

## Livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses March 2020

In March 2020 compared to the same month last year, the total number of slaughter cattle in slaughterhouses in Montenegro, increasing 16.6% (net weight increase of 25.7%). Decrease was on total number of slaughtered sheep and pigs compared to the same month of the previous year. The total number of slaughtered poultry is increased.

As compared to the previous month, the total number of slaughter cattle in slaughterhouses in Montenegro increased by 13.8% (net weight increased of 9.3%). Increase was on total number of slaughtered sheep compared to the previous month, while decrease was on total number of slaughtered pigs compared to the previous month. The total number of slaughtered poultry is decreased by 13.6% (net weight decreased by 12.8%).

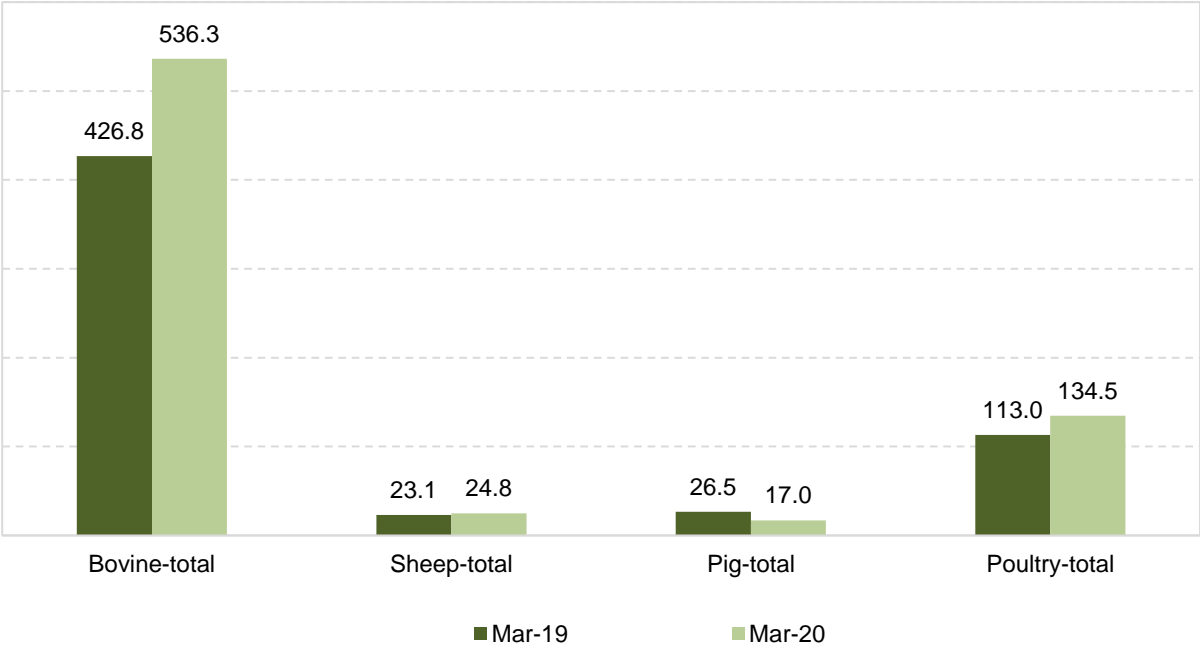
In the period from January to March 2020 was increase in the slaughter of cattle. Number of slaughtered cattle is 7 732 or 19.3% more than in the same period of 2019. Increase in slaughter for the same period is present in sheep and poultry, while in pigs is decrease.

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

	Slaughtering animals and poultry March 2020			Indices					
				March 2020 March 2019		March 2020 February 2020		March 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>	2 854	536.3	50.5	116.6	125.7	113.8	109.3	109.9	118.2
Calves and young cattle up to one year old	2 276	379.1	51.7	119.9	127.0	132.0	134.6	106.1	111.5
Heifers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cows	520	139.9	47.6	114.5	131.9	100.0	107.6	151.2	169.0
Bulls and bullocks	58	17.3	49.3	62.4	80.1	22.1	21.9	55.2	56.9
Other cattle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sheep – total</b>	1 239	24.8	50.0	92.6	107.4	101.8	100.4	29.2	27.3
Lambs	1 208	24.3	50.0	95.4	110.5	102.2	100.4	29.5	27.8
Tags, ewes and rams	31	0.5	50.0	43.1	45.5	88.6	100.0	21.6	15.0
<b>Pigs - total</b>	591	17.0	77.4	46.1	64.2	50.0	63.0	34.6	42.0
<b>Poultry - total</b>	75 153	134.5	73.6	104.5	119.0	86.4	87.2	90.8	96.9
Fattened chickens (broilers)	75 153	134.5	73.6	104.5	119.0	86.4	87.2	90.9	97.5
Hens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other poultry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- No data available

**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).

### 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.

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