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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : TRACTORS ON RURAL HOLDINGS : AUSTRALIA, MARCH, 1956

Preliminary statistics of tractors on rural holdings in Australia in March, 1956 are shown in the following table together with comparable data for previous years.

The number of tractors on rural holdings in March, 1956 was 201,849 (183,259 wheeled type and 18,590 crawler or track type) an increase of 7.8 per cent. (7.6 per cent. for wheeled tractors and 10.0 per cent. for crawler tractors) over the previous year. The increase since 1945 was 239.2 per cent. (253.1 per cent. for wheeled tractors and 144.3 per cent. for crawler tractors).

Of the total number of tractors on rural holdings in March, 1956, 54,006 or 26.8 per cent. were in New South Wales, 51,229 (25.4 per cent.) in Victoria and 42,756 (21.2 per cent.) in Queensland. The numbers in the remaining States, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory amounted to 53,858 or 26.6 per cent. of the total.

TRACTORS ON RURAL HOLDINGS

March	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Aust.
WHEELED TYPE TRACTORS									
1945	15,145	11,932	12,696	5,633	5,229	1,222	(b)	42	51,899
1950	25,533	23,235	20,616	11,184	10,323	2,464	(b)	84	93,439
1951	30,061	26,132	24,406	13,562	12,331	3,056	(b)	107	111,655
1952	35,302	33,678	27,084	15,396	14,579	3,857	(b)	142	130,038
1953	39,229	37,484	29,822	16,729	15,381	4,550	(b)	158	143,353
1954	41,195	41,953	32,535	18,228	16,577	5,111	(b)	163	155,762
1955	45,619	45,824	35,024	20,074	17,832	5,699	(c) 51	172	170,295
1956 (d)	50,005	49,584	37,443	21,155	18,537	6,272	70	193	183,259
Proportional increase (d) since - 1945	230.2	315.6	194.9	275.6	254.5	413.3	(b)	359.5	253.1
- 1955	9.6	8.2	6.9	5.4	4.0	10.1	(b)	12.2	7.6

CRAWLER OR TRACK TYPE TRACTORS

1945	1,214	1,499	1,957	2,411	1,395	132	(b)	2	7,610
1950	1,831	884	3,111	2,525	1,796	201	(b)	8	10,356
1951	2,145	926	3,388	2,566	2,223	264	(b)	6	11,518
1952	2,828	1,187	3,810	2,788	2,498	342	(b)	6	13,459
1953	3,179	1,271	4,176	3,021	2,932	442	(b)	8	15,029
1954	3,221	1,214	4,547	2,614	3,093	547	(b)	7	15,243
1955	3,479	1,430	4,945	3,036	3,334	660	(c) 4	9	16,897
1956 (d)	4,001	1,645	5,313	3,190	3,654	745	32	10	18,590
Proportional increase (d) since - 1945	229.6	229.7	171.5	32.3	161.9	464.4	(b)	400.0	144.3
- 1955	15.0	15.0	7.4	5.1	2.6	12.9	(b)	11.1	10.0

TOTAL TRACTORS

1945	16,359	12,431	14,653	8,044	6,624	1,354	(b)	44	59,509
1950	27,364	24,119	23,727	13,709	12,119	2,665	(b)	92	103,795
1951	32,206	29,058	27,794	16,128	14,554	3,320	(b)	113	123,173
1952	38,130	34,855	30,894	18,184	17,077	4,199	(b)	148	143,497
1953	42,408	38,755	33,998	19,750	18,313	4,992	(b)	166	158,382
1954	44,416	43,167	37,082	20,842	19,670	5,658	(b)	170	171,005
1955	49,098	47,254	39,969	23,110	21,166	6,359	(c) 55	181	187,192
1956 (d)	54,006	51,229	42,756	24,345	22,131	7,017	102	203	201,849
Proportional increase (d) since - 1945	230.1	313.1	191.8	202.6	235.0	418.2	(b)	361.4	239.2
- 1955	10.0	8.4	7.0	5.3	4.8	10.3	(b)	12.2	7.8

(a) As at 31st October of the preceding year. (b) Not available. (c) Incomplete. Excludes pastoral holdings. (d) Subject to revision.

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