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## AGRICULTURE STATISTICS

### Livestock Slaughtering: January - March 2004

During the first quarter of 2004, the total livestock meat production at slaughterhouses amounted to 4,837 tonnes, a decrease of 282 tonnes (-5.5%), from 5,119 tonnes in the same quarter of 2003. In the period under review, the carcass weight of broiler meat amounted to 2,356 tonnes (+48.7%), carcass weight of pig meat amounted to 2,180 tonnes (+45.1%) and carcass weight of beef amounted to 301 tonnes (+6.2%). When compared to the same quarter last year beef and pig meat production dropped by 20.1 per cent and 18.8 per cent respectively, whereas the production of broiler meat increased by 300 tonnes (+14.6%) from 2,056 tonnes in the first quarter of 2003 to 2,356 tonnes in the first quarter this year.

The decline in the production of beef and pig meat was a result of less slaughterings in the number of cattle and pigs. The average carcass weight of cattle and pigs remained relatively stable when compared to the same period last year. On the other hand, the increase in broiler meat was due to increases in the number of broilers slaughtered which increased by 147,334 heads (+12.0%) from 1,222,774 heads in the first quarter of 2003 to 1,370,108 heads in the first quarter of 2004.

The total producer value of slaughtered livestock decreased by Lm 307,141 (-8.9%) from Lm 3,437,470 in the first quarter of 2003 to Lm 3,130,329 in the first quarter of 2004. The pig industry was mainly responsible for this drop. The drop in pig slaughters resulted in pig breeders obtaining Lm 340,248 less (-18.8%), from Lm 1,805,180 in the first quarter of 2003 to Lm 1,464,932 in the first quarter of 2004. On the other hand, the producer value of slaughtered broilers increased by Lm 85,288 (+6.8%) from Lm 1,253,594 to Lm 1,338,882. This was due to the increase in volume of broilers slaughtered.

### Regional Statistics

During the first quarter this year, the carcass weight of livestock slaughtered in Maltese slaughterhouses declined by 479 tonnes (10.3%) from 4,663 tonnes in the first quarter of 2003 to 4,184 tonnes in the first quarter of 2004. This drop was the result of declines in pig slaughters which dropped by 501 tonnes (-18.5%) from 2,556 tonnes in the first quarter of 2003 to 2,055 tonnes in the first quarter of 2004. On the other hand, there was an increase of 99 tonnes (+5.6%) in the volume of broilers slaughtered. This went up from 1,756 tonnes in the first quarter of 2003 to 1,855 tonnes in the first quarter this year.

The carcass weight of livestock slaughtered in Gozitan slaughterhouses increased by 198 tonnes (+43.4%) from 456 tonnes in the first quarter of 2003 to 654 tonnes in the first quarter this year. The increase in the carcass weight was mainly the result of a substantial increase in the number of broilers slaughtered. In fact, broiler slaughterings in Gozitan slaughterhouses increased by 109,541 heads (+47.3%) from 231,500 broilers in the first quarter of 2003 to 341,041 broilers this year. A drop of 3.6 per cent in pig slaughters was registered.

Chart 1. Slaughtering of the most important animals in the Maltese Islands: March Quarter 2003

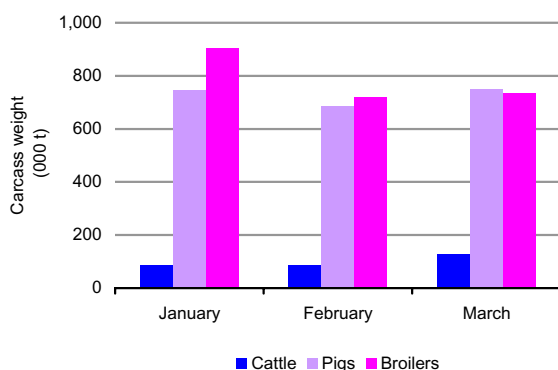
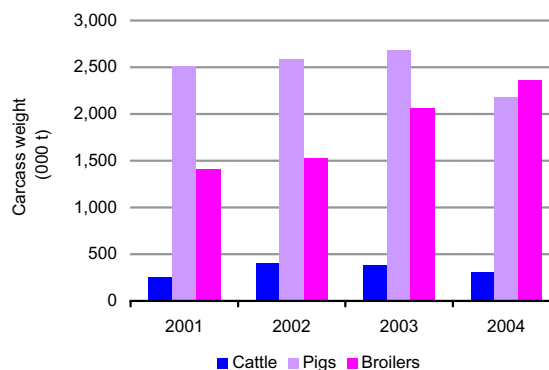


Chart 2. Slaughtering of the most important animals in the Maltese Islands: Jan-Mar 2001 to Jan-Mar 2004



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**Table 1. Slaughterings of cattle, pigs, and poultry at licensed slaughterhouses in the Maltese Islands**

Description	2003			2004											
	January/March			January			February			March			January/March		
	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value
Cattle	1,373	376,902	378,696	323	86,327	94,775	330	87,422	95,298	475	127,458	136,442	1,128	301,207	326,515
Pigs	32,591	2,686,280	1,805,180	9,086	745,067	500,685	8,472	686,584	461,384	9,254	748,308	502,863	26,812	2,179,959	1,464,932
Broilers	1,222,774	2,055,670	1,253,594	461,548	903,807	444,936	439,919	718,322	441,784	468,641	734,196	452,162	1,370,108	2,356,324	1,338,882
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>5,118,852</b>	<b>3,437,470</b>	-	<b>1,735,201</b>	<b>1,040,396</b>	-	<b>1,492,328</b>	<b>998,466</b>	-	<b>1,609,962</b>	<b>1,091,467</b>	-	<b>4,837,490</b>	<b>3,130,329</b>

**Table 2. Slaughterings of cattle, pigs, and poultry at licensed slaughterhouses in Malta**

Description	2003			2004											
	January/March			January			February			March			January/March		
	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value
Cattle	1,264	350,966	352,693	291	78,884	86,747	286	76,657	83,109	439	118,354	126,432	1,016	273,895	296,289
Pigs	31,014	2,555,585	1,717,353	8,660	710,156	477,225	7,985	646,477	434,433	8,646	698,127	469,141	25,291	2,054,760	1,380,799
Broilers	991,274	1,756,429	1,014,200	340,582	736,606	330,107	338,997	565,108	338,723	349,488	553,524	332,683	1,029,067	1,855,238	1,001,513
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>4,662,980</b>	<b>3,084,246</b>	-	<b>1,525,646</b>	<b>894,079</b>	-	<b>1,288,242</b>	<b>856,265</b>	-	<b>1,370,005</b>	<b>928,256</b>	-	<b>4,183,893</b>	<b>2,678,600</b>

**Table 3. Slaughterings of cattle, pigs, and poultry at licensed slaughterhouses in Gozo**

Description	2003			2004											
	January/March			January			February			March			January/March		
	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value
Cattle	109	25,936	26,003	32	7,443	8,028	44	10,765	12,189	36	9,104	10,010	112	27,312	30,226
Pigs	1,577	130,695	87,827	426	34,911	23,460	487	40,107	26,952	608	50,181	33,722	1,521	125,199	84,134
Broilers	231,500	299,241	239,394	120,966	167,201	114,829	100,922	153,215	103,061	119,153	180,671	119,479	341,041	501,086	337,369
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>455,872</b>	<b>353,224</b>	-	<b>209,555</b>	<b>146,317</b>	-	<b>204,087</b>	<b>142,201</b>	-	<b>239,956</b>	<b>163,210</b>	-	<b>653,597</b>	<b>451,729</b>

**Table 4. Slaughterings of cattle, pigs, and poultry at licensed slaughterhouses in the Maltese Islands**

Description	1st Quarter - 2001			1st Quarter - 2002			1st Quarter - 2003			1st Quarter - 2004		
	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value
Cattle	939	245,663	278,773	1,455	400,063	472,674	1,373	376,902	378,696	1,128	301,207	326,515
Pigs	30,897	2,507,007	2,060,760	31,160	2,579,368	2,120,240	32,591	2,686,280	1,805,180	26,812	2,179,959	1,464,932
Broilers	987,262	1,407,721	973,529	1,052,854	1,527,998	1,039,609	1,222,774	2,055,670	1,253,594	1,370,108	2,356,324	1,338,882
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>4,160,391</b>	<b>3,313,062</b>	-	<b>4,507,429</b>	<b>3,632,523</b>	-	<b>5,118,852</b>	<b>3,437,470</b>	-	<b>4,837,490</b>	<b>3,130,329</b>

**Table 5. Slaughterings of cattle, pigs, and poultry at licensed slaughterhouses in Malta**

Description	1st Quarter - 2001			1st Quarter - 2002			1st Quarter - 2003			1st Quarter - 2004		
	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value
Cattle	906	238,811	270,517	1,388	384,251	453,662	1,264	350,966	352,693	1,016	273,895	296,289
Pigs	29,277	2,373,553	1,951,061	29,771	2,462,615	2,024,270	31,014	2,555,585	1,717,353	25,291	2,054,760	1,380,799
Broilers	776,767	1,109,088	750,900	784,756	1,171,353	786,237	991,274	1,756,429	1,014,200	1,029,067	1,855,238	1,001,513
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>3,721,452</b>	<b>2,972,478</b>	-	<b>4,018,219</b>	<b>3,264,168</b>	-	<b>4,662,980</b>	<b>3,084,246</b>	-	<b>4,183,893</b>	<b>2,678,600</b>

**Table 6. Slaughterings of cattle, pigs, and poultry at licensed slaughterhouses in Gozo**

Description	1st Quarter - 2001			1st Quarter - 2002			1st Quarter - 2003			1st Quarter - 2004		
	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value	Number of heads	Carcass weight	Producer value
Cattle	33	6,852	8,257	67	15,812	19,012	109	25,936	26,003	112	27,312	30,226
Pigs	1,620	133,454	109,699	1,389	116,753	95,971	1,577	130,695	87,827	1,521	125,199	84,134
Broilers	210,495	298,633	222,628	268,098	356,645	253,372	231,500	299,241	239,394	341,041	501,086	337,369
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>438,939</b>	<b>340,584</b>	-	<b>489,210</b>	<b>368,355</b>	-	<b>455,872</b>	<b>353,224</b>	-	<b>653,597</b>	<b>451,729</b>

