

1. **RURAL HOLDINGS AND LAND UTILIZATION** - There were 213 rural holdings (a rural holding being defined as a piece of land of one acre or more in extent used for agricultural purposes or the raising of livestock) in the A.C.T. at 31st March, 1954, covering an area of 390,772 acres (i.e. an average of 1,835 acres per holding). The area used for grazing purposes was 335,762 acres or 86% of the occupied land. Further details, by districts, are shown in the following table.

TABLE I : A.C.T. RURAL HOLDINGS : NUMBER AND AREA, BY DISTRICTS, 1953-54 SEASON

| District            | Number of Holdings | Total Area of Holding | Area used for crops | Land Lying Fallow during Season | Area under sown clovers & Grasses | Other land used for Grazing | Balance of Holding (a) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
|                     |                    | Acres                 | Acres               | Acres                           | Acres                             | Acres                       | Acres                  |
| Hall                | 13                 | 11,264                | 295                 | 25                              | 1,589                             | 9,355                       | -                      |
| Belconnen           | 25                 | 26,813                | 711                 | 88                              | 6,040                             | 19,974                      | -                      |
| Gungahlin and Kowen | 22                 | 33,228                | 790                 | 130                             | 3,703                             | 27,395                      | 1,210                  |
| Coree and Stromlo   | 15                 | 38,857                | 135                 | 100                             | 10,645                            | 26,247                      | 1,730                  |
| Canberra City       | 54                 | 22,862                | 2,431               | 308                             | 5,048                             | 14,947                      | 128                    |
| Paddy's River       | 18                 | 65,917                | 243                 | 9                               | 4,296                             | 58,774                      | 2,590                  |
| Woden               | 18                 | 20,309                | 796                 | 200                             | 5,257                             | 14,051                      | 5                      |
| Tennent (b)         | 18                 | 57,565                | 48                  | -                               | 934                               | 56,583                      | -                      |
| Lanyon              | 17                 | 32,654                | 678                 | 34                              | 3,155                             | 28,787                      | -                      |
| Booth and Mt. Clear | 13                 | 81,303                | 26                  | -                               | 85                                | 81,112                      | 80                     |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>       | <b>213</b>         | <b>390,772</b>        | <b>6,158</b>        | <b>894</b>                      | <b>40,752</b>                     | <b>337,225</b>              | <b>5,743</b>           |

(a) Land not being used for agricultural or pastoral purposes.

(b) Includes Rendezvous Creek District.

2. **PASTORAL** - Sheep grazing is the major rural activity in the Territory and at 31st March, 1954 there were 251,600 sheep on 161 holdings. Of the total sheep recorded 231,313 or 92% were Merino.

Total wool production for the 1953-54 season was 2,276,000 lb. compared with 2,245,000 lb. in 1952-53 and 1,765,000 lb. in 1951-52. The average fleece weight (including crutchings) per sheep shorn in 1953-54 was 9.38 lb. or 0.45 lb. lighter than in 1952-53, but 0.19 lb. heavier than in 1951-52. The average fleece weight for sheep and lambs shorn was 8.33 lb. in 1953-54 (0.41 lb. lighter than in 1952-53).

Further details are shown in Tables II, III and IV below:-

TABLE II : LIVESTOCK IN THE A.C.T. : NUMBERS AT 31ST MARCH, 1950 TO 1954

| Particulars                | 1950           | 1951           | 1952           | 1953           | 1954           |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Sheep</b>               |                |                |                |                |                |
| Rams .. .. .               | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,600          |
| Breeding Ewes .. .. .      | 70,000         | 72,000         | 66,900         | 70,100         | 65,400         |
| Other Ewes .. .. .         | 27,700         | 29,700         | 28,900         | 28,600         | 30,700         |
| Wethers .. .. .            | 109,300        | 110,200        | 113,500        | 110,800        | 115,700        |
| Lambs and Hoggies .. .. .  | 45,000         | 43,400         | 32,300         | 35,800         | 38,200         |
| <b>Total Sheep:</b>        | <b>253,500</b> | <b>256,800</b> | <b>243,100</b> | <b>246,800</b> | <b>251,600</b> |
| <b>Dairy Cattle</b>        |                |                |                |                |                |
| Cows .. .. .               | 2,390          | 2,180          | 2,340          | 2,210          | 2,290          |
| Other .. .. .              | 750            | 1,390          | 1,200          | 1,460          | 1,130          |
| <b>Total Dairy Cattle</b>  | <b>3,140</b>   | <b>3,570</b>   | <b>3,540</b>   | <b>3,670</b>   | <b>3,420</b>   |
| <b>Beef Cattle</b> .. .. . | <b>6,020</b>   | <b>7,910</b>   | <b>6,750</b>   | <b>6,230</b>   | <b>5,970</b>   |
| <b>Horses</b> .. .. .      | <b>970</b>     | <b>910</b>     | <b>920</b>     | <b>840</b>     | <b>830</b>     |

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TABLE III : NUMBERS OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK IN A.C.T., BY DISTRICTS, 31ST MARCH, 1954

| District                             | Horses     | Dairy Cattle | Beef Cattle  | Sheep          |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Hall .. .. .                         | 60         | 70           | 120          | 12,900         |
| Belconnen .. .. .                    | 90         | 130          | 630          | 29,400         |
| Gungahlin and Kowen .. .. .          | 90         | 160          | 480          | 27,300         |
| Coree and Stromlo .. .. .            | 70         | 90           | 390          | 42,700         |
| Canberra City .. .. .                | 150        | 2,410        | 360          | 22,100         |
| Paddy's River .. .. .                | 90         | 110          | 1,530        | 32,900         |
| Woden .. .. .                        | 70         | 180          | 590          | 22,000         |
| Tennent and Rendezvous Creek .. .. . | 60         | 90           | 290          | 18,000         |
| Lanyon .. .. .                       | 100        | 120          | 320          | 26,100         |
| Booth and Mount Clear .. .. .        | 50         | 60           | 1,260        | 16,200         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                        | <b>830</b> | <b>3,420</b> | <b>5,970</b> | <b>251,600</b> |

TABLE IV : WOOL PRODUCTION IN THE A.C.T., BY DISTRICTS, 1953-54 SEASON

| District                       | Sheep Shorn | Lambs Shorn | Sheep's Wool (including crutchings) | Lamb's Wool | Dead and Skin Wool | Total Wool Production |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|                                | '000        | '000        | '000 lb.                            | '000 lb.    | '000 lb.           | '000 lb.              |
| Hall .. .. .                   | 11          | 3           | 108                                 | 4           | 2                  | 114                   |
| Belconnen .. .. .              | 28          | 4           | 266                                 | 5           | 2                  | 273                   |
| Gungahlin and Kowen .. .. .    | 25          | 6           | 228                                 | 7           | 3                  | 238                   |
| Coree and Stromlo .. .. .      | 42          | 6           | 404                                 | 6           | 4                  | 414                   |
| Canberra City .. .. .          | 21          | 4           | 210                                 | 6           | 3                  | 219                   |
| Paddy's River .. .. .          | 31          | 3           | 267                                 | 4           | 3                  | 274                   |
| Woden .. .. .                  | 20          | 6           | 193                                 | 11          | 3                  | 207                   |
| Tennent (a) .. .. .            | 16          | -           | 133                                 | -           | 2                  | 135                   |
| Lanyon .. .. .                 | 26          | 2           | 269                                 | 2           | 3                  | 274                   |
| Booth and Mount Clear .. .. .  | 15          | 1           | 126                                 | 1           | 1                  | 128                   |
| <b>TOTAL : 1953-54 Season:</b> | <b>235</b>  | <b>35</b>   | <b>2,204</b>                        | <b>46</b>   | <b>26</b>          | <b>2,276</b>          |
| <b>TOTAL : 1952-53 Season:</b> | <b>222</b>  | <b>32</b>   | <b>2,178</b>                        | <b>41</b>   | <b>26</b>          | <b>2,245</b>          |

(a) Includes Rendezvous Creek District.

3. AGRICULTURE - The total area under crop is only a very small proportion of the occupied area of the A.C.T.. During the 1953-54 season 6,158 acres were under crop, compared with a total of 5,678 acres in the 1952-53 season. Details of the more important crops are shown in the following table -

TABLE V : AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD PER ACRE OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T., 1952-53 AND 1953-54 SEASONS

| Particulars                | 1952-53 Season |              |                | 1953-54 Season |              |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                            | Area Sown      | Production   | Yield per acre | Area sown      | Production   | Yield per acre |
| <u>Cereals for Grain</u> - | Acres          | Bushels      | Bushels        | Acres          | Bushels      | Bushels        |
| Wheat .. .. .              | 609            | 7,764        | 12.75          | 1,566          | 28,998       | 18.52          |
| Oats .. .. .               | 198            | 3,414        | 17.24          | 255            | 4,731        | 18.55          |
| <u>Hay</u> -               | tons           | tons         | tons           | tons           | tons         | tons           |
| Wheaten .. .. .            | 140            | 244          | 1.74           | 18             | 22           | 1.22           |
| Oaten .. .. .              | 1,078          | 1,602        | 1.49           | 1,554          | 1,910        | 1.23           |
| Lucerne .. .. .            | 1,287          | 2,407        | 1.87           | 1,184          | 2,373        | 2.00           |
| Other (a) .. .. .          | 732            | 718          | 0.98           | 267            | 283          | 1.06           |
| <b>Total Hay</b>           | <b>3,237</b>   | <b>4,971</b> | <b>1.54</b>    | <b>3,023</b>   | <b>4,588</b> | <b>1.52</b>    |
| Green Fodder .. .. .       | 1,108          | -            | -              | 338            | -            | -              |
| Potatoes .. .. .           | 127            | 663          | 5.22           | 112            | 514          | 4.59           |
| Apples .. .. .             | (b) 81         | 4,140        | (c) 51         | (b) 72         | 11,098       | (c) 154        |

(a) Principally Meadow Hay. (b) Bearing Area. (c) Yield per bearing acre.

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

RURAL STATISTICS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : 1955-56 SEASON

1. RURAL HOLDINGS AND LAND UTILIZATION - There were 222 rural holdings (a rural holding being defined as a piece of land of one acre or more in extent used for agricultural purposes or the raising of livestock) in the A.C.T. at 31st March, 1956 covering an area of 389,275 acres (i.e. an average of 1,753 acres per holding). The area used for grazing purposes was 370,676 acres or 95% of the occupied land. Further details, by districts, are shown in the following table.

TABLE I : A.C.T. RURAL HOLDINGS : NUMBER AND AREA, BY DISTRICTS, 1955-56 SEASON

| District            | Number of Holdings | Total Area of Holding | Area used for Crops (a) | Land Lying Fallow during Season | Area under sown Clovers & Grasses | Other Land used for Grazing | Balance of Holding (b) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Hall                | 13                 | 11,304                | 222                     | 165                             | 2,135                             | 8,782                       | -                      |
| Belconnen           | 25                 | 27,179                | 791                     | 110                             | 7,775                             | 17,615                      | 888                    |
| Gungahlin and Kowen | 22                 | 33,217                | 634                     | 87                              | 4,997                             | 27,491                      | 8                      |
| Coree and Stromlo   | 14                 | 34,686                | 217                     | 150                             | 10,868                            | 21,721                      | 1,730                  |
| Canberra City       | 60                 | 20,073                | 2,385                   | 243                             | 5,483                             | 11,946                      | 110                    |
| Paddy's River       | 19                 | 69,287                | 361                     | -                               | 5,363                             | 60,533                      | 3,036                  |
| Woden               | 19                 | 19,596                | 714                     | 37                              | 6,490                             | 12,351                      | 4                      |
| Tennent (c)         | 21                 | 60,040                | 60                      | 13                              | 1,557                             | 57,391                      | 1,019                  |
| Lanyon              | 17                 | 32,639                | 434                     | -                               | 6,910                             | 25,295                      | -                      |
| Booth and Mt. Clear | 12                 | 81,254                | 22                      | -                               | 293                               | 75,680                      | 5,259                  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>       | <b>222</b>         | <b>389,275</b>        | <b>5,740</b>            | <b>805</b>                      | <b>51,871</b>                     | <b>318,805</b>              | <b>12,054</b>          |

(a) Excludes Sown Clovers and Grasses cut for Hay or Seed. (b) Land not being used for agricultural or pastoral purposes. (c) Includes Rendezvous Creek District.

2. SHEEP & LAMBS ON A.C.T. HOLDINGS - The number of sheep and lambs on A.C.T. rural holdings at 31st March, 1956, was 257,900, compared with 245,500 at 31st March, 1955 (an increase of 5.1 per cent) and was the highest since 31st March, 1944, when 274,600 were recorded.

When classified according to breed, Merino accounted for 92 per cent. Corriedale 4 per cent., Merino Comeback 2 per cent. and Crossbred 2 per cent. of the total number recorded.

Lambs marked during the 1955 season numbered 43,200 or 72.3 per cent. of ewes mated.

Further details relating to number of sheep on A.C.T. Holdings, breeds of sheep and lambing are shown below in Tables II, III and IV.

TABLE II : NUMBER OF SHEEP AND LAMBS ON A.C.T. HOLDINGS AT 31ST MARCH, 1952 TO 1956.

| Particulars                                | At 31st March - |                |                |                |                |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                            | 1952            | 1953           | 1954           | 1955           | 1956           |
| Rams, one year and over                    | 1,535           | 1,500          | 1,630          | 1,456          | 1,609          |
| Breeding Ewes (including intended matings) | 66,870          | 70,100         | 65,447         | 70,654         | 78,520         |
| Other Ewes one year and over               | 28,912          | 28,600         | 30,745         | 33,633         | 26,360         |
| Wethers one year and over                  | 113,426         | 110,800        | 115,652        | 103,958        | 108,730        |
| Lambs and Hoggets under one year           | 32,316          | 35,800         | 38,192         | 35,799         | 42,682         |
| <b>Total all Sheep and Lambs:</b>          | <b>243,059</b>  | <b>246,800</b> | <b>251,666</b> | <b>245,500</b> | <b>257,901</b> |

TABLE III : BREEDS OF SHEEP OF A.C.T. HOLDINGS AT 31ST MARCH, 1956

| Breed                                 | Rams one year and over | All Other Sheep (incl Lambs) | All Sheep      |                     |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
|                                       |                        |                              | Number         | Percentage To Total |
| Merino                                | 1,312                  | 235,086                      | 236,398        | 91.7                |
| Corriedale                            | 136                    | 11,443                       | 11,579         | 4.5                 |
| Other Recognized Breeds (a)           | 132                    | 261                          | 393            | 0.1                 |
| Merino Comeback (finer than Halfbred) | 6                      | 4,157                        | 4,163          | 1.6                 |
| Crossbred (Halfbred and Coarser)      | 23                     | 5,345                        | 5,368          | 2.1                 |
| <b>Total:</b>                         | <b>1,609</b>           | <b>256,292</b>               | <b>257,901</b> | <b>100.0</b>        |

(a) Principally Dorset Horn.

TABLE IV. : LAMBING IN THE A.C.T. DURING SEASONS 1951 TO 1955

| Particulars             | Season |        |        |        |        |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                         | 1951   | 1952   | 1953   | 1954   | 1955   |
| Number of Breeding Ewes | 71,981 | 66,870 | 70,100 | 65,447 | 70,654 |
| Ewes Mated              | 58,662 | 56,300 | 61,057 | 58,024 | 59,731 |
| Lambs Marked            | 34,523 | 39,900 | 44,865 | 41,708 | 43,182 |
| Percentage              | 58.9   | 70.9   | 73.5   | 71.9   | 72.3   |

3. WOOL PRODUCTION IN THE A.C.T.

Total wool production for 1955-56 was 2,333,000 lb. which was 101,000 lb. (4.4 per cent.) higher than in 1954-55 and 57,000 lb. (2.5 per cent.) higher than in 1953-54. It was the highest wool production ever recorded for the A.C.T.

The average fleece weight (including crutchings) per sheep shorn in 1955-56 was 9.76 lb. which was 0.73 lb. heavier than in 1954-55 and 0.38 lb. heavier than in 1953-54. The average fleece weight for sheep and lambs shorn was 8.74 lb. in 1955-56 being 0.63 lb. heavier than in 1954-55.

Further details indicating wool production by Districts in the A.C.T. are shown for 1955-56 with comparative totals for the previous year in Table V below.

TABLE V : WOOL PRODUCTION IN THE A.C.T. BY DISTRICTS - 1955-56

| District                     | Sheep Shorn | Lambs Shorn | Sheep's Wool (including crutchings) | Lambs' Wool | Dead & Skin Wool | Total Wool Production |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|                              | '000        | '000        | '000 lb.                            | '000 lb.    | '000 lb.         | '000 lb.              |
| Hall                         | 12          | 3           | 111                                 | 5           | 2                | 118                   |
| Belconnen                    | 27          | 3           | 276                                 | 4           | 7                | 287                   |
| Gungahlin & Kowen            | 24          | 5           | 223                                 | 6           | 3                | 232                   |
| Corree & Stromlo             | 35          | 5           | 349                                 | 6           | 3                | 358                   |
| Canberra City                | 16          | 4           | 172                                 | 5           | 3                | 180                   |
| Paddy's River                | 36          | 5           | 322                                 | 6           | 4                | 332                   |
| Woden                        | 20          | 4           | 213                                 | 6           | 2                | 221                   |
| Tennent & Rendezvous Ck.     | 17          | -           | 141                                 | -           | 2                | 143                   |
| Lanyon                       | 27          | 2           | 295                                 | 3           | 2                | 300                   |
| Booth & Mt. Clear            | 18          | 1           | 160                                 | 1           | 1                | 162                   |
| <u>TOTAL 1955-56 Season:</u> | 232         | 32          | 2,262                               | 42          | 29               | 2,333                 |
| <u>TOTAL 1954-55 Season:</u> | 240         | 32          | 2,168                               | 37          | 27               | 2,232                 |

4. CATTLE ON A.C.T. HOLDINGS

The total number of cattle on A.C.T. rural holdings has shown a steady decline in recent years, but the total at 31st March, 1956, at 9,489 was 899 (10.5 per cent.) higher than that for the previous season. The decline in the proportion of beef cattle of recent years was also reversed in 1956 and beef cattle comprised 65.8% of total cattle at the 31st March, 1956 compared with 61.4% at the 31st March, 1955.

The table below indicates cattle numbers in the A.C.T. at 31st March in the years 1952 to 1956.

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**TABLE VI : NUMBER OF CATTLE ON A.C.T. HOLDINGS AT 31ST MARCH, 1952 TO 1956**

| Particulars                              | At 31st March |              |              |              |              |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                          | 1952          | 1953         | 1954         | 1955         | 1956         |
| <b>DAIRY CATTLE</b>                      |               |              |              |              |              |
| Dairy Cows (in milk)                     | 1,188         | 1,246        | 1,387        | 1,354        | 1,337        |
| Dairy Cows (dry)                         | 1,153         | 767          | 964          | 960          | 956          |
| Heifers, one year and over               | 452           | 771          | 303          | 339          | 311          |
| Calves under one year                    | 686           | 636          | 712          | 610          | 599          |
| Bulls one year and over                  | 66            | 53           | 55           | 49           | 44           |
| <b>Total Dairy Cattle:</b>               | <b>3,545</b>  | <b>3,473</b> | <b>3,421</b> | <b>3,312</b> | <b>3,247</b> |
| <b>BEEF CATTLE</b>                       |               |              |              |              |              |
| Cows, including Heifers, one year & over | 3,224         | 2,890        | 3,172        | 2,748        | 3,370        |
| Calves under one year                    | 1,769         | 1,431        | 1,732        | 1,680        | 1,638        |
| Bulls one year and over                  | 98            | 125          | 132          | 176          | 104          |
| Other (a)                                | 1,657         | 1,786        | 937          | 734          | 1,130        |
| <b>Total Beef Cattle:</b>                | <b>6,748</b>  | <b>6,232</b> | <b>5,973</b> | <b>5,278</b> | <b>6,242</b> |
| <b>TOTAL ALL CATTLE:</b>                 | <b>10,293</b> | <b>9,705</b> | <b>9,394</b> | <b>8,590</b> | <b>9,489</b> |

(a) Includes Bullocks, Steers and Spayed Cows.

**5. PRODUCTION OF MILK IN THE A.C.T.**

Total production of milk for all purposes at 913,000 gallons in 1955-56 season, was a record for the A.C.T., being 170,000 gallons (22.9 per cent.) higher than the previous record in 1953-54. Annual yield per Dairy Cow, at 396 gallons was the highest since 417 gallons recorded in the 1940-41 Season. Further details appear in the following table.

**TABLE VII : PRODUCTION OF MILK AND YIELD PER DAIRY COW IN THE A.C.T.**

| Particulars                                      | 1951-52 | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | 1954-55 | 1955-56 |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Production of Milk for all purposes ('000 gals.) | 593     | 688     | 743     | 725     | 913     |
| Annual Yield per Dairy Cow (Gals.)               | 262     | 316     | 341     | 311     | 396     |

**6. LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND PRODUCTION OF MEAT IN THE A.C.T.**

In 1955-56 slaughtering of cattle and calves and of Pigs were 7.1 per cent. and 11.6 per cent respectively higher while slaughtering of Sheep and Lambs were 1.9 per cent. lower, than in the previous year. The total production of Meat in 1955-56 at 3,332 tons, a record for the A.C.T. was 265 tons (8.6 per cent.) higher than the previous record in 1954-55. The table following gives further details.

**TABLE VIII : LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND PRODUCTION OF MEAT IN THE A.C.T.**

| Particulars                           | 1951-52      | 1952-53      | 1953-54      | 1954-55      | 1955-56      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Livestock Slaughtered</b>          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Cattle and Calves                     | No. 8,878    | 7,529        | 8,207        | 8,211        | 8,797        |
| Sheep and Lambs                       | No. 52,888   | 68,829       | 63,634       | 74,103       | 72,725       |
| Pigs                                  | No. 3,891    | 3,121        | 3,166        | 4,393        | 4,904        |
| <b>Meat Produced (Bone-in-weight)</b> |              |              |              |              |              |
| Beef and Veal                         | (Tons) 1,806 | 1,464        | 1,656        | 1,616        | 1,795        |
| Mutton and Lamb                       | " 960        | 1,230        | 1,086        | 1,259        | 1,333        |
| Pork                                  | " 170        | 132          | 146          | 192          | 204          |
| <b>Total Meat Production:</b>         | <b>2,936</b> | <b>2,826</b> | <b>2,888</b> | <b>3,067</b> | <b>3,332</b> |

**7. PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK IN A.C.T. DISTRICTS**

The main concentration of Dairy Cattle is on the river flats in the Canberra City District where 72.4 per cent of the total are found. Proportions of the total Beef Cattle in the main districts are 24.5 per cent. in Paddy's River District, 18.3 per cent. in Booth and Mt. Clear and 12.1 per cent in Corree and Stromlo.

Sheep are most numerous in the northern half of the Territory, proportions of the total sheep in the main districts being Paddy's River District, 15.9 per cent. Corree & Stromlo 12.4 per cent. Lanyon 12.3 per cent., Gungahlin & Kowen, 11.8 per cent., and Belconnen, 11.4 per cent.

horses and 120 pigs distributed throughout the A.C.T.

Further details are given in the following table:

**TABLE IX : NUMBERS OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK IN THE A.C.T. BY DISTRICTS AT 31ST MARCH, 1956**

| District                   | Horses | Dairy Cattle | Beef Cattle | Sheep   |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| Hall                       | 50     | 81           | 72          | 14,536  |
| Belconnen                  | 84     | 153          | 519         | 29,288  |
| Gungahlin & Kowen          | 100    | 114          | 424         | 30,450  |
| Coree & Stromlo            | 80     | 91           | 756         | 32,089  |
| Canberra City              | 134    | 2,352        | 326         | 20,579  |
| Paddy's River              | 89     | 116          | 1,527       | 41,019  |
| Woden                      | 58     | 149          | 443         | 22,115  |
| Tennent & Rendezvous Creek | 55     | 35           | 412         | 17,283  |
| Lanyon                     | 103    | 121          | 621         | 31,806  |
| Booth & Mt. Clear          | 41     | 35           | 1,142       | 18,736  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>              | 794    | 3,247        | 6,242       | 257,901 |

## 8. AGRICULTURE

The total area under crop is only a very small proportion of the occupied area of the A.C.T. During the 1955-56 season 5,780 acres of crops (including area double-cropped) were sown compared with a total of 5,300 acres in the 1954-55 season (an increase of 9.1 per cent.)

Of the cereals sown for grain the yield for wheat was substantially above that of the previous season but that for oats showed a decline. There was a significant increase in acreage of hay crops. Total hay production in 1955-56 was 5,700 tons (138.2 per cent) greater than in 1954-55 being an all-time record for the A.C.T. (exceeding the previous record in 1939-40 by 4,200 tons, or 75.6 per cent.).

Details of the area, production and yield per acre of principal crops are shown in Table X following.

**TABLE X : AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD PER ACRE OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T. - 1954-55 AND 1955-56 SEASONS**

| Particulars                | 1954-55 Season     |                       |                               | 1955-56 Season     |                       |                               |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
|                            | Area Sown<br>Acres | Production<br>Bushels | Yield per.<br>Acre<br>Bushels | Area Sown<br>Acres | Production<br>Bushels | Yield per.<br>Acre<br>Bushels |
| <b>Cereals for Grain -</b> |                    |                       |                               |                    |                       |                               |
| Wheat                      | 782                | 15,141                | 19.4                          | 739                | 18,867                | 25.5                          |
| Oats                       | 208                | 4,248                 | 20.4                          | 313                | 5,364                 | 17.1                          |
| <b>Hay</b>                 |                    | Tons                  | Tons                          |                    | Tons                  | Tons                          |
| Wheaten                    | 218                | 194                   | .89                           | 191                | 349                   | 1.83                          |
| Oaten                      | 1,578              | 1,281                 | .81                           | 1,922              | 3,293                 | 1.71                          |
| Lucerne                    | 1,190              | 2,506                 | 2.11                          | 1,306              | 3,569                 | 2.73                          |
| Other (a)                  | 115                | 149                   | 1.30                          | 1,308              | 2,625                 | 2.01                          |
| <b>Total Hay:</b>          | 3,101              | 4,130                 | 1.33                          | 4,727              | 9,836                 | 2.08                          |
| <b>Green Fodder</b>        | 988                | -                     | -                             | 960                | -                     | -                             |
| Potatoes                   | 71                 | tons                  | tons                          | 74                 | tons                  | tons                          |
| Other Vegetables           | 81                 | 330                   | 4.65                          | 116                | 439                   | 5.93                          |
| Apples                     | (b)86              | Bushels<br>7,006      | Bushels<br>(c)81.5            | (b) 85             | Bushels<br>8,740      | Bushels<br>(c)102.8           |

(a) Sown Clovers and Grasses cut for Hay. (b) Bearing Area; (c) Yield per bearing acre.

## 9. CLOVERS AND GRASSES

The total area of sown clovers and grasses in 1955-56 was 13.3 per cent. higher than the record acreage of the previous year. The area under Improved Native Pastures increased by 50 per cent. over that of the previous year. Details are shown in Table XI on following page.

TABLE XI : AREA UNDER CLOVERS & GRASSES (OTHER THAN NATIVE) IN THE A.C.T.

1954-55 AND 1955-56

| Particulars                                     | 1954-55 Season |                  | 1955-56 Season |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                                                 | Area Sown      | Total Production | Area Sown      | Total Production |
|                                                 | Acres          | Tons             | Acres          | Tons             |
| Clovers and Grasses cut for Hay                 | 68             | 119 lb.          | 1,308          | 2,625 lb.        |
| Clovers cut for seed                            | 25             | 1,200            | -              | -                |
| Grasses cut for seed (principally Phalaris)     | 20             | 600              | 95             | 1,930            |
| Clovers and Grasses for Silage or for Grazing   | 45,659         | -                | 50,468         | -                |
| <u>TOTAL AREA OF SOWN CLOVERS &amp; GRASSES</u> | 45,772         | -                | 51,871         | -                |
| Area Under Improved Native Pastures             | 15,924         | -                | 23,884         | -                |

10. ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZERS

During 1955-56, there was a substantial increase in the overall use of Fertilizers in the A.C.T., compared with the previous season (See Table XII below).

TABLE XII : ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZERS USED IN THE A.C.T. - 1954-55 AND 1955-56

| Artificial Fertilizers used on | 1954-55 Season  |                 |                              | 1955-56 Season  |                 |                              |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
|                                | Area Fertilized | Super-phosphate | Other Artificial fertilizers | Area Fertilized | Super-phosphate | Other Artificial fertilizers |
|                                | Acres           | Cwt.            | Cwt.                         | Acres           | Cwt.            | Cwt.                         |
| Wheat                          | 906             | 923             | -                            | 800             | 801             | -                            |
| Vegetables                     | 134             | 479             | 350                          | 125             | 517             | 398                          |
| Fruit & Vines                  | 55              | 53              | 28                           | 68              | 87              | 23                           |
| Other Crops                    | 2,350           | 2,808           | 113                          | 3,469           | 4,631           | 207                          |
| Sown Pasture                   | 32,423          | 38,055          | 140                          | 33,220          | 36,259          | 1,045                        |
| Native Pasture                 | 10,146          | 10,476          | 10                           | 16,487          | 15,679          | -                            |

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