

## FSS - Monthly Carcass Contamination - Incident Totals per Month - Red Meat

|              | Bovine / Cattle |             | Ovine / Caprine |             | Porcine      |             | Total Throughput |                  |                |              |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
|              | Incidents       | % of Total  | Incidents       | % of Total  | Incidents    | % of Total  | Bovine / Cattle  | Ovine / Caprine  | Porcine        |              |
| Apr 2015     | 1,705           | 4.8%        | 3,491           | 3.2%        | 204          | 0.9%        | 35,565           | 110,666          | 23,306         | Apr 2015     |
| May 2015     | 1,730           | 4.8%        | 2,301           | 3.3%        | 280          | 1.2%        | 36,250           | 69,540           | 22,502         | May 2015     |
| Jun 2015     | 1,962           | 5.1%        | 2,908           | 3.5%        | 374          | 1.5%        | 38,431           | 82,538           | 25,522         | Jun 2015     |
| Jul 2015     | 1,786           | 4.5%        | 3,706           | 3.3%        | 349          | 1.3%        | 39,978           | 112,746          | 26,605         | Jul 2015     |
| Aug 2015     | 1,706           | 4.6%        | 4,281           | 3.6%        | 438          | 1.8%        | 37,216           | 118,704          | 23,862         | Aug 2015     |
| Sep 2015     | 1,697           | 4.4%        | 4,648           | 3.4%        | 326          | 1.2%        | 38,620           | 138,329          | 27,241         | Sep 2015     |
| Oct 2015     | 1,558           | 3.9%        | 3,723           | 2.9%        | 299          | 1.2%        | 39,938           | 127,147          | 25,131         | Oct 2015     |
| Nov 2015     | 1,441           | 3.6%        | 3,343           | 2.8%        | 545          | 2.4%        | 40,277           | 117,724          | 22,824         | Nov 2015     |
| Dec 2015     | 1,156           | 2.9%        | 2,815           | 2.4%        | 530          | 2.0%        | 39,875           | 116,070          | 25,874         | Dec 2015     |
| Jan 2016     | 1,119           | 3.1%        | 2,419           | 2.5%        | 204          | 1.3%        | 36,069           | 98,449           | 15,161         | Jan 2016     |
| Feb 2016     | 1,217           | 3.1%        | 2,518           | 2.5%        | 662          | 2.9%        | 39,263           | 100,984          | 22,725         | Feb 2016     |
| Mar 2016     | 1,138           | 2.8%        | 2,725           | 2.4%        | 466          | 1.8%        | 41,188           | 115,355          | 26,244         | Mar 2016     |
| Apr 2016     | 894             | 2.3%        | 2,082           | 2.2%        | 566          | 2.1%        | 38,088           | 93,433           | 27,223         | Apr 2016     |
| May 2016     | 1,079           | 2.7%        | 1,781           | 2.7%        | 467          | 1.8%        | 39,680           | 65,121           | 25,950         | May 2016     |
| Jun 2016     | 1,087           | 2.7%        | 1,651           | 2.4%        | 488          | 2.0%        | 40,405           | 68,124           | 24,788         | Jun 2016     |
| Jul 2016     | 1,315           | 3.5%        | 1,805           | 2.1%        | 585          | 2.7%        | 37,736           | 86,075           | 21,891         | Jul 2016     |
| Aug 2016     | 1,167           | 2.9%        | 2,515           | 2.2%        | 393          | 1.6%        | 39,888           | 113,669          | 24,874         | Aug 2016     |
| Sep 2016     | 1,204           | 3.0%        | 2,917           | 2.5%        | 452          | 1.5%        | 40,299           | 118,661          | 29,814         | Sep 2016     |
| Oct 2016     | 1,123           | 2.9%        | 2,127           | 1.8%        | 383          | 1.4%        | 39,253           | 116,628          | 26,974         | Oct 2016     |
| Nov 2016     | 1,267           | 2.9%        | 2,239           | 1.9%        | 345          | 1.1%        | 43,762           | 119,808          | 30,083         | Nov 2016     |
| Dec 2016     | 1,077           | 2.8%        | 1,836           | 1.7%        | 279          | 1.0%        | 38,080           | 106,385          | 26,572         | Dec 2016     |
| Jan 2017     | 1,018           | 2.7%        | 1,841           | 1.7%        | 549          | 1.9%        | 37,666           | 105,960          | 28,173         | Jan 2017     |
| Feb 2017     | 1,038           | 2.8%        | 1,884           | 2.1%        | 295          | 1.2%        | 37,740           | 90,283           | 25,348         | Feb 2017     |
| Mar 2017     | 1,165           | 2.8%        | 2,264           | 2.1%        | 350          | 1.3%        | 41,924           | 106,714          | 27,369         | Mar 2017     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>31,649</b>   | <b>3.4%</b> | <b>63,820</b>   | <b>2.6%</b> | <b>9,829</b> | <b>1.6%</b> | <b>937,191</b>   | <b>2,499,113</b> | <b>606,056</b> | <b>Total</b> |

FSS ensures that all red meat carcasses where a health mark is applied are free from contamination and fit for human consumption. The number of contaminated carcasses presented to FSS staff for inspection is a proxy measure for hygienic production at slaughterhouses. FSS actively engages with food business operators (FBOs) to secure reducing levels of contamination on carcasses presented for inspection. Targets set for 2016/17 were 5% for cattle, 4% for sheep, and 2% for pigs, the variation in targets recognising different methods of processing for each species

### **Information not provided**

Food Standards Scotland (FSS) was established on 1 April 2015, when it took responsibility for the functions previously delivered in Scotland by the Food Standards Agency (FSA). You may wish to contact the FSA for information relating years prior to April 2015.

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