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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE MEAT INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA - NOVEMBER 1969

The statistics on slaughterings and meat production included in this bulletin are based on a monthly collection from abattoirs and other major slaughtering establishments, and include estimates of animals slaughtered on farms by country butchers. They relate only to slaughterings for human consumption and do not include animals condemned or those killed for boiling down. Until results of the annual census of all slaughtering establishments are known, monthly figures are subject to revision. This bulletin incorporates, in respect of the year ended June 1969, finalised slaughtering figures for States other than Victoria. Details for Victoria and Commonwealth totals from July 1968, and all monthly figures from July 1969, are subject to amendment.

In addition to statistics on slaughterings and meat production, particulars are given in the following tables of bacon and ham and canned meat production, exports of fresh and frozen and processed meat, and stocks of frozen meat.

Table 2 contains seasonally adjusted figures for total meat produced. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors by also of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1969" (Ref. No. 1.10) issued on 22 May 1969.

SYMBOLS USED IN THIS BULLETIN

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.
.. - Nil or less than half the final digit shown
or not applicable.

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

TABLE 1. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED : AUSTRALIA ('000)

Period	Cattle	Calves	CATTLE & CALVES	Sheep	Lambs	SHEEP & LAMBS	Pigs
Year - 1964-65	4,943.1	1,901.1	6,844.2	19,030.5	14,441.1	33,471.6	2,460.9
1965-66	4,611.7	1,711.8	6,323.5	20,933.0	13,626.8	34,559.7	2,768.5
1966-67	4,095.2	1,555.0	5,650.2	17,742.0	14,753.6	32,495.6	2,902.9
1967-68	4,145.7	1,510.5	5,656.2	22,268.9	15,739.5	38,008.4	3,049.0
1968-69 (p)	4,284.6	1,280.9	5,565.5	17,999.9	18,541.2	36,541.1	3,313.7
1968-69(p)-October	350.3	126.7	477.0	1,398.6	2,168.7	3,567.3	286.3
November	318.6	90.8	409.4	1,479.2	1,900.9	3,380.1	276.3
December	282.3	62.0	344.3	1,442.8	1,670.5	3,113.3	292.7
January	300.7	61.1	361.8	1,572.1	1,543.8	3,115.9	258.6
February	322.6	57.8	380.4	1,683.2	1,323.2	3,006.4	253.6
March	368.6	62.9	431.6	1,763.8	1,348.2	3,112.0	285.7
April	391.5	74.5	466.1	1,608.5	1,306.4	2,914.9	290.8
May	450.6	81.3	531.9	1,722.7	1,409.1	3,131.8	287.6
June	445.1	96.1	541.2	1,621.9	1,426.2	3,048.1	273.9
1969-70(p)-July	482.5	184.2	666.6	1,775.9	1,583.1	3,358.9	314.8
August	405.4	193.2	598.6	1,654.9	1,525.1	3,180.0	290.8
September	381.8	135.7	517.5	1,646.9	1,707.4	3,354.3	296.1
October	391.6	112.7	504.3	1,821.1	2,132.4	3,953.5	346.4
November	314.7	62.0	376.7	1,726.5	1,903.7	3,630.2	299.8

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION OF MEAT (a) : AUSTRALIA (Tons : Carcass weight)

Period	Beef	Veal	BEEF & VEAL	Mutton	Lamb	MUTTON & LAMB	Pigmeat	TOTAL MEAT	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
Year -									
1964-65	952,832	57,243	1,010,075	361,306	223,530	584,836	120,226	1,715,137	..
1965-66	880,723	50,661	931,384	389,531	209,297	598,828	133,143	1,663,355	..
1966-67	820,459	44,280	864,739	349,565	237,058	586,623	139,800	1,591,162	..
1967-68	842,774	46,868	889,642	412,269	241,754	654,023	147,386	1,691,051	..
1968-69(p)	877,541	40,453	917,994	360,159	304,276	664,435	160,123	1,742,552	..
1968-69(p)-October	73,289	3,668	76,957	28,807	35,963	64,770	13,862	155,589	146,200
November	65,952	2,914	68,866	30,419	31,531	61,950	13,362	144,178	144,800
December	57,481	2,288	59,769	29,470	27,813	57,283	13,570	130,622	138,600
January	60,420	2,565	62,985	31,675	25,135	56,810	12,488	132,283	139,700
February	64,304	2,528	66,832	33,248	21,655	54,903	12,341	134,076	140,700
March	73,768	2,835	76,603	34,310	21,988	56,298	13,827	146,728	143,700
April	77,720	2,962	80,682	31,526	21,436	52,962	13,934	147,578	150,500
May	90,455	3,094	93,549	34,426	23,528	57,954	14,090	165,593	148,900
June	90,464	3,169	93,633	32,929	23,438	56,367	13,214	163,214	161,600
1969-70(p)-July	100,168	4,745	104,913	35,871	25,983	61,854	15,297	182,064	172,900
August	82,679	4,695	87,374	33,227	24,454	57,681	14,262	159,317	169,100
September	77,403	3,775	81,178	33,446	27,085	60,531	14,272	155,981	162,200
October	79,575	3,570	83,145	37,570	34,144	71,714	16,730	171,589	159,600
November	65,201	2,234	67,435	35,327	30,626	65,953	14,421	147,809	153,300

(a) Excludes offal. (b) See text on previous page.

TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED (p)

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons : Carcass weight)			
	Month of -		Five months ended -		Month of -		Five months ended -	
	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969
	CATTLE				BEEF			
New South Wales	84.0	99.2	387.5	524.2	16,751	20,825	76,157	107,758
Victoria	81.4	96.9	369.2	486.0	16,309	20,047	73,020	100,167
Queensland	94.2	59.5	633.9	598.3	21,269	12,802	148,351	125,367
South Australia	14.4	15.9	63.3	82.1	2,880	3,036	12,571	16,095
Western Australia	28.1	29.5	161.9	178.0	5,393	5,533	31,489	33,751
Tasmania	9.6	9.7	48.6	55.8	1,984	2,098	9,798	11,922
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	318.6	314.7	1,723.1	1,976.0	65,952	65,201	362,929	405,026
	CALVES				VEAL			
New South Wales	35.2	20.0	205.8	147.2	1,361	886	7,673	6,051
Victoria	21.8	15.1	356.6	329.7	466	321	6,925	5,637
Queensland	27.2	20.1	150.2	143.5	834	730	4,597	5,449
South Australia	3.3	3.5	23.3	21.4	132	155	772	828
Western Australia	1.9	2.5	9.1	11.7	87	122	402	562
Tasmania	1.2	0.8	40.0	29.1	33	20	637	492
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	90.8	62.0	785.1	687.7	2,914	2,234	21,012	19,019
	CATTLE AND CALVES				BEEF AND VEAL			
New South Wales	119.2	119.2	593.3	671.4	18,112	21,711	83,830	113,809
Victoria	103.3	112.1	725.8	815.8	16,775	20,368	79,945	105,804
Queensland	121.4	79.6	784.1	746.8	22,103	13,532	152,948	130,816
South Australia	17.7	19.3	86.6	103.5	3,012	3,191	13,343	16,923
Western Australia	30.0	32.0	171.0	189.7	5,480	5,655	31,891	34,313
Tasmania	10.8	10.5	88.7	84.9	2,017	2,118	10,435	12,414
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	409.4	376.7	2,508.2	2,663.7	68,866	67,435	383,941	424,045
	SHEEP				MUTTON			
New South Wales	429.0	425.4	2,137.7	2,305.2	7,868	8,144	39,184	44,414
Victoria	523.6	682.9	1,910.3	2,928.8	11,890	14,931	41,460	65,326
Queensland	151.7	146.4	787.0	1,014.1	2,971	2,738	15,480	18,041
South Australia	119.7	177.0	649.3	837.2	2,609	3,974	14,297	18,585
Western Australia	200.7	245.1	849.8	1,311.0	3,952	4,485	17,101	24,249
Tasmania	50.3	49.3	230.3	225.4	1,050	1,046	4,677	4,751
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	1,479.2	1,726.5	6,585.0	8,625.3	30,419	35,327	132,575	175,441
	LAMBS				LAMB			
New South Wales	618.6	609.0	3,059.6	3,202.3	10,138	10,064	50,770	53,423
Victoria	843.9	784.0	3,417.1	3,313.3	14,569	12,758	57,151	53,885
Queensland	52.8	43.5	296.8	265.5	777	635	4,496	3,943
South Australia	142.8	229.5	670.1	988.0	2,376	3,696	10,735	15,368
Western Australia	167.7	155.7	769.7	752.3	2,468	2,199	11,277	10,336
Tasmania	68.8	71.3	272.3	274.5	1,100	1,108	4,388	4,449
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	1,900.9	1,903.7	8,513.8	8,851.6	31,531	30,626	139,283	142,292

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TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED (p) - continued

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons : Carcass weight)			
	Month of -		Five months ended -		Month of -		Five months ended -	
	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1968	Nov. 1969
	SHEEP AND LAMBS				MUTTON AND LAMB			
New South Wales	1,047.5	1,034.5	5,197.2	5,507.6	18,006	18,208	89,954	97,837
Victoria	1,367.5	1,466.9	5,327.4	6,242.1	26,459	27,689	98,611	119,211
Queensland	204.5	189.9	1,083.8	1,279.5	3,748	3,373	19,976	21,984
South Australia	262.5	406.5	1,319.4	1,825.2	4,985	7,670	25,032	33,953
Western Australia	368.4	400.8	1,619.5	2,063.2	6,420	6,684	28,378	34,585
Tasmania	119.1	120.5	502.6	500.0	2,150	2,154	9,065	9,200
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	3,380.1	3,630.2	15,098.7	17,476.9	61,950	65,953	271,858	317,733
	PIGS				PIGMEAT			
New South Wales	85.0	89.2	416.8	453.4	3,885	4,152	19,087	21,024
Victoria	64.3	77.9	318.4	397.7	3,136	3,675	15,286	18,679
Queensland	63.6	60.8	326.9	333.6	3,047	2,871	16,190	16,524
South Australia	25.2	31.4	136.7	167.5	1,271	1,640	6,958	8,634
Western Australia	25.0	26.8	112.9	130.5	1,330	1,413	6,132	6,984
Tasmania	12.1	12.8	54.1	59.9	648	639	2,782	2,961
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	276.3	299.8	1,370.8	1,548.0	13,362	14,421	66,659	74,982

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 4. - TOTAL MEAT PRODUCED (a) (p)
(Tons : Carcass weight)

State	Month of -		Five months ended -	
	November 1968	November 1969	November 1968	November 1969
New South Wales	40,003	44,071	192,871	232,670
Victoria	46,370	51,732	193,842	243,694
Queensland	28,898	19,776	189,114	169,324
South Australia	9,268	12,501	45,333	59,510
Western Australia	13,230	13,752	66,401	75,882
Tasmania	4,815	4,911	22,282	24,575
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	144,178	147,809	722,458	816,760

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 5. - PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM AND CANNED MEAT

(Tons)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
BACON AND HAM (a)							
Year - 1964-65	13,923	9,366	11,086	3,822	3,998	1,171	43,366
1965-66	15,055	9,357	12,342	4,106	4,298	1,062	46,220
1966-67	15,366	9,995	14,670	4,403	4,624	1,242	50,300
1967-68	15,134	9,340	14,103	4,110	5,128	1,281	49,096
1968-69(p)	14,748	9,872	15,189	3,998	5,417	1,394	50,618
1968-69(p) -							
October	1,294	832	1,368	381	461	113	4,449
November	1,402	743	1,492	407	548	145	4,737
December	1,957	1,189	1,661	487	546	217	6,057
January	1,074	773	1,008	266	402	106	3,629
February	1,059	731	1,086	282	378	108	3,644
March	1,156	774	1,185	339	446	114	4,014
April	1,130	798	1,061	302	417	110	3,818
May	1,142	786	991	331	427	103	3,780
June	1,131	778	1,059	300	456	92	3,816
1969-70(p) -							
July	1,227	973	1,242	303	386	100	4,231
August	1,169	784	1,385	348	421	92	4,199
September	1,305	804	1,318	370	505	103	4,405
October	1,440	890	1,302	431	526	124	4,713
November	1,528	924	1,322	459	543	135	4,941
CANNED MEAT (b)							
Year - 1964-65	5,986	30,558	14,131	)		(	51,597
1965-66	5,480	32,104	12,104	)		(	50,469
1966-67	4,579	29,895	13,397	) (c)	(c)	..	48,658
1967-68	3,457	31,263	12,288	)		(	47,748
1968-69(p)	3,860	27,345	11,747	)		(	43,681
1968-69(p) -							
October	231	3,339	1,026	)		(	4,675
November	221	2,335	988	)		(	3,612
December	239	2,024	745	)		(	3,044
January	161	1,731	449	)		(	2,402
February	195	2,311	802	) (c)	(c)	..	3,394
March	401	2,080	955	)		(	3,486
April	518	1,635	1,016	)		(	3,202
May	590	2,133	958	)		(	3,710
June	365	2,097	1,139	)		(	3,613
1969-70(p) -							
July	316	2,881	1,313	)		(	4,587
August	164	2,444	1,159	)		(	3,813
September	222	2,810	1,014	) (c)	(c)	..	4,077
October	214	3,462	1,041	)		(	4,783
November	249	2,723	781	)		(	3,823

(a) Cured carcass weight of smoked, cooked, and canned bacon and ham. (b) Canned weight. Includes bacon, ham and meat and vegetables; excludes rabbit, poultry, and baby foods. (c) Not available for publication.

TABLE 6. - EXPORTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT : AUSTRALIA

(Tons)

Period	Fresh and frozen (a)						Bacon and ham(b)	Canned meat (c)
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Total		
Year - 1964-65	303,566	12,464	72,752	24,166	365	413,313	134	26,978
1965-66	264,888	8,598	78,761	15,881	475	368,603	184	24,837
1966-67	251,040	7,093	79,178	14,804	920	353,035	226	21,210
1967-68	247,510	4,306	103,713	9,078	553	365,160	219	20,378
1968-69	248,208	3,745	74,805	29,020	1,187	356,965	186	16,353
1968-69 - October	24,181	555	5,216	4,597	28	34,577	22	1,369
November	10,367	130	4,959	5,839	62	21,357	21	974
December	18,302	385	6,373	5,847	127	31,034	31	1,457
January	19,579	255	6,112	4,338	116	30,400	17	2,504
February	19,288	178	7,487	2,111	178	29,242	10	862
March	15,595	239	7,514	1,465	197	25,010	10	1,028
April	14,788	222	8,694	907	65	24,676	8	962
May	24,260	338	7,645	1,059	110	33,412	10	1,177
June	27,988	265	6,980	970	235	36,438	16	1,378
1969-70(p)-July	37,727	588	11,966	2,480	513	53,274	14	2,354
August	37,811	577	10,001	1,803	368	50,560	11	827
September	26,925	654	8,214	2,859	573	39,225	12	1,003
October	12,109	499	7,860	4,954	1,101	26,523	22	719
November	23,518	415	9,388	6,541	1,191	41,053	39	1,304

(a) Includes boneless and carcass meat. (b) Cured carcass weight. (c) Canned weight.

TABLE 7. - STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT : AUSTRALIA (a) (Tons)

(Source : Australian Meat Board)

Stocks at	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Offal	Total
1968						
31 August	25,939	9,324	2,429	2,300	6,179	46,171
28 September	19,579	8,082	4,071	2,359	5,294	39,385
26 October	27,337	8,065	6,009	2,217	5,791	49,419
30 November -						
New South Wales	5,699	1,118	609	576	982	8,984
Victoria	6,446	3,924	4,602	195	1,680	16,847
Queensland	17,819	1,297	168	182	1,866	21,332
South Australia	815	184	275	179	175	1,628
Western Australia	2,017	1,552	528	242	327	4,666
Tasmania	659	637	153	322	110	1,881
Northern Territory	858	..	..	..	89	947
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	34,313	8,712	6,335	1,696	5,229	56,285
1969						
30 August	35,156	10,306	3,556	3,315	6,856	59,189
27 September	44,919	12,463	4,924	3,361	6,797	72,464
25 October	52,427	13,891	5,759	3,176	6,068	81,321
29 November -						
New South Wales	8,475	1,450	671	723	1,507	12,826
Victoria	11,369	6,894	3,103	653	2,257	24,276
Queensland	17,215	1,312	13	368	1,716	20,624
South Australia	1,196	1,026	1,641	151	228	4,242
Western Australia	2,278	1,972	448	303	337	5,338
Tasmania	714	370	128	337	117	1,666
Northern Territory	336	..	..	..	55	391
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	41,583	13,024	6,004	2,535	6,217	69,363

(a) Held in cold stores registered to handle meat for export, and includes meat passed for (i) export, (ii) canning and (iii) other purposes. Includes boneless and carcass meat.

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