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Livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses

The fourth quarter 2023¹

In the fourth quarter of 2023 there was a decreased in the slaughter of cattle in slaughterhouses in Montenegro. Number of slaughtered cattle is 8 299 or 14.7 % less than in the fourth quarter of 2022. The net weight of slaughtered cattle in the fourth quarter of 2022 decreased by 11.5%.

The total number of slaughtered sheep in the fourth quarter of 2023 increased by 12.4% compared to the fourth quarter 2022. The net weight of slaughtered sheep in the fourth quarter of 2023 decreased by 6.6%. The total number of slaughtered pigs decreased compared to the same quarter of 2022, while the total number of slaughtered poultry increased by 20.2%.

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

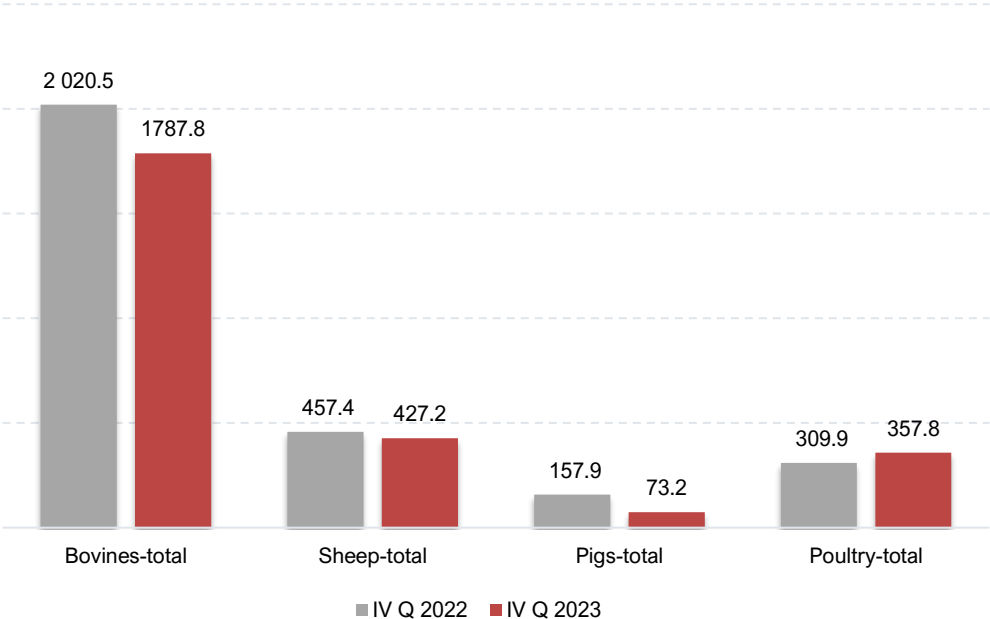
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	Number of head	Net weight, t	Number of head	Net weight, t
Bovines – total	8 299	1 787.8¹	853	88.5¹
Calves and young cattle up to one year old	6 845	1 343.9 ¹	93.4	96.3 ¹
Heifers	-	-	-	-
Cows	1 031	307.1	64.1	68.6
Bulls and bullocks	423	136.8	53.3	77.2
Other cattle	-	-	-	-
Sheep – total	19 490	427.2	112.4	93.4
Lambs	18 415	396.2	109.8	96.6
Tags, ewes and rams	1 075	31.0	188.3	65.8
Pigs - total	2 540	73.2	57.5	46.3
Poultry - total	209 925	3578	120.2	115.5
Fattened chickens (broilers)	209 895	357.5	120.2	115.6
Hens	-	-	-	-
Other poultry	30	0.3	42.9	42.9

-) No data available

¹)Revised data



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). 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 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).

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, ie 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).

Definitions

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 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.

When using the data, state: “Data source: Statistical Office of Montenegro - MONSTAT“.

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