle are the weight of dressed carcass, without skin, blood, viscera, the front legs to the knees and rear leg to the ankle.

-Sheep and goats is the weight of cold, cleaned and drained carcass, gutted, head, legs (separated at the ankle), tail and genitals (including teats). Kidneys and kidney fat are included in carcass weight.

-Poultry is chilled and drained weight of poultry plucked and gutted no head, neck, legs, heart, liver and stomach.

Coefficient of utilization - the ratio of weight of slaughtered livestock and poultry (net weight) and the weight of livestock and poultry (gross weight). It is expressed as a percentage with one decimal (e.g., 52.3%).

The representativeness of the data

Data are representative at the level of Montenegro.

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