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In the second quarter, meat production and the producer value increased by 5.5 and 1.7 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2013.

Meat Production: Q2/2014

Meat production advanced by 5.5 per cent to 2,994 tonnes during the quarter under review. This was mainly brought about by an increase in the production of pigmeat and broilermeat by 10.3 and 0.5 per cent respectively (Table 2).

The increase in pigmeat production resulted from a 5.9 per cent rise in the number of heads slaughtered (Table 1). Broilermeat production went up by 0.5 per cent as a result of a 5.7 per cent rise in the average carcass weight (Table 4), although the number of slaughtered broilers declined by 4.9 per cent.

Producer Value

The producer value of animals slaughtered at licensed slaughterhouses in the period under review amounted to €6.6 million, up 1.7 per cent when compared to the second quarter of 2013 (Table 3). This resulted from an increase of 10.3 per cent in the producer value of pig meat. However, the producer value of beef and broilermeat declined by 14.5 and 6.3 per cent respectively ■

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

Livestock	April-June				
	2012	2013	2014	± 2014/2013	±% 2014/2013
Cattle	947	1,017	1,015	-2	-0.2
Pigs	16,556	17,361	18,390	1,029	5.9
Broilers	636,936	586,331	557,331	-29,000	-4.9

Table 2. Carcass weight (in kgs) of slaughtered livestock

Livestock	April-June				
	2012	2013	2014	± 2014/2013	±% 2014/2013
Cattle	258,086	287,981	283,155	-4,826	-1.7
Pigs	1,371,062	1,494,053	1,648,673	154,620	10.3
Broilers	1,010,988	1,054,205	1,059,674	5,469	0.5
Total	2,642,148	2,838,252	2,993,516	155,263	5.5

Table 3. Producer value (in €) of slaughtered livestock

Livestock	April-June				
	2012	2013	2014	± 2014/2013	±% 2014/2013
Cattle	836,671	914,623	782,265	-132,358	-14.5
Pigs	2,577,597	3,540,906	3,907,355	366,449	10.3
Broilers	1,867,184	2,007,099	1,881,186	-125,913	-6.3
Total	5,283,464	6,464,641	6,572,820	108,178	1.7

Table 4. Average carcass weight (in kgs) of slaughtered livestock

Livestock	April-June				
	2012	2013	2014	± 2014/2013	±% 2014/2013
Cattle	272.5	283.2	279.0	-4.2	-1.5
Pigs	82.8	86.1	89.7	3.6	4.2
Broilers	1.6	1.8	1.9	0.1	5.7

Table 5. Average carcass price (in €) of slaughtered livestock

Livestock	April-June				
	2012	2013	2014	± 2014/2013	±% 2014/2013
Cattle	3.2	3.2	2.8	-0.4	-13.0
Pigs	1.9	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Broilers	1.8	1.9	1.8	-0.1	-6.8

Methodological Notes

1. Monthly data with respect 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 kilogramme.
3. The data for the production of meat are being presented in terms of carcass weight.
4. Definitions (as per Eurostat glossary):
 - 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 slaughtered, 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. It includes poultry offal (tail, feet, neck, liver, heart and gizzard), with the exception of *foie gras*.
5. The carcass's average prices and weight are used for the compilation of monthly output price and volume indices.
6. The data are compiled on a monthly basis but disseminated on a quarterly basis with reference to the three months that would have elapsed.
7. The producer value of meat production excludes any subsidies on the product.
8. Total meat production does not include slaughtered rabbits.
9. The data in this news release are final and are not normally subject to revision.

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