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Livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses in February 2016

In February 2016 compared to February 2015, the total number of cattle in slaughterhouses decreased by 14.8% and the net decreased weight by 19.9%. The total number of slaughtered sheep increased (by 24.8% and net weight increased by 49.2%), pigs decreased (by 70.2% and net weight of 91.5%) compared to the same period in 2015.

In comparison with the previous month, the total number of slaughtered cattle increased by 1.1%, a net weight by 3.8%. As far as sheep's, the total number of slaughtered animals is lower (by 61.2% and net weight of 66%), pigs much lower (by 84.3%, and net weight of 80.0%).

Compared to the monthly average in 2015, in February 2016, fewer cattle slaughtered in total (by 23.1% a net weight of 23.6%), sheep total (by 74.9% and net weight of 73.0%) and pigs (by 88.0% and net weight of 92.9%).

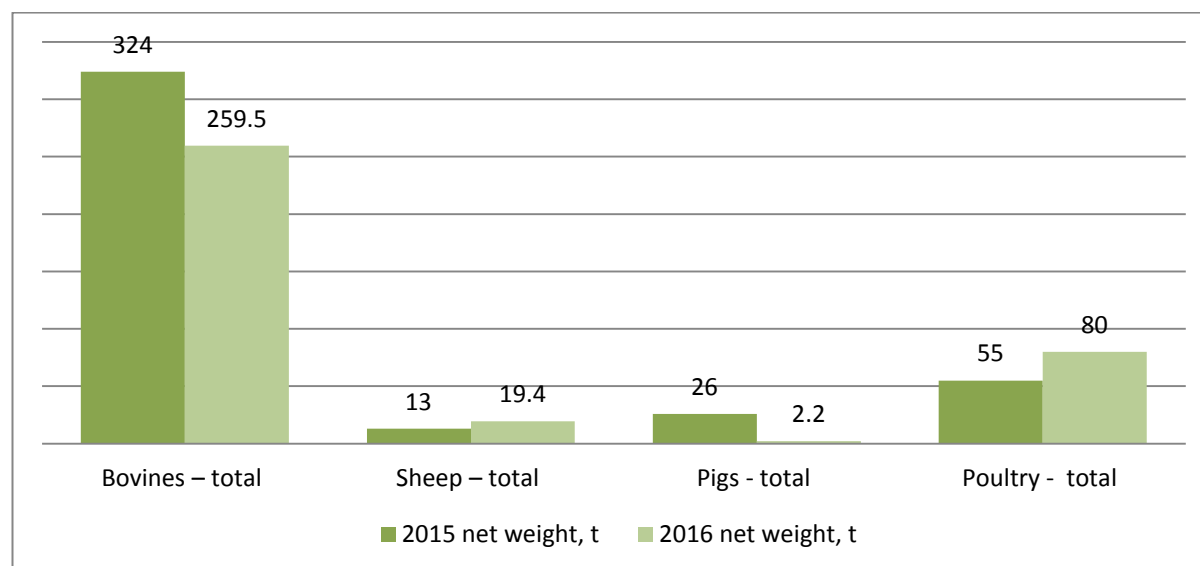
The number of slaughtered cattle increased by 51.5%, a net weight by 45.5% compared with the same month last year. Compared with the previous month, the total number of slaughtered cattle increased (by 119.4% and net weight of 100%), while compared to the actual monthly average in 2015, the number of slaughtered cattle increased by (62.6%, the net weight of 54.8%).

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

	Slaughtering animals and poultry			Indices II. 2016 II. 2015		Indices II. 2016 I. 2016		Indices II. 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	1 444	259.5	49,5	85,2	80,1	101,1	103,8	76,8	76,3
Calves and young cattle up to one year old	1 164	191.7	49,9	90,9	87,1	103,8	102.5	74,6	73,4
Heifers	4	1.1	50,0	21,0	27,5	66,7	55,0	29,1	36,6
Cows	209	48.5	47,6	77,7	73,5	91,3	124,3	116,9	111,9
Bulls and bullocks	67	18.1	49,9	52,7	53,2	93,0	82,3	52,9	52,3
Other cattle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sheep – total	785	19.4	50,0	124,8	149,2	38,7	34,0	25,1	27,0
Lambs	750	18.9	50,0	119,2	145,4	37,0	33,1	24,0	26,3
Tags, ewes and rams	35	0.5	50,0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pigs - total	85	2.2	88,8	29,8	8,5	15,7	20,0	12,0	7,1
Poultry - total	54464	80	68,2	151,5	145,5	219,4	200,0	162,6	154,8
Fattened chickens (broilers)	54464	80	68,2	151,5	145,5	219,4	200,0	162,6	154,8

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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