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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS, FEBRUARY 1970

The statistics in this bulletin have been compiled from returns supplied by commercial chicken hatcheries (i.e. those making sales of day-old chicks) and by commercial poultry slaughtering establishments. Poultry farmers hatching chicks solely for replenishing their own flocks and the many very small producers, including producers in the Northern Territory, are excluded from the collection. However, the statistics represent a high level of coverage in respect of commercial hatcheries and slaughtering establishments.

Statistics for poultry slaughtered in Queensland are based on numbers slaughtered as collected by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries. From 1968-69, New South Wales slaughtering statistics include poultry slaughterings by producers in the Australian Capital Territory.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia for the years 1965-66 to 1968-69 are contained in Table 8.

Symbols used in this bulletin

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NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

I. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 1. - TOTAL DRESSED WEIGHT OF ALL POULTRY SLAUGHTERED (a)
('000 lb)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (c)	Australia
Year - 1965-66	68,730	34,370	27,305	7,496	12,234	1,867	152,002
1966-67	94,888	40,246	30,447	10,363	16,634	2,581	195,159
1967-68	110,967	46,550	34,957	12,219	18,759	3,030	226,482
1968-69	115,299	46,166	40,818	12,269	22,653	3,507	240,711
1968-69 - January	9,683	3,993	3,241	887	1,795	309	19,908
February	9,405	3,619	3,125	938	2,014	245	19,346
March	10,002	3,735	3,195	1,028	1,886	276	20,121
April	8,417	4,021	2,884	1,130	1,922	268	18,692
May	9,677	3,736	3,626	1,149	2,172	313	20,674
June	9,138	3,958	3,517	1,146	1,989	263	20,011
1969-70 - July	10,670	4,598	3,663	1,313	2,280	286	22,810
August	10,456	3,780	4,046	1,141	1,858	266	21,546
September	9,858	3,704	3,621	1,026	1,931	270	20,409
October	12,266	4,459	4,849	1,168	2,079	329	25,150
November	10,796	3,677	4,128	1,012	1,992	269	21,874
December	10,317	4,473	4,049	1,406	1,815	261	22,322
January	9,788	4,029	3,368	1,194	2,344	268	20,991
February	10,532	4,081	3,744	1,301	1,961	230	21,850

(a) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, otherfowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys), including pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland.
(b) Estimated. (c) Includes, prior to 1968-69, dressed weight of geese slaughtered.

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	23,553	12,039	9,272	2,716	4,426	545	52,551
1966-67	32,113	13,570	10,635	3,682	6,332	753	67,085
1967-68	36,556	15,519	12,190	4,278	6,957	861	76,361
1968-69	34,838	13,832	12,952	4,415	8,137	1,001	75,174
1968-69 - January	2,951	1,224	1,013	351	665	88	6,292
February	2,909	1,117	975	358	724	74	6,158
March	2,991	1,145	957	404	680	77	6,254
April	2,620	1,235	892	447	706	84	5,984
May	2,913	1,161	1,131	399	779	90	6,473
June	2,771	1,164	1,091	414	722	83	6,245
1969-70p- July	3,111	1,383	1,121	461	822	71	6,969
August	3,149	1,079	1,192	373	648	79	6,521
September	2,882	1,089	1,093	371	709	83	6,227
October	3,637	1,329	1,400	424	746	89	7,626
November	3,083	1,092	1,200	381	675	77	6,508
December	3,129	1,392	1,207	562	639	76	7,004
January	2,989	1,265	936	439	838	92	6,560
February	3,211	1,285	1,138	475	694	79	6,882
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) ('000 lb)							
(c)							
Year - 1965-66	56,894	28,995	23,365	6,447	10,540	1,310	127,551
1966-67	81,159	34,762	26,236	9,167	14,837	1,969	168,130
1967-68	96,035	41,386	29,841	10,962	16,862	2,264	197,350
1968-69	97,153	39,445	35,578	10,937	20,672	2,866	206,651
1968-69 - January	8,338	3,507	2,850	839	1,608	262	17,403
February	8,083	3,147	2,743	839	1,924	208	16,944
March	8,354	3,178	2,693	915	1,715	209	17,064
April	7,183	3,504	2,508	1,094	1,788	239	16,316
May	8,136	3,196	3,182	1,016	1,962	279	17,771
June	7,605	3,386	3,067	1,024	1,876	230	17,189
1969-70p- July	8,757	3,902	3,153	1,179	2,116	234	19,341
August	8,923	3,014	3,579	959	1,618	215	18,307
September	8,137	2,989	3,195	892	1,782	215	17,210
October	10,013	3,643	4,369	1,065	1,845	240	21,175
November	8,559	2,985	3,650	904	1,671	201	17,971
December	8,477	3,800	3,576	1,257	1,579	197	18,885
January	8,207	3,450	2,847	1,091	2,225	248	18,068
February	9,032	3,462	3,327	1,216	1,783	206	19,026

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland.

(c) Estimated.

TABLE 3. - OTHER FOWLS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	2,068	1,013	860	197	346	117	4,601
1966-67	2,249	911	922	192	357	129	4,760
1967-68	2,464	990	1,154	285	362	148	5,403
1968-69	2,763	1,327	1,102	282	419	131	6,025
1968-69 - January	243	117	86	12	49	10	517
February	247	106	83	21	21	9	487
March	250	109	102	19	37	10	526
April	182	122	75	21	33	6	440
May	216	139	99	30	45	9	537
June	221	126	97	22	27	8	500
1969-70p- July	253	142	107	26	33	4	565
August	196	131	91	21	49	13	502
September	217	116	88	32	34	13	499
October	295	113	103	21	35	9	576
November	227	117	110	24	37	16	531
December	273	156	105	19	29	12	595
January	247	132	117	22	29	6	553
February	232	127	94	18	37	7	515

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)
('000 lb)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
(c)							
Year - 1965-66	6,873	3,376	3,363	653	1,227	418	15,910
1966-67	7,953	2,969	3,607	667	1,304	440	16,940
1967-68	9,015	3,318	4,511	964	1,338	525	19,671
1968-69	9,951	4,667	4,317	987	1,508	447	21,877
1968-69 - January	863	403	336	41	180	37	1,861
February	880	372	324	71	68	28	1,742
March	965	394	401	65	130	37	1,992
April	632	419	296	64	108	22	1,541
May	772	432	386	108	186	31	1,914
June	774	445	382	73	91	29	1,793
1969-70p- July	958	475	419	87	139	14	2,091
August	704	491	356	74	216	46	1,887
September	854	420	345	119	120	47	1,906
October	1,036	391	403	69	119	33	2,050
November	850	412	433	81	120	59	1,956
December	891	436	411	69	116	37	1,961
January	772	469	457	82	91	18	1,889
February	774	461	367	61	137	23	1,823

(a) Comprises hens, roosters, etc. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (c) Estimated.

TABLE 4. - DUCKS AND DRAKES SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (a)	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	327	326	73	52	42	21	841
1966-67	306	253	73	59	49	35	775
1967-68	335	248	78	35	45	49	790
1968-69	535	272	114	35	(b)	(b)	1,010
1968-69 - January	56	21	10	2	)	(	94
February	38	(b)	11	4	)	(	77
March	54	(b)	11	4	)	(b)	98
April	46	22	8	4	)	(b)	86
May	45	19	10	3	)	(	80
June	40	13	7	3	)	(	67
1969-70p- July	45	15	8	3	)	(	74
August	45	14	8	2	)	(	72
September	52	14	7	1	)	(	77
October	54	25	4	1	)	(	86
November	54	27	6	3	)	(b)	96
December	49	30	9	7	)	(	100
January	37	21	8	(b)	)	(	77
February	39	20	5	6	)	(	75
DRESSED WEIGHT (c) ('000 lb)							
Year - 1965-66	1,218	1,329	(d) 329	209	195	139	3,419
1966-67	1,140	897	328	235	225	172	2,997
1967-68	1,259	883	353	138	225	241	3,099
1968-69	1,953	1,005	513	130	(b)	(b)	3,849
1968-69 - January	198	75	47	7	)	(	344
February	131	(b)	49	14	)	(	286
March	197	(b)	47	16	)	(b)	374
April	174	83	38	14	)	(b)	335
May	173	69	44	10	)	(	319
June	151	52	34	13	)	(	269
1969-70p- July	165	57	36	11	)	(	290
August	162	53	34	7	)	(	269
September	190	53	27	4	)	(	289
October	191	86	18	3	)	(b)	308
November	191	96	25	13	)	(b)	351
December	169	111	36	26	)	(	370
January	133	70	34	(b)	)	(	287
February	141	68	20	22	)	(	276

(a) Includes, prior to 1968-69, turkeys and geese. (b) Not available for publication.
(c) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (d) Estimated.

TABLE 5. - TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	340	67	28	20	26	(b)	481
1966-67	441	166	31	28	28	(b)	694
1967-68	483	95	31	15	36	(b)	660
1968-69	683	114	52	21	(c)	(c)	916
1968-69 - January	36	1	1	..	)	(	38
February	32	(c)	1	2	)	(	40
March	51	(c)	7	3	)	(c)	73
April	40	1	5	1	)	(c)	48
May	58	3	2	2	)	(	65
June	55	7	4	4	)	(	70
1969-70p- July	65	18	7	3	)	(	97
August	64	24	10	10	)	(	109
September	67	27	7	1	)	(	104
October	110	32	7	4	)	(c)	169
November	123	18	2	2	)	(c)	163
December	85	14	3	6	)	(	124
January	70	5	4	(c)	)	(	78
February	67	11	4	..	)	(	84
DRESSED WEIGHT (d) ('000 lb)							
Year - 1965-66	3,745	670	248	187	272	(b)	5,122
1966-67	4,636	1,618	276	295	268	(b)	7,093
1967-68	4,658	963	252	155	335	(b)	6,363
1968-69	6,243	1,048	411	215	(c)	(c)	8,335
1968-69 - January	283	8	9	..	)	(	301
February	309	(c)	10	14	)	(	373
March	486	(c)	54	32	)	(c)	691
April	429	15	42	8	)	(c)	499
May	596	40	15	15	)	(	669
June	608	76	35	36	)	(	760
1969-70p- July	789	165	55	36	)	(	1,089
August	667	222	77	101	)	(	1,082
September	676	241	54	11	)	(	1,005
October	1,026	339	58	32	)	(c)	1,616
November	1,195	183	20	15	)	(c)	1,595
December	781	125	26	53	)	(	1,105
January	677	40	30	(c)	)	(	747
February	586	90	29	2	)	(	725

(a) Incomplete prior to 1968-69; excludes particulars for Tasmania. (b) Included with ducks and drakes. (c) Not available for publication. (d) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (e) Estimated.

II. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

In Tables 6 and 7 following, details relate to all eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries whether for sale as day-old chicks or for replenishment of own flocks. The statistics represent actual settings and hatchings (excluding chicks destroyed) for each month shown. As the hatching period is normally three weeks, there is not necessarily a relationship between the number of eggs set and the number of chicks hatched in any one month.

TABLE 6. - NUMBER OF EGGS SET (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES
(¹000)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year - 1965-66	40,226	18,758	n.a.	5,089	(b)	953	(c)65,026
1966-67	50,141	19,626	n.a.	6,215	(b)	1,227	(c)77,209
1967-68	54,270	20,655	17,969	7,407	(b)	(b)	112,484
1968-69	51,667	20,120	18,381	6,546	(b)	(b)	109,832
1968-69 - January	4,137	1,665	1,388	533	(b)	(b)	8,927
February	3,799	1,606	1,375	532	(b)	(b)	8,423
March	4,317	1,581	1,480	592	(b)	(b)	9,186
April	4,387	1,869	1,360	651	(b)	(b)	9,308
May	4,414	1,632	1,474	548	(b)	(b)	9,178
June	4,598	1,677	1,636	524	(b)	(b)	9,512
1969-70p- July	4,889	1,822	1,731	633	(b)	(b)	10,220
August	4,693	1,629	1,754	558	(b)	(b)	9,674
September	4,748	1,863	1,528	629	(b)	(b)	9,833
October	4,824	1,951	1,432	732	(b)	(b)	10,185
November	4,745	1,961	1,478	662	(b)	(b)	9,907
December	4,860	2,107	1,777	814	(b)	(b)	10,622
January	5,034	1,733	1,658	686	(b)	(b)	10,268
February	4,690	1,622	1,599	604	(b)	(b)	9,547
EGG STRAINS							
Year - 1965-66	19,096	10,956	n.a.	4,464	3,362	1,067	(c)38,945
1966-67	19,847	12,206	n.a.	5,352	3,784	761	(c)41,950
1967-68	19,510	12,578	8,823	5,060	3,256	1,024	50,251
1968-69	19,971	13,104	8,909	5,049	3,660	904	51,597
1968-69 - January	1,090	663	327	315	151	4	2,549
February	1,511	880	480	300	169	23	3,362
March	1,961	1,067	740	298	297	14	4,377
April	1,880	963	1,008	303	288	29	4,472
May	1,887	1,033	970	343	424	97	4,754
June	1,943	1,163	987	438	427	36	4,995
1969-70p- July	2,427	1,612	1,387	764	462	104	6,757
August	2,360	1,889	1,181	815	418	121	6,785
September	2,392	1,824	1,093	734	390	162	6,594
October	2,149	1,375	852	633	265	146	5,421
November	1,432	913	512	441	172	45	3,515
December	1,098	651	305	246	117	40	2,456
January	1,478	774	478	264	(b)	(b)	3,169
February	1,665	836	551	315	(b)	(b)	3,604

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Not available for publication.

(c) Incomplete; see individual States.

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES
(1'000)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year - 1965-66	26,136	13,705	n.a.	3,501	(b)	582	(c)43,924
1966-67	34,163	14,486	n.a.	4,383	(b)	833	(c)53,865
1967-68	37,629	15,806	13,456	5,218	(b)	(b)	80,874
1968-69	35,563	15,546	13,765	5,053	(b)	(b)	79,538
1968-69 - January	2,959	1,241	1,061	448	)	(	6,574
February	2,466	1,203	921	401	)	(	5,764
March	2,690	1,289	1,133	444	(b)	(b)	6,446
April	2,785	1,398	1,138	537	)	(	6,708
May	3,170	1,370	1,032	429	)	(	6,823
June	3,166	1,261	1,155	418	)	(	6,750
1969-70p- July	3,401	1,499	1,316	495	)	(	7,578
August	3,249	1,249	1,222	407	)	(	6,861
September	3,453	1,430	1,336	458	)	(	7,490
October	3,328	1,523	1,190	601	(b)	(b)	7,519
November	3,025	1,415	862	491	)	(	6,589
December	3,747	1,742	1,280	648	)	(	8,243
January	3,561	1,465	1,294	543	)	(	7,652
February	3,160	1,247	1,201	484	)	(	6,848
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS (Crossbred and other Cockerels) (d)							
Year - 1965-66	3,109	2,135	n.a.	274	324	107	(c)5,949
1966-67	1,743	1,509	n.a.	230	313	72	(c)3,867
1967-68	1,545	1,567	757	134	105	43	4,153
1968-69	1,191	880	457	180	66	19	2,794
1968-69 - January	67	45	12	10	(b)	(b)	135
February	61	50	21	13	(b)	(b)	146
March	97	60	26	11	3	2	199
April	118	63	32	15	6	..	233
May	78	55	36	12	5	..	185
June	81	68	35	8	7	..	199
1969-70p- July	69	79	77	12	6	..	244
August	103	95	49	18	4	18	287
September	120	122	49	16	7	2	316
October	103	72	46	18	6	3	246
November	65	59	21	12	2	..	158
December	45	49	17	15	3	..	129
January	149	107	16	13	(b)	(b)	286
February	163	149	17	40	(b)	(b)	370

For footnotes see next page.

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - continued
('000)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (d)							
Year - 1965-66	5,934	3,710	n.a.	1,525	1,077	372	(c) 12,618
1966-67	6,293	4,114	n.a.	1,925	1,253	273	(c) 13,858
1967-68	6,093	4,251	2,862	1,904	1,143	371	16,624
1968-69	6,310	4,455	2,922	1,854	1,246	299	17,085
1968-69 - January	255	214	78	90	51	1	688
February	381	235	128	98	52	7	900
March	562	363	215	115	77	7	1,340
April	580	357	354	112	102	10	1,516
May	603	358	362	137	122	28	1,611
June	636	415	294	124	142	25	1,636
1969-70p- July	650	532	338	204	156	46	1,927
August	739	650	413	285	150	28	2,274
September	788	627	410	312	143	60	2,341
October	760	527	273	280	124	60	2,024
November	579	348	187	162	82	20	1,378
December	449	286	124	129	60	22	1,069
January	426	246	124	78	(b)	(b)	913
February	497	250	148	107	(b)	(b)	1,071

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Incomplete; see individual States. (d) Includes (for States other than Queensland) a proportion of unsexed egg strain chicks.

III. UTILISATION OF POULTRY MEAT

TABLE 8. - SUPPLY AND UTILISATION OF POULTRY MEAT : AUSTRALIA

(Dressed Weight)

Year	Stocks		Production			Imports	Exports (including ships stores)	Apparent consumption in Australia	
	Opening	Closing	Net change	Commercial	Self suppliers (a)			Total	Per head
	- '000 lb -							lb	
1965-66	n.a.	13,236	n.a.	152,002	5,750	912	815	157,848	13.7
1966-67	13,236	22,154	(+)8,917	195,159	5,855	932	1,413	191,616	16.4
1967-68	22,154	31,261	(+)9,108	226,482	5,963	428	2,103	221,661	18.6
1968-69	31,261	34,522	(+)3,261	240,711	6,086	365	2,705	241,195	19.8

(a) Estimated

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