

MONTHLY SURVEY ON LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER IN SLAUGHTERHOUSES

LEGAL BASIS

The survey is regulated by the Regulation on Carrying out Certain Statistical Surveys ("Official Gazette" No 110/2009) in line with the Law on Official Statistics ("Official Statistics of RS", No 104/2009), as well as according to the Strategy for Official Statistics of the Republic of Serbia over 2009-2012.

METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

Objective and scope of the survey

The main objective of this survey is to provide data on the number, gross and net weight of livestock slaughtered in slaughterhouses, by types and categories, on the quantity of crude fats and edibles offal's, as well as data on forced livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses, the reasons thereof, and estimates of meat and offal usability.

Reporting units

Data are to be sent by regional veterinarian inspection offices of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management – Veterinary Administration.

Survey coverage

The survey covers all registered slaughterhouses on the territory of the Republic of Serbia, in which livestock was slaughtered in the reference month.

Method and period of data collection

The veterinarian inspection draws up a report, based on own records, about livestock slaughtering in slaughterhouses on the territories of the administrative district it is competent of, which is sent by electronic mail to the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.

The survey is carried out on monthly basis.

Obligation to protect personal data

Aggregate data are only published. Personal data are protected by the Law on Official Statistics.

List and definitions of main concepts - indicators

Gross weight of livestock is the weight of livestock prior to slaughtering.

Net weight (meat) Carcass weight of slaughtered livestock and eviscerated and chilled animal body, i.e. the weight of slaughtered, chilled and bled animal after the removal of certain organs, depending on the type of the livestock:

- horses: it is the weight of the skinned, eviscerated body, and after the removal of the head, tail, feet; kidneys, kidney fat are included in the weight of the carcass;
- livestock: it is the weight of the skinned, eviscerated body, after the removal of the head, tail, feet, without kidneys and kidney fat, genitalia and udders;
- pigs: it is the weight of the eviscerated body, after the removal of the tongue, bristles, hooves, genitalia, flare fat, kidneys and diaphragm;
- Sheep and goats: it is the weight of the eviscerated body, after the removal of the head, feet, tail, genitalia and udders. Kidneys and kidney fat are included in the carcass weight;
- poultry: it is the weight of the slaughtered and plucked and drawn poultry; edible offal's include heart, liver, gizzard, neck, feet and head.

Raw fat includes raw bacon, lard and suet immediately removed from meat. The total weight of raw fats is to be shown in tons.

Pigs for fattening are pigs of both sex intended for slaughtering and weighting over 50 kg. This category includes sows and boars excluded from breeding.

Level of data representativeness

The data are presented on the level of the Republic of Serbia, Central Serbia and AP Vojvodina, while data for the territory of AP Kosovo and Metohia are not available.

Harmonization with international recommendations and standards

This survey complies with the Regulation EC No. 1165/2008, which regulates surveys in the field of livestock (including meat production)

DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEY MANAGEMENT

Bodies in charge of survey management

The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia receives data from regional veterinarian inspection offices of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management – Veterinary Administration. The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia is responsible for drawing the questionnaire and instructions on how the latter should be filled out.

Data are collected, input and processed in the Division for Statistics of Agriculture and Forestry of the Office.

Data are input and processed in compliance with predefined criteria for logical and computing control performed in Visual Basic.

Obligation to provide data

The obligation to provide data is laid down in the Law on Veterinary ("Official Gazette of RS", No 91/2005), Law on Official Statistics and signed Memorandum on Co-operation between the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, and the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.

Timetable of the main phases of the survey

Data are to be sent to the Office no later than the 20th in the month for the previous month.

Data are to be published on the 10th in the month.

SURVEY TOOLS

Questionnaire (*annexed*)

Instructions on how to fill in the questionnaire (*annexed*)

List of nomenclatures and classifications used for the survey

The survey is carried out in line with the current Nomenclature of Products and Services in Agriculture, Hunting and Fishing, as well as with the EU Regulation No 1165/2008.

List of publications containing the methodology and survey results

Data are published in „Monthly Statistical Review“.

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