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In the second half of 2016, meat production and producer value decreased by 5.0 and 7.3 per cent respectively over the same period in 2015.

Meat production: July-December 2016

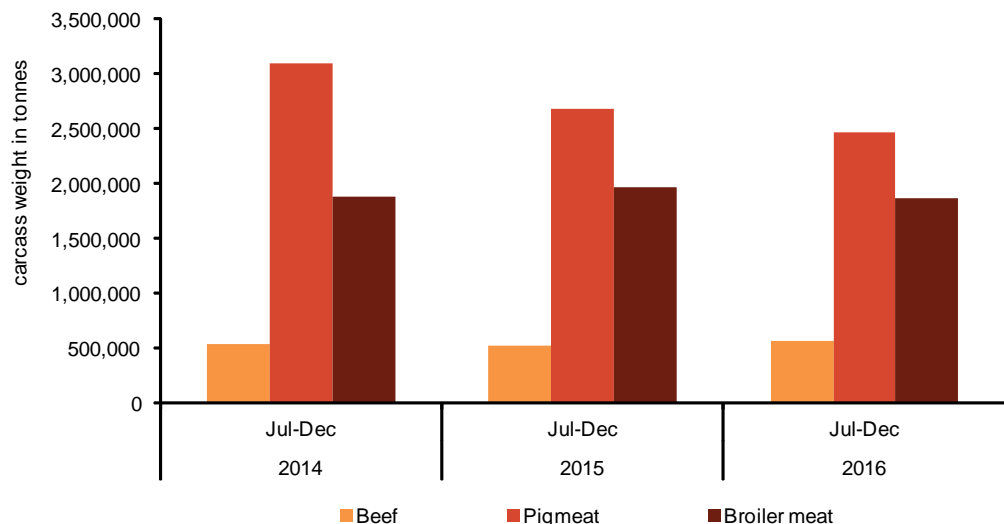
Meat production during the second semester of 2016 amounted to 4,892 tonnes, down by 5.0 per cent over 2015. This was due to drops registered in the production of pigmeat and broiler meat of 7.8 and 5.1 per cent respectively. This was partially offset by an increase of 10.1 per cent in the production of beef (Table 2).

Lower pigmeat production resulted from a 5.9 per cent drop in the number of slaughtered pigs. Similarly, broiler meat production fell by 5.1 per cent as a result of a 5.0 per cent decline in the number of slaughtered broilers. On the other hand, beef production increased due to a 8.9 per cent rise in the number of slaughtered cattle together with a 1.1 per cent increase in the average carcass weight (Tables 1 and 4).

Producer Value

The producer value of animals slaughtered at licensed slaughterhouses amounted to €10.1 million, 7.3 per cent less when compared to the second half of 2015. This resulted from drops of 11.8 and 4.8 per cent in the producer value recorded for pigmeat and broiler meat respectively. However, the producer value of beef increased by 6.1 per cent (Table 3) ■

Volume of slaughtered livestock



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

Livestock	July-December			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Cattle	1,935	1,883	2,051	168	8.9
Pigs	35,389	30,320	28,538	-1,782	-5.9
Broilers	1,149,336	1,141,167	1,083,651	-57,516	-5.0

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

Type of meat	July-December			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Beef	529,785	513,261	565,171	51,910	10.1
Pigmeat	3,090,604	2,675,089	2,466,004	-209,085	-7.8
Broiler meat	1,876,331	1,962,225	1,861,188	-101,037	-5.1
Total	5,496,720	5,150,575	4,892,363	-258,212	-5.0

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

Type of meat	July-December			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Beef	1,511,944	1,445,661	1,534,426	88,765	6.1
Pigmeat	7,324,731	6,099,203	5,379,142	-720,061	-11.8
Broiler meat	3,237,582	3,327,942	3,169,080	-158,862	-4.8
Total	12,074,257	10,872,805	10,082,648	-790,158	-7.3

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

Type of meat	July-December			Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015
Beef	273.79	272.58	275.56	1.1
Pigmeat	87.33	88.23	86.41	-2.1
Broiler meat	1.63	1.72	1.72	-0.1

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

Type of meat	July-December			Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015
Beef	2.85	2.82	2.71	-3.6
Pigmeat	2.37	2.28	2.18	-4.3
Broiler meat	1.73	1.70	1.70	0.4

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:
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