

Goat Data Collation and Tracking

Industry Update-Quarter Two 2021/22

Supply to processing has increased substantially in the first half of 2021/22. In the second quarter of 2021/22, Australian abattoirs slaughtered 369,314 goats, taking the total number of goats killed in the first half of 2021/22 to 739,837. While the processing was steady (<1% change) in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter, the number of goats processed in the first half of this financial year was 53% greater than July to December 2020.

Goatmeat exports also increased, up 45% from the last quarter. Increased exports to the US, Canada and Trinidad & Tobago were the main contributors to the overall improvement in export volume.

Supply

During the second quarter of 2021/22, all major goat producing states increased supply compared to quarter two 2020/21 (Table 1). Supply from NSW increased 3% from the previous quarter and 23% compared with the same period last year. Queensland producers supplied 9% more than the previous quarter and 51% more than quarter one 2020/21. South Australia and Victorian producers provided fewer goats than the first quarter. There was a substantial increase in goats consigned from Western Australia (ISC 2021).

Supply from NSW, Queensland and South Australia dropped substantially in December compared with October and November totals (Figure 1-4). This downturn was expected as supply and processing tend to decline in December due to the Christmas break disruption. In NSW, supply to processing peaked in October with just over 100,000 head consigned during the month but fell to 50,000 head in December (Figure 1). Supply from Queensland property peaked at 35,922 head in November, the largest monthly total since July 2019 (Figure 2) (ISC 2021).

Table 1 The number of goats supplied from each state for processing during quarter two 2021/22 and the percentage change from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year (Data source: ISC)

	Goats supplied Q2 2021/22 (head)	% Change from previous quarter	% Change from the same quarter last year
NSW	234,202	3	23
QLD	84,931	9	51
SA	18,638	-5	139
VIC	2,866	-16	29
WA	14,419	563	89
TOTAL	355,056	8	34

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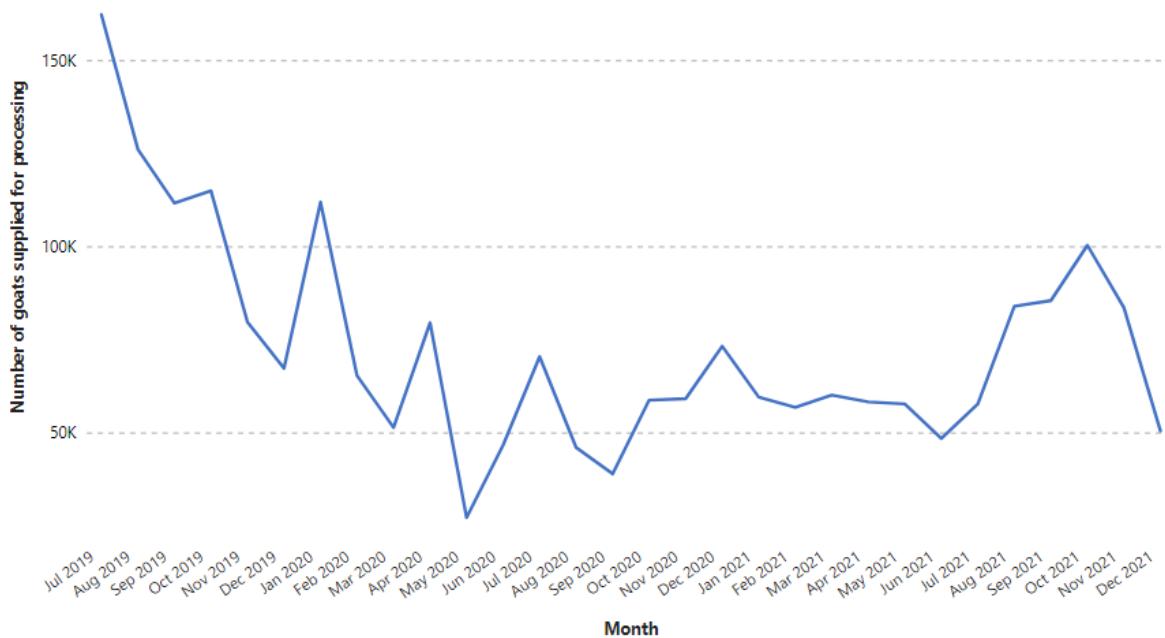


Figure 1 The number of goats supplied from NSW for processing – July 2019 to December 2021 (Data source: ISC)

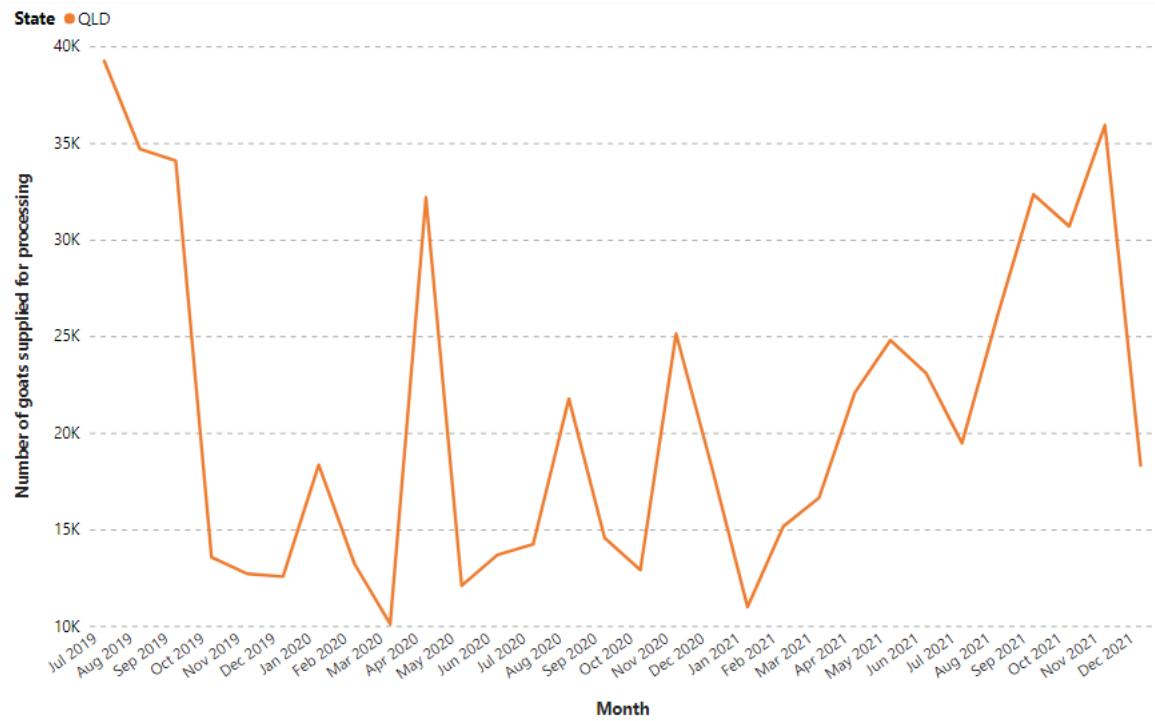


Figure 2 The number of goats supplied from Queensland for processing – July 2019 to December 2021 (Data source: ISC)

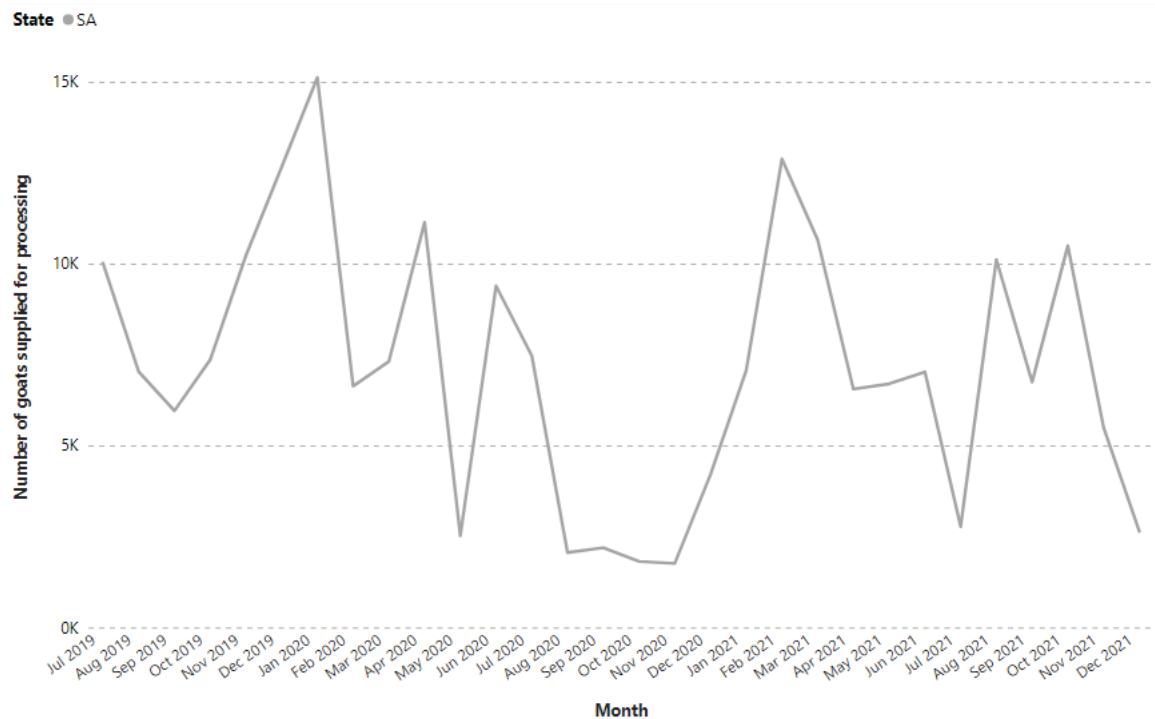


Figure 3 The number of goats supplied from South Australia for processing – July 2019 to December 2021 (Data source: ISC)

Processing

The number of goats processed remained steady from the previous quarter and increased by 36% compared with the same quarter last year (Table 2). In Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia, processing increased compared to the previous quarter. Victorian abattoirs processed 185,884 goats, an 8% reduction compared to quarter one 2021/22. NSW processors slaughtered 28% fewer goats than the previous quarter. Figures 4 to 8 show the number of goats processed each month (July 2019 to December 2021) in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, NSW and Western Australia (DAWE 2021).

Table 2 The number of goats processed in each state during the second quarter 2021/22 and the percentage change from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year (Data source: DAWE)

	Goats processed Q1 2021-22 (head)	% Change from previous quarter	% Change from the same quarter last year
NSW	24,535	-28	48
QLD	109,853	6	29
SA	39,205	31	71
TAS	5	150	-38
VIC	185,884	-8	29
WA	9,832	956	420
TOTAL	369,314	-0.33	36

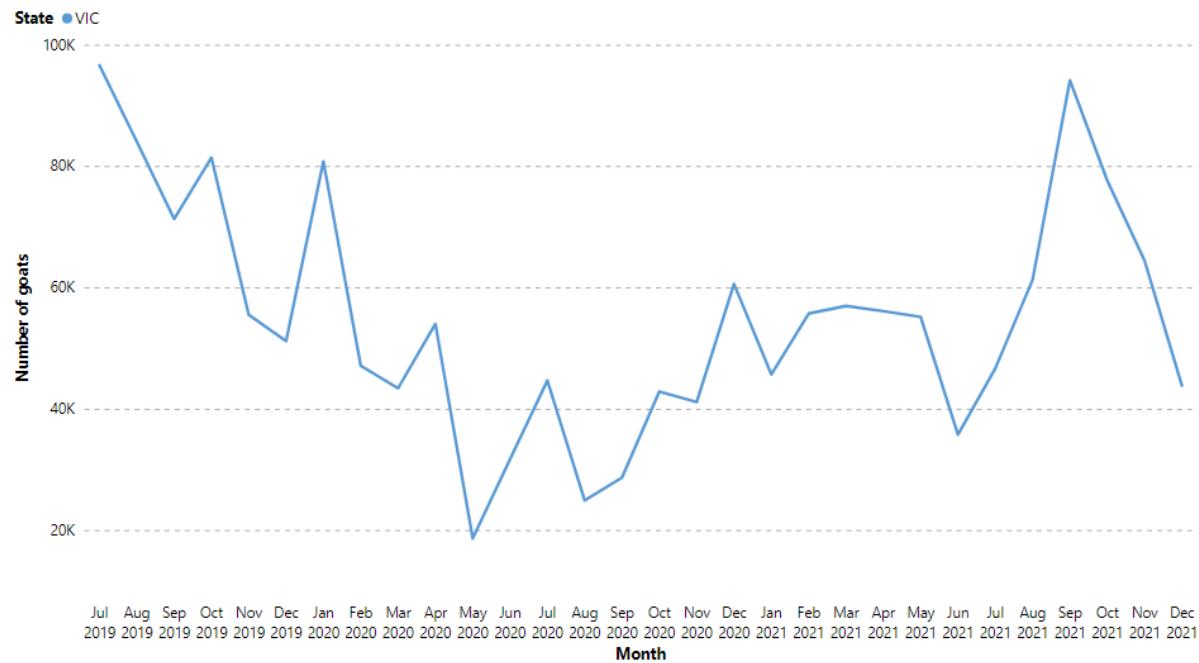


Figure 4 The number of goats processed in Victoria – July 2019 to December 2021 (Data Source: DAWE)

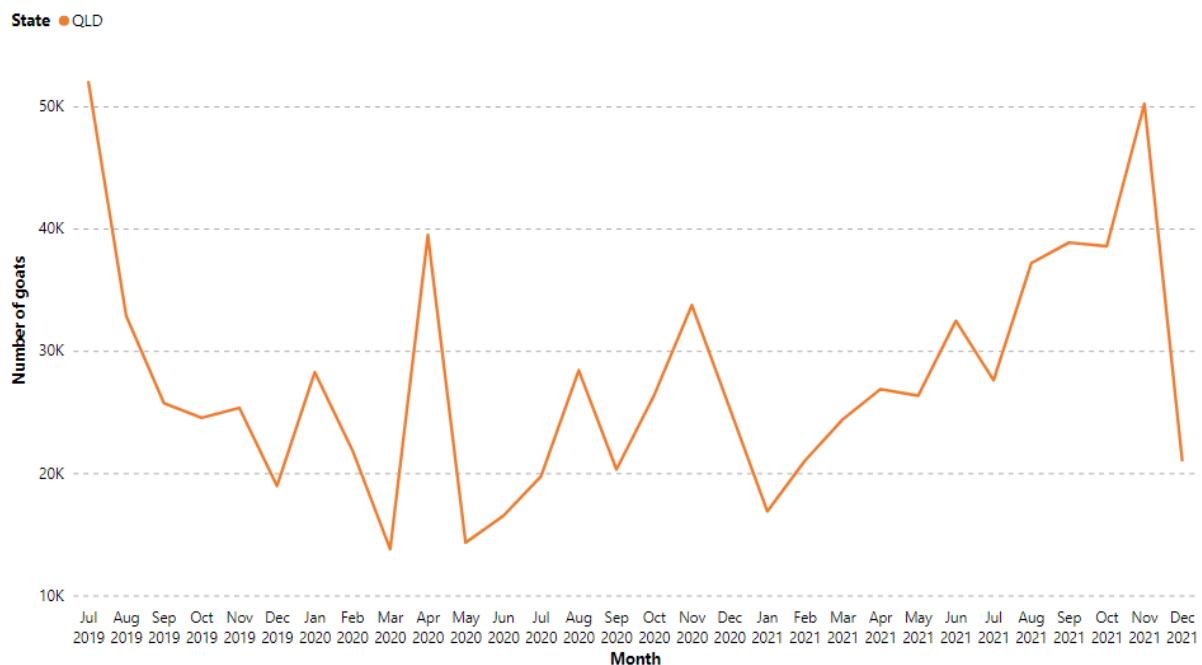


Figure 5 The number of goats processed in Queensland – July 2019 to December 2021 (Data source: DAWE)

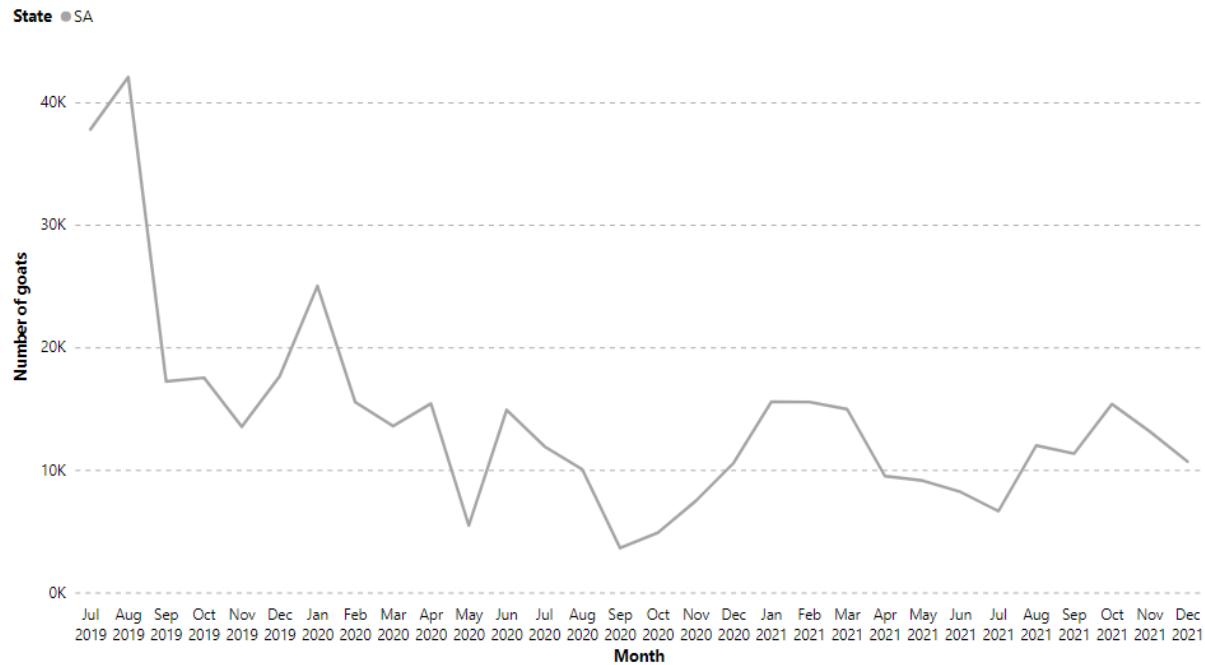


Figure 6 The number of goats processed in South Australia – July 2019 to December 2021
(Data source: DAWE)

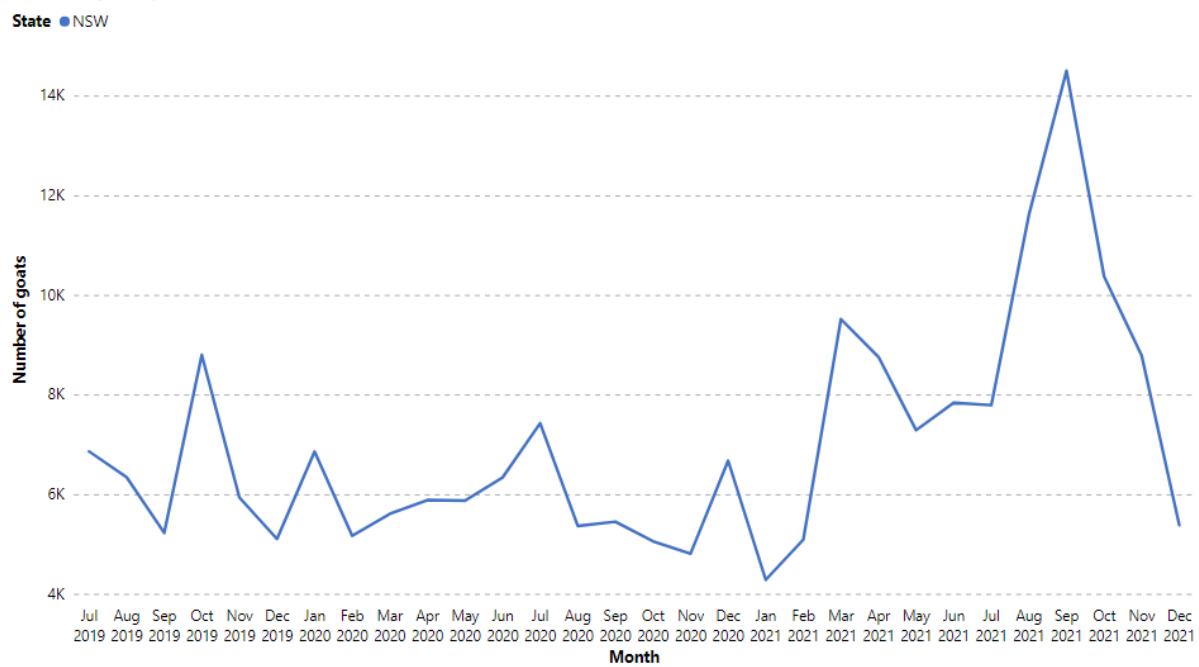


Figure 7 The number of goats processed in NSW – July 2019 to December 2021 (Data source: DAWE)

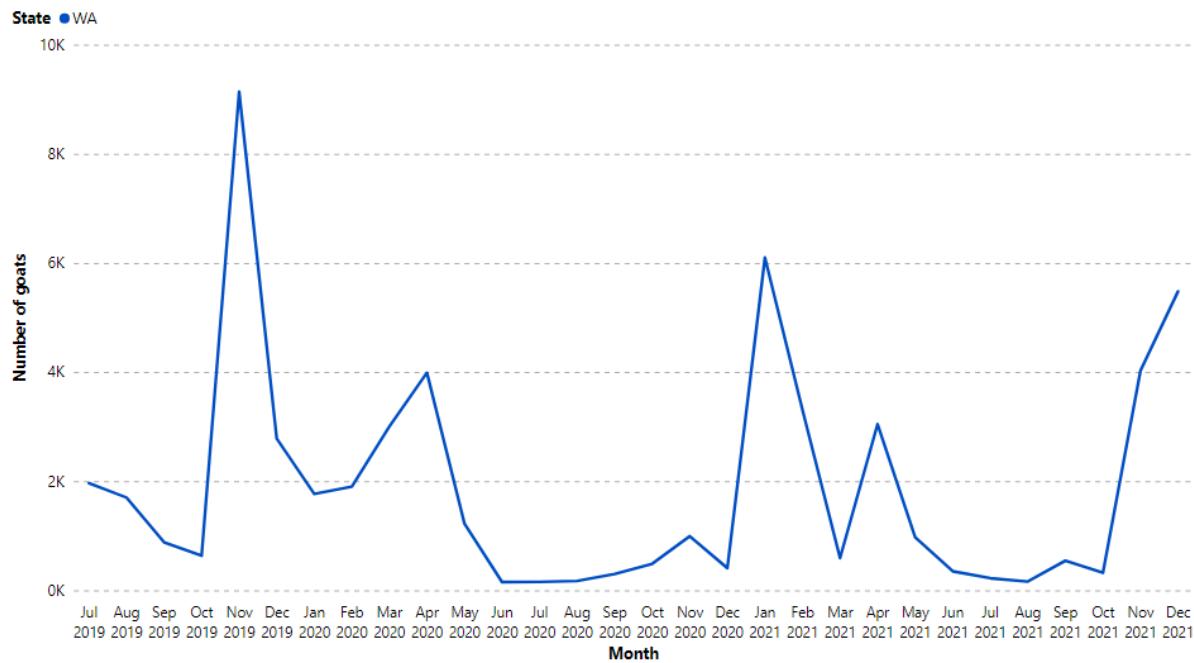


Figure 8 The number of goats processed in Western Australia – July 2019 to December 2021 (Data source: DAWE)

Supply chain flow

Among the NSW goats sent to slaughter between 1 July and 31 December, 46% were sent directly to processors, and the remainder were sold via a depot. South Australian producers consigned most goats direct to slaughter (63%), with only 37% marketed through a depot. Nearly all (99%) of the goats coming from Queensland were delivered directly to processors. Western Australian goats were exclusively (100%) supplied directly to slaughter (ISC 2021).

Forecast Review

The Forecasting Committee revised the 2021/22 forecast in December 2021 in response to the substantial increase in supply during the first quarter of 2021/22. The Committee projects that the industry will supply at least 1.44 million goats for processing in the 2021/22 financial year, a 35% increase from the previous year.

Exports

During the second quarter of 2021/22, Australian exporters shipped 6,452 tonnes of goatmeat to international markets. Compared with the previous quarter, the volume of goatmeat exported increased by 45%. The amount of goatmeat exported to the US, South Korea, Canada and Trinidad and Tobago increased from last quarter (Table 3). During quarter 2, the largest volume of goatmeat was shipped to the US since quarter three 2017/18. Exports to Canada were the largest since quarter two in 2018/19. Exports to Taiwan and Japan were down substantially compared with the previous quarter and the same quarter last year (MLA 2022).

Table 3 The amount of goatmeat exported to key destinations and the percentage change from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year (Data source: MLA 2022)

	Goatmeat Exports Quarter 2 2021/22 (tonnes swt)	% Change from previous quarter	% Change from quarter two 2020/21
US	4,654	69%	76%
Taiwan	422	-34%	-48%
South Korea	537	3%	3%
Canada	529	191%	88%
Japan	99	-29%	-27%
Trinidad & Tobago	136	23%	-1%

Data sources

Supply information is collated using unpublished National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) movement data supplied by the Integrity Systems Company (ISC). The processing information is collated using levy data sourced from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE). Hence, different datasets are used to report supply and processing trends. While the totals from each data set closely align, they do not exactly match because the methods used to collect and collate the data are different.

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