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In the third quarter, meat production rose by 1.4 per cent while the producer value declined by 2.2 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2013.

## Meat Production: Q3/2014

Meat production advanced by 1.4 per cent to 2,629 tonnes during the quarter under review. This was brought about by increases in the production of beef and pigmeat, of 6.6 and 2.0 per cent respectively. A marginal drop of 0.9 per cent was registered in the production of broiler meat (Table 2).

The increase in the production of beef resulted from a 10.6 per cent rise in the number of slaughtered cattle (Table 1). Pigmeat production went up by 2.0 per cent as a result of a 3.2 per cent rise in the average carcass weight, although the number of slaughtered pigs declined by 1.1 per cent (Table 4).

### Producer Value

During the period under review, the producer value of animals slaughtered at licensed slaughterhouses went down by €0.1 million (-2.2 per cent) to €5.8 million (Table 3). This resulted from a decrease in the producer value of beef and broiler meat, of 8.8 and 7.8 per cent respectively. However, the producer value of pigmeat rose by 2.0 per cent ■

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

Livestock	July-September				
	2012	2013	2014	± 2014/2013	±% 2014/2013
Cattle	854	846	936	90	10.6
Pigs	15,242	17,428	17,230	-198	-1.1
Broilers	649,289	584,760	551,188	-33,572	-5.7

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

Livestock	July-September				
	2012	2013	2014	± 2014/2013	±% 2014/2013
Cattle	238,335	239,821	255,549	15,728	6.6
Pigs	1,244,697	1,456,222	1,485,439	29,217	2.0
Broilers	999,555	896,383	888,488	-7,895	-0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,482,587</b>	<b>2,592,426</b>	<b>2,629,476</b>	<b>37,050</b>	<b>1.4</b>

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

Livestock	July-September				
	2012	2013	2014	± 2014/2013	±% 2014/2013
Cattle	771,929	768,984	701,201	-67,783	-8.8
Pigs	2,503,150	3,451,246	3,520,490	69,244	2.0
Broilers	1,850,096	1,695,766	1,563,626	-132,140	-7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,125,175</b>	<b>5,915,996</b>	<b>5,785,317</b>	<b>-130,679</b>	<b>-2.2</b>

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

Livestock	July-September				
	2012	2013	2014	± 2014/2013	±% 2014/2013
Cattle	279.1	283.5	273.0	-10.5	-3.7
Pigs	81.7	83.6	86.2	2.7	3.2
Broilers	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.1	5.2

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

Livestock	July-September				
	2012	2013	2014	± 2014/2013	±% 2014/2013
Cattle	3.2	3.2	2.7	-0.5	-14.4
Pigs	2.0	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Broilers	1.9	1.9	1.8	-0.1	-7.0

## 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 kilogram.
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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