

During the first half of 2016, meat production and producer value decreased by 3.8 and 5.9 per cent respectively over the same period in 2015.

Meat Production: January-June 2016

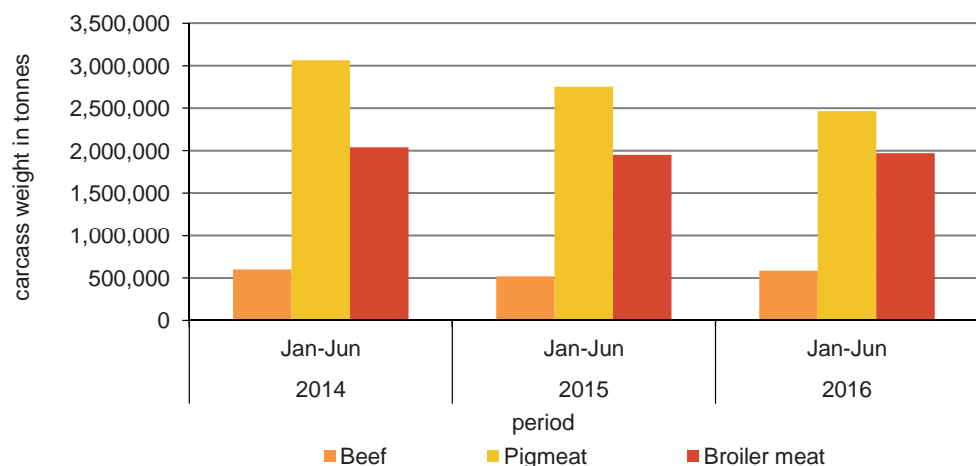
Meat production amounted to 5,022 tonnes, down by 3.8 per cent over the corresponding period in 2015. This was due to a drop of 10.4 per cent in the production of pigmeat. This was partially offset by increases of 13.0 and 1.0 per cent in the production of beef and broiler meat respectively (Table 2).

Lower pigmeat production resulted from a 9.2 per cent drop in the number of slaughtered pigs. The increase in beef production was due to a 12.4 per cent rise in the number of slaughtered cattle. Broiler meat production went up by 1.0 per cent as a result of a 5.1 per cent rise in the average carcass weight, although the number of slaughtered broilers declined by 4.1 per cent (Tables 1 and 4).

Producer Value

The producer value of animals slaughtered at licensed slaughterhouses amounted to €10.4 million, 5.9 per cent less when compared to the first half of 2015. This resulted from a drop of 13.1 per cent in the producer value recorded for pigmeat. However, the producer value of beef and broiler meat advanced by 6.8 and 2.2 per cent respectively (Table 3) ■

Chart 1. Volume of slaughtered livestock



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Table 1. Livestock (in heads) slaughtered at licensed slaughterhouses by period

Livestock	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Cattle	2,153	1,883	2,116	233	12.4
Pigs	34,400	30,402	27,602	-2,800	-9.2
Broilers	1,081,004	1,109,823	1,064,698	-45,125	-4.1

Table 2. Carcass weight by period and type of meat (Kgs)

Type of meat	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Beef	599,693	518,428	586,073	67,645	13.0
Pigmeat	3,062,378	2,752,472	2,464,952	-287,520	-10.4
Broiler meat	2,039,286	1,950,511	1,970,564	20,053	1.0
Total	5,701,357	5,221,411	5,021,589	-199,822	-3.8

Table 3. Producer value by period and type of meat (€)

Type of meat	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Beef	1,679,165	1,488,149	1,588,689	100,540	6.8
Pigmeat	7,257,836	6,289,269	5,464,433	-824,836	-13.1
Broiler meat	3,622,492	3,318,710	3,393,186	74,476	2.2
Total	12,559,493	11,096,128	10,446,308	-649,820	-5.9

Table 4. Average carcass weight by period and type of meat (Kgs)

Type of meat	January-June			Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015
Beef	278.54	275.32	276.97	0.6
Pigmeat	89.02	90.54	89.30	-1.4
Broiler meat	1.89	1.76	1.85	5.1

Table 5. Average carcass price by period and type of meat (€)

Type of meat	January-June			Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015
Beef	2.80	2.87	2.71	-5.6
Pigmeat	2.37	2.28	2.22	-2.6
Broiler meat	1.78	1.70	1.72	1.2

Methodological Notes

1. Monthly data with regard to cattle and pig slaughtering are provided by the abattoir under the responsibility of the Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change. Data on broiler slaughtering are provided directly by private licensed slaughterhouses. Data sets are finalised after actual data are collected from all active licensed slaughterhouses.
2. Slaughterhouses provide data on the number of heads slaughtered, carcass weight, and the average carcass price per kilogram.
3. Data in respect of meat production are presented in terms of carcass weight.
4. **Definitions:**
 - **Pig carcass weight:** The weight of the slaughtered pig's cold body, either whole or divided in half along the mid-line, after being bled, eviscerated and having its tongue, bristles, hooves, genitalia, flare flat, kidneys and diaphragm removed.
 - **Cattle carcass weight:** The weight of the slaughtered cattle's cold body after being skinned, bled, eviscerated and having its genitalia, limbs at the carpus and tarsus, head, tail, kidneys, kidney fats and udder removed.
 - **Broiler carcass weight:** The weight of the slaughtered broiler's cold body after being bled, plucked and eviscerated and having its head, feet, neck, heart, liver and gizzard removed.
5. The producer value of meat production excludes any subsidies on the product.
6. Total meat production does not include slaughtered rabbits.
7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:
http://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_B3/Environment_Energy_Transport_and_Agriculture_Statistics/Pages/Meat-Production.aspx

European statistics comparable to data in this News Release are available at:

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