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# MONTHLY REPORT ON SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK IN SLAUGHTERHOUSES

## LEGAL BASIS

The statistical activity is carried out in accordance with the current annual Work Plan of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics and pursuant to the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2026–2029 (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No. 4/26) and the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No. 85/03).

## METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

### *AIM AND CONTENT*

The aim of this survey is to provide monthly data on number of livestock heads slaughtered in slaughterhouses, livestock weight before slaughtering (gross weight), weight of slaughtered livestock (weight of dressed carcass) and data on coefficient of utilization by species and category of domestic animals.

### *OBSERVATION UNITS / REPORTING UNITS*

Data on slaughter of livestock are submitted separately by slaughterhouses registered as business entities on the territory of Republika Srpska and by municipal veterinary and inspection services for slaughterhouses (abattoirs) owned by citizens. On the basis of their records, veterinary and inspection services make up a report on slaughter of livestock in craft-type slaughterhouses on the territory of municipalities under their jurisdiction.

### *COVERAGE*

This survey covers all registered slaughterhouses on the territory of Republika Srpska, which performed the slaughter activity during the month the data refer to.

### *METHOD AND PERIOD OF DATA COLLECTION*

Collection of data in this statistical survey is carried out using the reporting method. The survey is carried out monthly. Reporting units (slaughterhouses or municipal veterinary and inspection services) must enter the requested data into the web application until 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for the previous month.

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## ***PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA***

Only aggregate data for the level of Republika Srpska are published. Confidential data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska", No.85/03) and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

## ***DEFINITIONS OF MAIN FEATURES - INDICATORS***

**Gross weight (livestock weight)** refers to weight of livestock just before slaughtering.

**Weight of dressed carcass (weight of slaughtered livestock/meat)** refers to weight of cleaned and cooled down carcass of an animal, as follows:

- For horses, it is the carcass weight without skin, intestines (bowels), head, tail, legs to the ankle joint, with kidneys, suet and fat being included in the carcass weight;
- For cattle, it is the carcass weight without skin, intestines (bowels), external genitalia, limbs to the ankle joint, head, tail, kidneys, suet and udder;
- For pigs, it is the carcass weight without intestines (bowels), tongue, bristle, hooves, genitals, pork belly, kidneys and diaphragm;
- For sheep and goats, it is the carcass weight without intestines (bowels), head, legs (separated at ankle joint), tail, genitals and udder, with kidneys and suet being included in the carcass weight;
- For poultry, it is the weight of slaughtered and plucked poultry, excluding intestines (bowels), with heart, liver, gizzard, neck, legs and head being included in edible organs.

**Coefficient of utilization** of slaughtered livestock and poultry is determined as the percentage ratio between the weight of slaughtered livestock and poultry (net weight) and the weight of alive livestock and poultry (gross weight), and it is expressed as a percentage to one decimal place.

## ***COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND STANDARDS***

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

## **IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION**

### ***AUTHORITIES IMPLEMENTING THE STATISTICAL SURVEY***

Responsible producer of data on monthly slaughter of livestock in slaughterhouses is the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

Collection of data on activities of slaughterhouses is carried out using the web application, while data entry and processing are performed in accordance with the previously defined criteria of logical and computation controls, at the Division for Production Statistics of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

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### ***OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE DATA***

Reporting units (slaughterhouses and municipal veterinary and inspection services) must submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics pursuant to the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska.

### ***IMPLEMENTATION FREQUENCY***

Reporting units (slaughterhouses and municipal veterinary and inspection services) must submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics until 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the previous month.

## **INSTRUMENTS**

### ***QUESTIONNAIRE***

The questionnaire used for the collection of data on monthly slaughter of livestock in slaughterhouses is available in web and paper form.

Paper form is available at the official website of the Institute, at:  
[https://www.rzs.rs.ba/front/category/13/187/?left\\_mi=24&up\\_mi=12&add=24](https://www.rzs.rs.ba/front/category/13/187/?left_mi=24&up_mi=12&add=24)

### ***INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE***

Instructions for completing the questionnaire are submitted to reporting units in electronic form.

## **PUBLISHING**

The data are published monthly, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for the previous month, in the statistical release "[Slaughter of livestock in slaughterhouses](#)". The data on slaughter of livestock are also published in the publication "[Monthly Statistical Review](#)".

Detailed data and time series of data are available in the database at our official website, at:  
<http://www3.rzs.rs.ba/rzs/faces/indicators.xhtml>

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