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Preliminary data

Livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses

The first quarter 2023

In the first quarter of 2023 there was an increase in the slaughter of cattle in slaughterhouses in Montenegro. Number of slaughtered cattle is 8 029 or 5.7% more than in the first quarter of 2022. The net weight of slaughtered cattle in the first quarter of 2022 increased by 10.6%.

The total number of slaughtered sheep in the first quarter of 2023 increased by 19.8% compared to the first quarter 2022. The net weight of slaughtered sheep in the first quarter of 2023 increased by 43.9%. The total number of slaughtered pigs decreased compared to the same quarter of 2022, while the total number of slaughtered poultry increased by 19.3%.

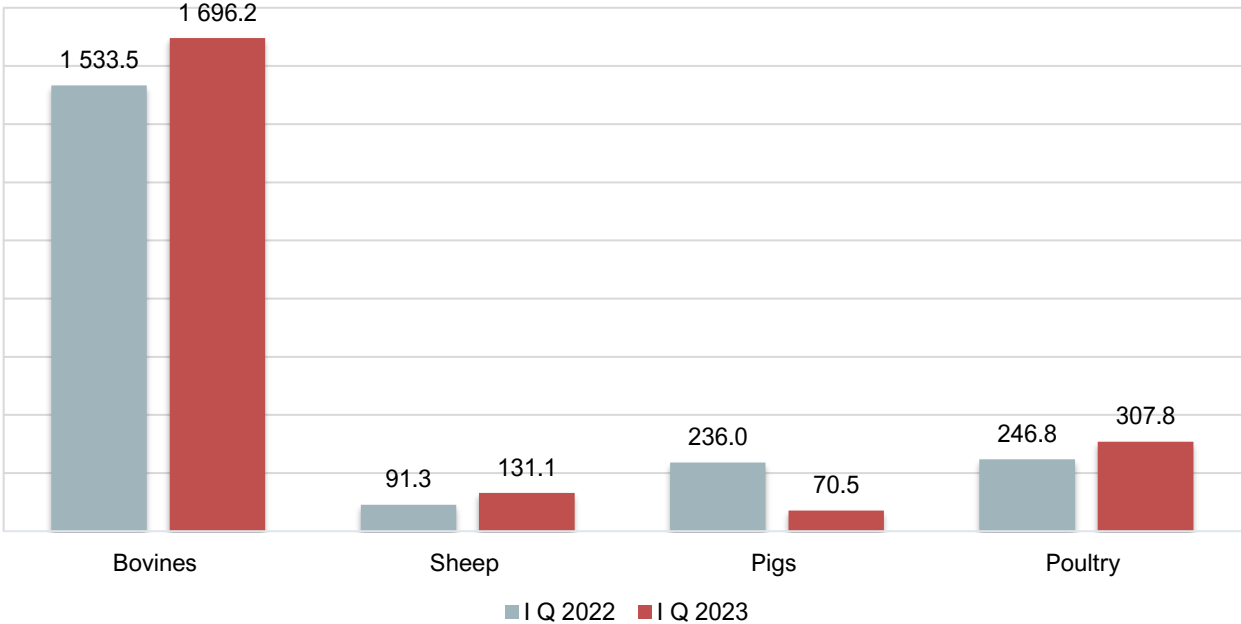
Table 1. Livestock and poultry slaughtering in the first quarter of 2023

Montenegro	IQ 2022		Index	
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	Number of head	Net weight, t	Number of head	Net weight, t
Bovines – total	8 029	1 696.2	105.7	110.6
Calves and young cattle up to one year old	5 913	1 067.2	108.0	113.7
Heifers	-	-	-	-
Cows	1 568	464.3	132.5	142.4
Bulls and bullocks	548	164.6	58.6	61.3
Other cattle	-	-	-	-
Sheep – total	6 271	131.1	119.8	143.9
Lambs	5 906	120.1	116.2	138.2
Tags, ewes and rams	262	11.0	171.2	261.9
Pigs - total	1 715	70.5	41.4	29.9
Poultry - total	183 395	307.8	119.3	124.7
Fattened chickens (broilers)	183 365	307.5	119.5	126.8
Hens	-	-	-	-
Other poultry	30	0.3	10.0	5.8

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Graph 1. Net weight of animals and poultry in tonnes



METODOLOGICAL 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 and 47/19). 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).

Purpose and contents of survey

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

Reporting units

The report is filled in by all slaughterhouses that slaughter livestock either for their own needs or for the needs of other companies, i.e. individuals (service slaughter of livestock) registered on Directorate for Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Affairs. Data are taken from the accounting or other records of the reporting unit.

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 are 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.

Data representativeness

Data are representative at the level of Montenegro.

Data are published according to the Statistical Release Calendar.

According to the Revision Policy of the Statistical Office, the final data shall be published with the date defined by the Statistical Release Calendar.

More data and detailed methodological notes are available at: [Livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses](#)