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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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, producers in the Northern Territory and the many very small producers are excluded from the collection. However, the statistics represent a high level of coverage in respect of commercial hatcheries and slaughtering establishments.

New South Wales statistics include the activities of Australian Capital Territory producers. The Queensland statistics are based on data collected by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries.

Information relating to other poultry slaughtered (other fowls and turkeys, and ducks and drakes) has been restricted to an Australian series only but some State information for the current and previous months is available on request.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia from 1973-74 to 1977-78 are shown in the September 1978 issue of this bulletin.

In Tables 1 and 2 following, details relate to all eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries whether for sale or replacement of own flocks. The numbers relate to actual settings and hatchings for each month. There is not necessarily a relationship between the number of eggs set and the number of chicks hatched in any one month.

Related publications

Further details of production, stocks and exports of poultry meat and poultry slaughterings are published in *Meat Statistics, Australia* (7206.0) which is issued annually.

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary — figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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I. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF EGGS SET IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a)
(⁰⁰⁰)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year -							
1975-76	89,167	40,738	26,698	21,884	n.p.	n.p.	201,547
1976-77	98,247	42,615	29,756	22,506	n.p.	n.p.	216,904
1977-78	105,488	47,882	34,679	24,182	n.p.	n.p.	238,766
1977-78 -							
November	9,131	3,720	2,663	1,836	n.p.	n.p.	19,347
December	8,171	4,149	2,748	2,025	n.p.	n.p.	19,254
1978-79p -							
November	9,564	4,281	3,317	2,142	n.p.	n.p.	21,644
December	8,795	4,166	3,296	2,126	n.p.	n.p.	20,592
6 mths ended Dec. - 1977	53,310	23,959	17,303	12,122	n.p.	n.p.	120,266
6 mths ended Dec. - 1978p	56,211	26,905	18,857	13,117	n.p.	n.p.	129,022
EGG STRAINS							
Year -							
1975-76	13,719	11,480	6,802	4,585	3,346	874	40,804
1976-77	16,271	11,842	7,154	4,057	3,360	1,108	43,793
1977-78	15,445	8,565	6,358	4,038	3,241	1,151	38,797
1977-78 -							
November	1,268	749	508	316	235	n.a.	(b)3,076
December	1,053	604	333	227	137	n.a.	(b)2,354
1978-79p -							
November	1,418	1,074	385	299	258	n.a.	(b)3,433
December	1,185	531	341	201	154	n.a.	(b)2,411
6 mths ended Dec. - 1977	7,548	5,208	3,255	1,987	1,742	n.a.	(b)19,740
6 mths ended Dec. - 1978p	8,317	4,658	2,865	2,227	1,813	n.a.	(b)19,880

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Incomplete; excludes Tasmania.

TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a), AUSTRALIA
(⁰⁰⁰)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year -							
1975-76	68,222	33,219	20,925	17,789	n.p.	n.p.	158,088
1976-77	71,930	34,694	23,734	19,167	n.p.	n.p.	168,724
1977-78	80,642	38,441	26,938	20,117	n.p.	n.p.	186,987
1977-78 -							
November	6,467	2,990	2,146	1,550	n.p.	n.p.	14,792
December	6,808	3,251	2,130	1,560	n.p.	n.p.	15,514
1978-79p -							
November	6,920	3,463	2,383	1,640	n.p.	n.p.	16,249
December	6,892	3,204	2,644	1,738	n.p.	n.p.	16,336
6 mths ended Dec. - 1977	41,043	19,631	13,587	10,093	n.p.	n.p.	95,112
6 mths ended Dec. - 1978p	42,999	21,328	14,850	10,576	n.p.	n.p.	100,994
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS (Crossbred and other cockerels) (b)							
Year -							
1975-76	182	192	n.p.	52	n.p.	17	585
1976-77	179	173	n.p.	40	n.p.	13	515
1977-78	169	157	n.p.	36	n.p.	20	473
1977-78 -							
November	18	21	n.p.	4	n.p.	n.p.	51
December	9	24	n.p.	2	n.p.	n.p.	38
1978-79p -							
November	16	14	n.p.	4	n.p.	n.p.	40
December	13	10	n.p.	3	n.p.	n.p.	28
6 mths ended Dec. - 1977	96	97	n.p.	22	n.p.	n.p.	284
6 mths ended Dec. - 1978p	104	73	n.p.	25	n.p.	n.p.	243

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TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a) - continued
(000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (b)							
Year -							
1975-76	4,648	4,012	2,601	1,833	1,200	370	14,664
1976-77	5,562	3,804	3,048	1,558	1,204	401	15,578
1977-78	5,558	2,975	2,402	1,431	1,175	392	13,933
1977-78 -							
November	501	272	235	146	117	30	1,300
December	433	196	126	81	70	22	927
1978-79p -							
November	493	339	172	97	131	25	1,258
December	389	182	125	134	70	41	941
6 mths ended Dec. - 1977	2,749	1,801	1,276	748	640	207	7,421
6 mths ended Dec. - 1978p	2,824	1,585	1,128	937	674	182	7,330
INTENDED FOR BREEDING							
	Egg Strains		Meat Strains				
	Pullets	Cockerels	Pullets	Cockerels			
Year -							
1975-76	476	99	2,510				727
1976-77	468	101	2,515				745
1977-78	415	131	2,625				755
1977-78 -							
November	45	13	224				67
December	21	3	215				53
1978-79p -							
November	44	9	255				61
December	18	5	231				44
6 mths ended Dec. - 1977	265	83	1,419				421
6 mths ended Dec. - 1978p	251	56	1,416				355

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Egg strain chickens reported as unsexed have been allocated half to chickens for chicken meat and half to chickens for egg production.

II. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 3. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year -							
1975-76	63,184	29,233	19,044	16,177	14,652	1,911	144,202
1976-77	67,059	31,435	21,166	17,251	15,746	2,453	155,109
1977-78	75,349	35,053	24,962	19,452	17,020	2,902	174,739
1977-78 -							
November	6,431	3,069	2,121	1,574	1,476	233	14,843
December	5,947	3,184	2,313	1,658	1,487	234	14,824
1978-79p -							
November	6,801	3,370	2,487	1,537	1,481	268	15,944
December	6,767	3,343	2,444	1,687	1,598	264	16,103
6 mths ended Dec. - 1977	37,510	17,355	12,496	9,499	8,691	1,435	86,986
6 mths ended Dec. - 1978p	41,246	18,239	13,736	9,817	8,869	1,616	93,524
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (Tonnes)							
Year -							
1975-76	83,036	36,332	26,183	18,064	17,963	2,329	183,907
1976-77	85,416	39,785	28,702	19,243	19,373	3,060	195,579
1977-78	95,945	44,230	34,011	21,892	20,759	3,658	220,494
1977-78 -							
November	8,160	3,687	2,918	1,738	1,837	297	18,638
December	7,607	4,060	3,171	1,804	1,747	298	18,688
1978-79p -							
November	8,788	4,313	3,333	1,726	1,874	315	20,350
December	8,777	4,141	3,178	1,894	2,000	319	20,309
6 mths ended Dec. - 1977	47,836	21,604	16,811	10,568	10,509	1,797	109,125
6 mths ended Dec. - 1978p	53,132	22,939	18,271	11,081	11,181	2,043	118,648

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

TABLE 4. OTHER POULTRY SLAUGHTERED, AUSTRALIA

	Other fowls and turkeys		Ducks and drakes	
	No. slaughtered ('000)	Dressed weight (Tonnes)	No. slaughtered ('000)	Dressed weight (Tonnes)
Year -				
1975-76	9,244	18,345	1,168	1,921
1976-77	9,805	20,607	1,259	2,029
1977-78	10,694	22,383	1,732	2,858
1977-78 -				
November	975	2,111	162	272
December	773	1,520	132	203
1978-79p -				
November	1,117	2,574	148	239
December	808	1,606	150	242
6 mths ended Dec. - 1977	5,660	12,063	871	1,436
6 mths ended Dec. - 1978p	5,783	12,855	904	1,484