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YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1956

This Bulletin contains preliminary details of meat production and utilization in Australia during the year ended June, 1956.

PRODUCTION

Total production of meat (excluding offal which is not included with the carcasses) in Australia during the year ended June, 1956, is estimated at 1,219,000 tons (bone-in weight). This is the highest production ever recorded, and is 13,400 tons (1.1 per cent.) greater than in 1954-55 and 277,700 tons (29.5 per cent.) greater than average production during the three years ended 1948-49.

Beef and veal production in 1955-56, at 149,700 tons, was a record. This is 29,800 tons (4.1 per cent.) greater than production in 1954-55 and 207,400 tons (38.2 per cent.) greater than the average for the three years ended 1948-49. Production of both mutton and lamb was lower than in the previous year, by 9,100 tons (3.8 per cent.) and 3,200 tons (2.3 per cent.) respectively. Both were considerably higher than average production in the three years ended 1948-49: mutton by 55,000 tons (31.1 per cent.) and lamb by 14,800 tons (11.4 per cent.). Pigmeat production at 93,400 tons, decreased by 4,100 tons (4.2 per cent.) from production in the previous year, and was slightly higher (600 tons or .6 per cent.) than average production for the three years ended 1948-49.

Compared with the previous year production rose in all States except Victoria where there was a decline of 20,200 tons or 6.3 per cent. and South Australia where the decline was 1,200 tons or 1.3 per cent. Largest increases were in New South Wales, (6,000 tons or 1.8 per cent.) and Queensland (22,000 tons or 7.0 per cent.).

The following table shows details of meat production in 1955-56 in comparison with the average for the three years ended 1948-49, and each year 1951-52 to 1955-56.

TABLE 1. PRODUCTION OF MEAT (excluding offal) : AUSTRALIA AND STATES
Tons (Bone-in Weight)

Particulars	Average 1948-49 to 1948-49	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56 (a)
Beef and Veal ..	542,361	581,888	674,849	704,269	719,909	749,744
Mutton ..	176,489	175,830	249,007	237,546	240,530	231,446
Lamb ..	129,594	106,526	148,083	127,246	147,634	144,405
Pigmeat -						
Pork (b) ..	31,542	35,024	30,458	33,396	(a) 45,462	42,767
Bacon and Ham (c) ..	45,053	(d)38,628	(e)38,545	(d)36,990	(a)(d)38,244	(d)37,227
Total as Pork ..	92,815	84,837	82,892	83,486	(a) 97,477	91,396
<u>Total Meat</u> <u>(in terms of fresh)</u>	<u>941,259</u>	<u>949,081</u>	<u>1,152,831</u>	<u>1,152,764</u>	<u>(a)1,205,550</u>	<u>1,218,991</u>
New South Wales ..	296,966	305,748	370,652	374,543	(a) 370,750	376,722
Victoria ..	240,205	267,129	294,702	292,532	(a) 320,114	299,871
Queensland ..	247,845	211,062	292,349	299,181	(a) 313,166	335,177
South Australia ..	70,808	68,902	89,585	85,960	(a) 92,143	90,918
Western Australia ..	61,867	63,441	71,776	69,475	(a) 73,968	78,949
Tasmania ..	18,816	26,474	27,624	24,769	(a) 28,821	30,305
<u>Australia (e)</u>	<u>941,259</u>	<u>949,081</u>	<u>1,152,831</u>	<u>1,152,764</u>	<u>(a)1,205,550</u>	<u>1,218,991</u>

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes pigmeat for smallgoods and baconer carcasses, sides, etc. exported; also includes an allowance for trimmings from baconer carcasses. (c) Cured Weight. (d) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight. (e) Includes estimates for production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

The detailed tables which follow show production of each class of meat by States: (i) during the years 1951-52 to 1955-56 in comparison with average annual production during the three years ended 1948-49; (ii) by months during 1954-55 and 1955-56.

TABLE 2. PRODUCTION OF MEAT (excluding Offal) : STATES

Tons (Bone-in Weight)							
Year	S.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	N.S.W.	W.A.	TAS.	Australia (a)
Beef and Veal							
Average 1946-47 to 1948-49	160,700	106,218	206,401	27,043	29,521	8,686	542,361
1951-52	154,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,390	581,888
1952-53	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	674,849
1953-54	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	704,269
1954-55	215,462	142,719	271,550	34,431	37,087	13,670	719,909
1955-56 (b)	225,219	136,881	291,378	37,607	38,188	15,581	745,744
Bullies							
Average 1946-47 to 1948-49	62,490	57,138	17,114	18,698	15,891	4,521	176,489
1951-52	56,329	64,756	13,082	20,163	16,086	4,732	175,830
1952-53	72,455	94,130	18,572	33,640	23,620	5,654	249,007
1953-54	75,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	18,908	6,004	237,566
1954-55	73,484	93,322	17,254	28,581	20,916	6,050	240,530
1955-56 (b)	71,877	82,149	20,479	27,480	21,545	5,241	231,486
Lamb							
Average 1946-47 to 1948-49	46,594	54,538	1,472	16,073	7,954	2,693	129,594
1951-52	37,747	44,227	1,338	11,059	7,600	4,243	106,526
1952-53	53,276	58,900	1,799	17,824	8,886	5,002	146,083
1953-54	48,759	48,320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,089	127,266
1954-55	49,015	62,089	1,296	21,272	7,497	5,851	147,634
1955-56 (b)	49,722	59,221	1,714	17,523	9,333	6,484	144,405
Pork (c)							
Average 1946-47 to 1948-49	7,548	7,638	9,466	2,783	2,776	1,291	31,542
1951-52	10,382	8,718	8,404	2,551	2,550	1,981	35,024
1952-53	9,611	6,925	6,548	2,836	2,436	1,920	30,468
1953-54	12,949	7,332	7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399	33,396
1954-55 (b)	17,096	10,558	8,370	3,346	3,947	1,936	45,462
1955-56 (b)	14,626	11,047	7,708	3,452	3,481	2,193	42,767
Beacon and Ham (Cured Weight)							
Average 1946-47 to 1948-49	14,435	10,787	9,846	4,580	4,209	1,196	45,053
1951-52 (d)	12,514	8,964	7,649	2,969	3,683	829	36,426
1952-53 (d)	13,228	8,165	9,510	3,063	3,693	886	38,545
1953-54 (d)	11,875	7,044	10,655	3,024	3,443	949	36,990
1954-55 (b)(d)	11,539	8,253	10,805	3,318	3,310	1,019	38,244
1955-56 (b)(d)	11,381	7,774	10,217	3,586	3,236	1,033	37,227
Total Meat (in terms of Fresh)							
Average 1946-47 to 1948-49	296,966	240,205	247,845	70,808	61,867	18,818	941,259
1951-52	305,748	267,129	211,062	68,902	63,441	26,474	949,081
1952-53	370,652	294,702	292,349	89,585	71,776	27,624	1,152,831
1953-54	374,543	292,532	299,181	85,960	69,475	24,789	1,152,764
1954-55 (b)	377,750	320,114	313,166	92,143	73,968	28,893	1,205,550
1955-56 (b)	376,722	299,871	335,177	90,918	78,349	30,905	1,216,991

(a) Includes estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes pigmeats for smallgoods and ham and bacon, sides, etc. exported; also includes an allowance for trimmings from ham and bacon. (d) Includes pressed and canned ham and ham converted to bone-in weight.

TABLE 3. MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF MEAT (excluding Offals) - AUSTRALIA

Tone (bone-in weight)

Month	Beef and Veal	Button	Lamb	Pork (a)(b)	Bacon and Ham (c)(d)	Total Meat (in terms of fresh)(e)
1954-1955						
July	75,627	16,750	9,088	3,379	3,234	109,221
August	63,718	17,076	10,984	3,432	3,083	99,405
September	61,726	19,035	15,688	3,458	3,203	104,265
October	59,787	21,543	23,070	3,388	2,817	111,620
November	57,931	22,192	19,259	3,971	3,848	108,614
December	56,816	22,050	15,730	5,099	4,314	105,563
January	46,434	22,045	9,764	3,495	2,497	85,136
February	49,517	21,780	8,993	3,506	2,849	87,794
March	58,587	22,200	9,234	4,010	3,260	98,664
April	53,143	18,253	8,422	4,009	2,952	87,842
May	62,581	18,730	8,657	3,912	3,138	98,168
June	73,542	18,876	8,761	3,803	3,009	109,474
Total 1954/55	719,909	240,530	147,634	45,862	38,244	1,209,550
1955-1956 (b)						
July	67,672	16,097	7,730	3,141	2,803	98,453
August	70,293	17,090	8,654	3,403	3,144	103,919
September	71,145	19,246	13,623	3,533	3,028	111,665
October	67,530	21,727	22,429	3,359	2,993	119,315
November	67,032	22,862	21,524	3,513	4,159	120,588
December	60,508	23,443	17,279	4,985	4,264	111,586
January	50,027	21,710	10,231	3,283	2,455	88,591
February	52,156	20,323	9,138	3,458	2,619	88,636
March	53,487	18,396	9,252	3,638	2,911	88,731
April	52,836	17,322	8,081	3,183	3,041	85,557
May	64,827	16,773	8,154	3,613	3,106	97,591
June	72,231	16,657	8,108	3,458	2,724	103,959
Total 1955/56	749,744	231,446	144,405	42,767	37,227	1,218,991

(a) Includes pigmeats for smallgoods and hammer carcasses, sides, etc. exported; also includes an allowance for trimmings from hammer carcasses.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

UTILIZATION

Estimated Australian consumption of fresh and frozen meat in 1955-56 at 831,300 tons (bone-in weight) was 194,300 tons or 31 per cent. greater than the average consumption of 637,000 tons during the three years 1946-47 to 1948-49. This increase was the net result of a rise of 22 per cent. in the Australian population and an increase of 7 per cent. in the average consumption per head (from 166.3 lb. bone-in weight to 199.9 lb.) over the period. Compared with the previous year, estimated total consumption of fresh and frozen meat during 1955-56 increased by 2,200 tons, while consumption per head decreased from 204.3 lb. to 199.9 lb. Consumption per head in 1955-56 was 28.8 lb. or 17 per cent. greater than in 1946-47 when rationing restricted it to a level of 171.1 lb., the lowest recorded in recent years.

Exports of fresh and frozen meat during 1955-56 at 217,700 tons constituted a post-war record. Exports of canned meats during 1955-56, although a good deal lower than in the record year 1952-53, were still relatively high.

The tables following show (i) the utilization of available meat supplies and (ii) the consumption per head of population of the various classes of meat consumed for each of the years 1951-52 to 1955-56, and the average of the three post-war years 1946-47 to 1948-49.

Further particulars relating to meat consumption in Australia will be found in the Statistical Bulletin "Food Production and the Consumption of Foodstuffs and Nutrients in Australia" published by this Bureau.

TABLE 4. PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION OF CARCASS MEAT - AUSTRALIA
(Dressed weight)

Period	Pro- duction	Net Change in Stocks	Exports as fresh and frozen Meat (a)	Used for -		Consumption as fresh and frozen meat	
				Canning	Curing	Total	Per Head
	'000 Tons	'000 Tons	'000 Tons	'000 Tons	'000 Tons	'000 Tons	Lb.
Average 1946-47 to 1948-49	941.3	(-) 1.6	167.7	76.7	51.5	637.0	186.3
1951-52	949.1	(+) 5.4	67.4	96.9	49.8	727.4	191.1
1952-53	1152.8	(+) 2.5	172.1	131.0	52.4	794.8	203.8
1953-54	1152.8	(-) 14.7	200.5	119.7	50.3	797.0	200.6
1954-55 (b)	1205.5	(+) 1.9	197.8	124.7	52.0	829.1	204.3
1955-56 (b)	1219.0	(-) 9.2	217.7	126.4	50.6	831.3	199.9

(a) Includes ships stores.

(b) Subject to revision.

TABLE 5. CONSUMPTION OF MEAT PER HEAD PER ANNUM - AUSTRALIA
(Lb.)

Commodity	Average 1946-47 to 1948-49	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56 (a)
Beef and Veal (b)	108.9	118.9	119.7	114.5	116.3	116.0
Mutton (b) ..	45.1	40.9	49.5	51.1	52.2	48.4
Lamb (b) ..	25.2	24.0	26.8	26.9	26.0	25.9
Pork (b) ..	7.1	7.3	5.8	7.7	(a) 9.8	9.6
Total (b)	186.3	191.1	203.8	200.6	(a) 204.3	199.9
Offal ..	8.9	9.1	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.1
Canned Meat (c) ..	2.6	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.4	(d)
Bacon and Ham (e)	11.7	7.2	7.1	7.2	(a) 7.9	7.5
Total in terms of Carcass Weight (f)	215.7	214.8	227.7	223.5	(a) 238.3	(d)

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Carcass Weight.

(c) Canned Weight.

(d) Not yet available.

(e) Cured Weight.

(f) Including Offal.

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