

## Livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses December 2020<sup>(p)</sup>

In December 2020 compared to the same month last year, the total number of slaughter cattle in slaughterhouses in Montenegro, increasing 10.4% (net weight increase of 26.3%). Decrease was on total number of slaughtered sheep compared to the same month of the previous year, while increase was on total number of slaughtered pig. The total number of slaughtered poultry it is decreased.

As compared to the previous month, the total number of slaughter cattle in slaughterhouses in Montenegro increased by 7.5% (net weight increased of 11.1%). Decrease was on total number of slaughtered sheep compared to the previous month, while increase was on total number of slaughtered pig. The total number of slaughtered poultry is decreased.

In the period from January to December 2020 was decrease in the slaughter of cattle. Number of slaughtered cattle is je 30 780 or 1.2% less than in the same period of 2019. Decrease in slaughter for the same period is present in sheep, pigs and poultry.

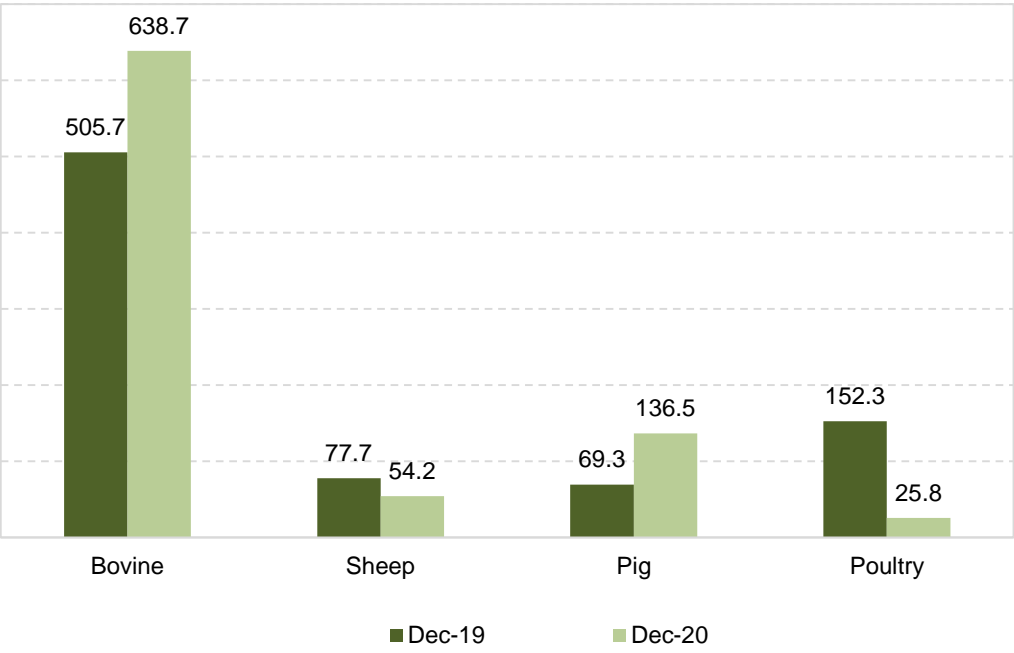
**Table 1. Livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses in December 2020**

	Slaughtering animals and poultry December 2020			Indices					
				December 2020 December 2019		December 2020 November 2020		December 2020 Ø 2019	
	Number of head	Net weight, t	Coefficient of utilization,%	Number of head	Net weight, t	Number of head	Net weight, t	Number of head	Net weight, t
<b>Bovines – total</b>	3 075	638.7	50.7	110.4	126.3	107.5	111.1	118.4	140.7
Calves and young cattle up to one year old	2 151	385.2	52.8	97.4	106.9	97.1	94.8	100.3	113.3
Heifers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cows	598	162.9	47.4	144.1	171.5	131.4	145.8	173.9	196.7
Bulls and bullocks	326	90.6	48.4	210.3	184.5	170.7	160.1	300.0 <sup>1)</sup>	298.1
Other cattle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sheep – total</b>	2 535	54.2	50.0	73.0	69.8	85.9	78.3	59.8	59.8
Lambs	2 488	52.9	50.0	77.4	74.7	98.4	92.5	60.7	60.5
Tags, ewes and rams	47	1.3	50.0	18.1	18.8	11.2	10.7	32.7	39.0
<b>Pigs - total</b>	3 271	136.5	70.6	105.9	197.0	217.1	176.2	191.3	300.0*
<b>Poultry - total</b>	37 381	25.8	74.7	42.2	16.9	67.7	29.5	45.2	18.6
Fattened chickens (broilers)	36 701	19.0	74.7	41.7	13.0	66.4	21.8	44.4	13.8
Hens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other poultry	680	6.8	71.4	116.2	122.8	-	-	300.0 <sup>1)</sup>	300.0 <sup>1)</sup>

- No data available

<sup>1)</sup> Calculated index is greater than 300.0

**Graph 1. Net weight of animals and poultry in tonnes**



## 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, 54, 55 and 56).

### 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.

- **Horse** weight of the cold, cleaned and drained carcass, without the bowels, head, tail and limbs to the hock, kidneys and kidney fat are included in the weight of the carcass.
- **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.

Data are considered **preliminary**, and becomes final within the defined deadline, as foreseen by the Statistical Release Calendar.

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