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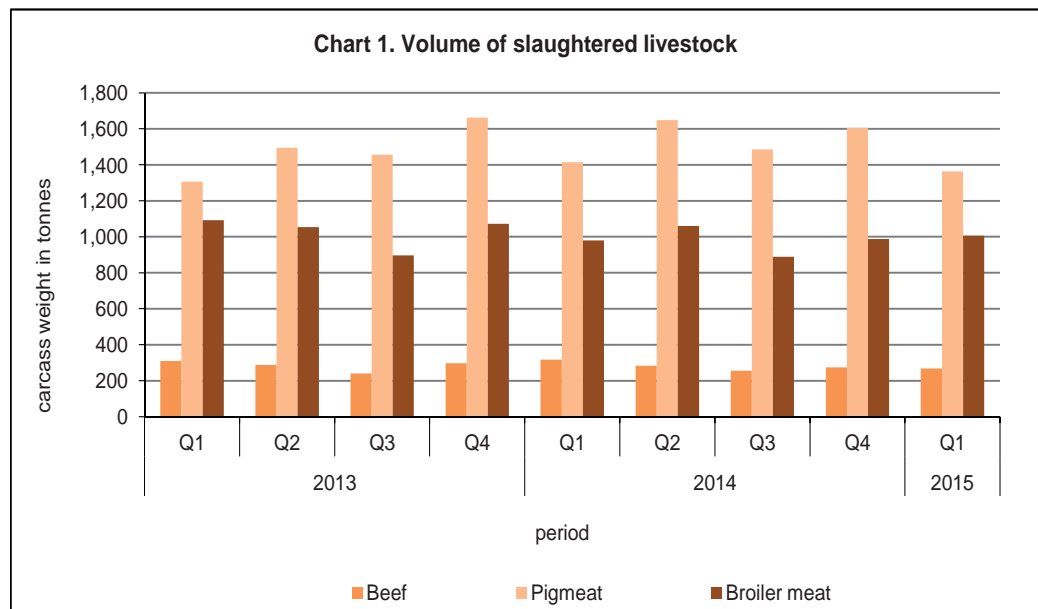
Meat Production: Q1/2015

In the first quarter, meat production went down by 2.7 per cent to 2,636 tonnes. This was due to drops of 15.3 and 3.6 per cent in the production of beef and pigmeat respectively. On the other hand, an increase of 2.6 per cent was registered in the production of broiler meat (Table 2).

Lower beef production resulted from a 13.8 per cent drop in the number of slaughtered cattle (Table 1). Slaughtered pigs decreased by 806 heads, reflecting a drop in the production of pigmeat in spite of an increase of 1.5 per cent in the average carcass weight (Table 4). The increase in broiler meat production resulted from a 7.9 per cent rise in the number of slaughtered broilers (Table 1).

Producer value

The producer value of animals slaughtered at licensed slaughterhouses amounted to €5.7 million, 5.4 per cent less when compared to the first quarter of 2014. This was brought about by decreases in the producer value of beef and pigmeat, of 11.6 and 6.8 per cent respectively. A marginal increase was noted in the producer value of broiler meat (Table 3).



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

Livestock	January-March (Q1)				
	2013	2014	2015	change 2015/2014	% change 2015/2014
Cattle	1,134	1,138	981	-157	-13.8
Pigs	16,769	16,010	15,204	-806	-5.0
Broilers	585,941	523,673	564,922	41,249	7.9

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

Type of meat	January-March (Q1)				
	2013	2014	2015	change 2015/2014	% change 2015/2014
Beef	309,194	316,538	267,985	-48,553	-15.3
Pigmeat	1,306,671	1,413,705	1,363,146	-50,559	-3.6
Broiler meat	1,091,942	979,612	1,005,333	25,721	2.6
Total	2,707,807	2,709,855	2,636,464	-73,391	-2.7

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

Type of meat	January-March (Q1)				
	2013	2014	2015	change 2015/2014	% change 2015/2014
Beef	956,910	896,900	792,571	-104,329	-11.6
Pigmeat	3,096,810	3,350,481	3,121,605	-228,876	-6.8
Broiler meat	2,040,793	1,741,307	1,749,708	8,401	0.5
Total	6,094,513	5,988,688	5,663,884	-324,804	-5.4

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

Type of meat	January-March (Q1)				
	2013	2014	2015	change 2015/2014	% change 2015/2014
Beef	272.66	278.15	273.18	-4.98	-1.8
Pigmeat	77.92	88.30	89.66	1.36	1.5
Broiler meat	1.86	1.87	1.78	-0.09	-4.9

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

Type of meat	January-March (Q1)				
	2013	2014	2015	change 2015/2014	% change 2015/2014
Beef	3.09	2.83	2.96	0.12	4.4
Pigmeat	2.37	2.37	2.29	-0.08	-3.4
Broiler meat	1.87	1.78	1.74	-0.04	-2.1

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** (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 price 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 quarterly.
7. The producer value of meat production excludes any subsidies on the product.
8. Total meat production does not include slaughtered rabbits.
9. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:
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