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The statistics on slaughtering 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 and by country butchers. They relate only to slaughtering for human consumption and do not include animals condemned or those killed for boiling down.

Table 2 includes figures relating to slaughtering of cattle and calves, for the latest month, itemised in more detail than elsewhere in this bulletin. Certain limitations should be kept in mind, however, when interpreting this information as experience has shown that definition of these categories may differ between informants within a State. Accordingly, details should be regarded as estimates only.

In addition to statistics on slaughtering and meat production (Tables 1 to 9), this bulletin contains details of bacon and ham production (Table 10), meat exports (Table 11), stocks of frozen meat (Table 12) and canned meat production (Table 13). Further details of canned meat production by type are published in *Production Summary No. 56: Canned Meat* (Reference No. 12.16.56).

Monthly details of poultry meat production are published in a separate bulletin: *Chicken Hatchings and Poultry Slaughtering* (Reference No. 10.44).

Details of seasonally adjusted figures for the components of total meat production, are published in Table 4. Similar details, dating back to January 1964 were published as a Supplement to the February 1973 issue of this bulletin. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but 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. Seasonally adjusted figures for total meat production are obtained by adding together the seasonally adjusted figures for the five meat component series. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these series will be given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1973* (Reference No. 1.10).

Symbols Used in this Bulletin

p — Preliminary. Subject to revision.

... — Nil or less than half the final digit shown or not applicable.

r — Revised.

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

TABLE 1. — SUMMARY OF LIVESTOCK NUMBERS SLAUGHTERED : STATES
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9 months ended Mar	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Cattle —									
1971-72	997.7	1,083.0	977.0	184.6	280.3	116.1	52.7	14.1	3,705.4
1972-73p	1,503.7	1,459.5	1,186.3	249.8	336.2	157.6	55.6	14.5	4,963.2
Calves —									
1971-72	181.4	433.5	188.7	23.4	4.2	17.6	0.2	0.1	849.1
1972-73p	214.8	557.3	243.6	43.2	10.2	22.0	0.6	2.9	1,094.4
Sheep —									
1971-72	6,607.8	9,456.6	1,829.5	1,824.1	3,048.8	609.0	2.6	17.2	23,395.6
1972-73p	5,224.9	6,781.9	1,401.1	2,019.3	3,578.1	518.7	0.1	11.4	19,535.4
Lambs —									
1971-72	5,767.6	6,019.9	700.1	2,111.9	1,542.8	493.5	..	146.2	16,782.2
1972-73p	4,834.0	5,356.9	585.5	1,807.9	1,152.0	493.2	..	136.2	14,365.7
Pigs —									
1971-72	797.9	777.4	574.4	320.1	263.2	126.0	3.2	12.5	2,874.6
1972-73p	948.2	886.9	706.7	374.9	363.0	116.1	3.8	16.8	3,416.4

TABLE 2. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED, ESTIMATED NUMBERS BY TYPE : STATES
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Cattle -									
Bulls, bullocks and steers	196.4	100.7 94.1	85.3 72.9	16.7 16.3	42.6	11.4 11.5	2.6	1.8 0.1	652.3
Cows and heifers									
Total Cattle	196.4	194.8	158.2	33.0	42.6	22.9	2.6	1.8	652.3
Calves -									
Robby		11.3		1.5		0.1		0.4	
Other	19.5	9.6	28.5	2.8	1.5	0.4	..	0.1	75.6
Total Calves	19.5	20.8	28.5	4.3	1.5	0.5	..	0.5	75.6
Sheep	606.9	790.7	159.2	235.5	531.5	81.3	..	0.4	2,405.5
Lambs	505.4	432.9	67.8	133.7	84.9	44.6	..	14.5	1,284.0
Pigs	118.0	91.9	53.0	40.6	49.2	13.0	0.6	2.4	398.6

TABLE 3. - TOTAL MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tons - Carcase weight)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Years -									
1969-70	555,891	567,639	397,762	137,996	165,434	62,561	16,236	5,504	1,909,023
1970-71	585,915	655,037	383,635	155,459	157,189	63,463	14,229	6,814	2,021,741
1971-72	634,795	756,315	437,832	162,064	199,176	69,140	15,371	7,370	2,282,063
1970-71 -									
April	49,230	57,823	38,576	12,833	12,793	5,971	788	649	178,663
May	54,780	57,528	42,271	11,238	14,971	5,890	1,662	614	188,954
June	58,053	61,535	46,027	12,107	16,309	5,963	2,116	704	202,814
1971-72 -									
July	52,217	63,423	44,972	13,915	17,292	6,045	2,375	606	200,845
August	44,477	59,412	38,758	13,402	17,223	4,920	2,054	540	180,786
September	47,991	61,146	34,585	14,334	17,715	4,664	1,649	574	182,658
October	46,499	61,264	31,258	15,104	17,945	5,005	1,639	572	179,286
November	51,295	65,333	30,580	12,039	16,428	5,366	966	555	182,562
December	52,810	62,933	26,010	12,637	16,607	6,179	539	561	178,276
January	45,969	58,730	22,924	13,784	15,364	5,631	450	548	163,400
February	52,162	63,558	31,867	13,060	14,656	6,085	461	697	182,546
March	60,963	70,704	39,798	13,443	15,751	6,785	482	695	208,621
April	52,922	57,638	38,012	12,757	14,974	5,707	912	617	183,539
May	64,406	66,822	48,542	13,784	18,883	6,502	1,771	734	221,444
June	63,084	65,352	50,526	13,805	16,338	6,251	2,073	671	218,100
1972-73 p -									
July	57,847	59,850	48,004	13,409	15,718	5,410	2,310	623	203,171
August	57,768	63,475	51,258	13,480	15,783	5,363	2,418	625	210,170
September	51,698	55,994	42,661	13,514	15,616	4,843	1,729	562	186,617
October	52,605	65,974	35,228	17,058	19,159	5,303	1,440	601	197,368
November	58,224	70,062	30,408	16,528	20,082	6,455	1,065	683	203,507
December	54,613	64,884	22,023	14,134	17,757	6,615	528	586	181,140
January	60,051	66,298	29,789	14,998	19,375	7,327	511	743	199,092
February	54,670	61,936	35,070	12,981	18,477	6,662	530	594	190,920
March	61,710	68,958	42,922	14,028	20,877	7,243	528	649	216,915
9 mths ended Feb. - 1972	454,383	566,503	300,752	121,718	148,981	50,680	10,615	5,348	1,658,980
- 1973p	509,186	577,431	337,363	130,130	162,844	55,221	11,059	5,666	1,788,900

(a)Excludes offal.

TABLE 4. - PRODUCTION OF MEAT (a) : AUSTRALIA
(Tons : Carcass weight)

	Beef		Veal		Mutton		Lamb		Pigmeat		Total Meat	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
Year -												
1969-70	959,528	..	34,930	..	434,497	..	308,564	..	171,504	..	1,909,023	..
1970-71	992,821	..	37,917	..	463,031	..	349,189	..	178,783	..	2,021,741	..
1971-72	1,109,392	..	40,050	..	586,950	..	354,269	..	191,402	..	2,282,063	..
1970-71 -												
April	92,569	89,547	2,769	3,230	42,538	44,090	25,814	28,648	14,973	15,114	178,663	180,629
May	100,044	87,909	2,966	3,252	45,665	45,781	25,632	28,914	14,647	15,020	188,954	180,876
June	106,912	89,152	3,889	3,565	48,101	48,645	28,162	29,336	15,750	15,616	202,814	186,314
1971-72 -												
July	105,667	88,037	4,996	3,252	48,752	50,800	26,174	28,335	15,256	14,729	200,845	185,153
August	88,393	85,708	4,775	3,036	44,626	49,597	27,635	28,150	15,357	15,138	180,786	181,629
September	82,683	84,416	3,960	3,107	47,579	50,886	32,220	28,925	16,216	15,394	182,658	182,728
October	80,376	87,197	2,896	3,042	48,309	50,801	32,019	26,687	15,686	15,185	179,286	182,912
November	80,491	91,946	2,606	3,071	51,703	50,135	31,527	27,231	16,235	15,677	182,562	188,060
December	76,867	90,167	2,475	3,304	53,344	50,803	29,242	27,723	16,348	15,559	178,276	187,356
January	72,231	89,955	2,304	3,373	48,904	49,638	26,965	28,711	12,996	15,539	163,400	187,216
February	85,024	93,258	2,487	3,493	53,081	48,125	27,498	30,063	14,456	15,515	182,546	190,454
March	101,766	96,676	3,390	4,059	55,419	49,026	31,004	31,934	17,006	16,313	208,621	198,008
April	94,505	92,644	2,860	3,414	42,764	45,489	27,902	31,260	15,508	16,334	183,539	189,141
May	119,592	99,976	3,359	3,514	48,053	45,225	31,760	33,838	18,680	18,019	221,444	200,572
June	121,797	100,399	3,942	3,562	44,416	44,097	30,287	32,299	17,658	17,443	218,100	197,800
1972-73p -												
July	118,097	103,155	5,204	3,517	37,789	40,966	24,594	27,254	17,487	17,605	203,171	192,497
August	124,863	114,972	6,035	3,650	36,215	39,084	23,553	22,509	19,504	18,135	210,170	198,350
September	109,105	114,882	4,722	3,882	32,270	35,742	22,360	21,335	18,160	17,983	186,617	193,824
October	107,422	117,690	4,028	4,238	39,390	40,894	27,103	22,425	19,425	18,556	197,368	203,803
November	105,782	117,356	4,181	4,761	44,411	42,527	29,320	24,255	19,813	18,614	203,507	206,011
December	93,780	116,485	3,203	4,528	42,270	42,617	24,607	24,870	17,280	17,511	181,140	206,011
January	106,108	125,817	4,454	6,225	45,095	43,323	25,588	25,858	17,847	20,134	199,092	221,357
February	110,240	125,291	3,959	5,810	40,181	38,134	18,890	21,471	17,650	19,619	190,920	210,325
March	129,470	120,979	4,123	4,915	43,881	38,821	19,453	20,521	19,988	19,372	216,915	204,608

(a) Excludes offal. (b) See text on page 1.

TABLE 5. — CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS AND BEEF PRODUCTION : STATES

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
CATTLE SLAUGHTERED (⁰⁰⁰)									
Year —									
1969-70	1,289.1	1,255.8	1,405.1	202.9	381.9	145.1	82.9	14.6	4,777.4
1970-71	1,343.9	1,381.5	1,324.5	222.8	340.3	140.1	69.0	18.1	4,840.2
1971-72	1,472.2	1,515.8	1,456.8	255.5	383.6	165.4	76.2	19.1	5,344.6
1970-71 —									
April	119.4	129.7	136.1	20.0	22.9	13.3	3.8	1.8	447.0
May	135.1	125.8	154.2	17.4	29.2	14.0	8.2	1.6	485.5
June	142.6	129.5	165.1	17.2	38.0	15.1	10.8	1.9	520.2
1971-72 —									
July	120.5	133.9	157.8	19.9	39.0	15.1	12.0	1.8	500.9
August	93.9	109.4	135.0	19.1	37.5	12.0	10.1	1.6	418.7
September	100.8	108.0	113.4	18.7	36.6	10.1	8.4	1.7	397.8
October	98.4	108.9	98.6	21.3	34.6	10.7	8.3	1.6	382.3
November	106.3	118.5	94.8	17.2	26.4	11.7	4.8	1.4	381.2
December	113.1	115.3	79.0	19.3	27.5	13.9	2.6	1.4	372.2
January	101.3	115.6	67.8	23.1	27.2	12.8	2.1	1.4	351.4
February	116.8	127.2	102.7	22.0	24.6	13.7	2.1	1.6	410.7
March	146.5	146.0	127.8	23.0	26.8	16.1	2.3	1.7	490.3
April	136.1	128.6	129.1	24.2	26.3	14.4	4.3	1.5	464.4
May	171.3	152.3	167.8	23.5	38.5	17.4	9.0	1.7	581.6
June	167.0	152.0	182.9	23.2	38.5	17.6	10.3	1.7	593.2
1972-73p —									
July	157.2	146.7	163.1	25.2	38.2	16.3	11.0	1.5	559.3
August	164.9	162.9	180.1	25.1	34.6	16.0	12.2	1.6	597.4
September	150.3	145.2	157.2	24.6	31.7	13.3	9.2	1.4	533.0
October	148.4	164.3	124.9	29.4	36.4	14.3	7.5	1.6	526.9
November	170.6	164.5	103.2	28.6	39.4	16.5	5.4	1.7	529.7
December	158.6	158.3	71.4	25.7	34.9	17.4	2.7	1.3	470.4
January	180.5	159.2	99.8	29.9	39.7	20.7	2.4	1.8	533.9
February	176.6	163.7	128.6	28.3	38.6	20.1	2.5	1.8	560.2
March	196.4	194.8	158.2	33.0	42.6	22.9	2.6	1.8	652.3
9 mths ended Mar. — 1972	997.7	1,083.0	977.0	184.5	280.3	116.1	52.7	14.1	3,705.4
— 1973p	1,503.7	1,459.5	1,186.3	249.8	336.2	157.6	55.6	14.5	4,963.1
BEEF PRODUCED (a) (Tons)									
Year —									
1969-70	261,254	240,828	299,183	38,215	70,848	30,421	16,147	2,632	959,528
1970-71	265,369	290,021	287,226	41,126	62,894	29,015	14,076	3,094	991,821
1971-72	288,201	316,210	329,136	47,865	75,727	33,878	15,151	3,224	1,109,392
1970-71 —									
April	23,464	26,780	30,764	3,544	4,213	2,702	773	329	92,569
May	26,543	25,724	34,168	3,212	5,611	2,831	1,642	313	100,044
June	27,913	26,856	36,051	3,160	7,476	3,022	2,106	328	106,912
1971-72 —									
July	23,639	28,202	36,365	3,966	7,749	3,096	2,357	293	105,667
August	18,674	23,303	30,927	3,646	7,177	2,416	2,030	220	88,393
September	20,173	22,132	25,951	3,533	6,968	2,059	1,630	237	82,683
October	19,573	23,316	22,692	4,063	6,639	2,234	1,616	243	80,376
November	21,213	25,667	21,421	3,124	5,501	2,413	946	206	80,491
December	22,508	23,986	17,455	3,708	5,550	2,916	522	222	76,867
January	19,870	24,293	14,855	4,370	5,473	2,701	444	225	72,331
February	22,986	26,576	22,762	4,218	4,881	2,855	448	298	85,024
March	28,708	30,444	28,821	4,424	5,238	3,350	459	322	101,766
April	26,351	26,246	29,024	3,709	5,108	2,890	892	285	94,505
May	32,517	31,092	38,181	4,505	7,760	3,447	1,750	340	119,592
June	31,989	30,953	40,682	4,599	7,683	3,501	2,057	333	121,797
1972-73 p —									
July	30,833	30,555	38,606	4,869	7,430	3,218	2,289	297	118,097
August	32,343	34,096	40,896	4,949	6,679	3,182	2,402	316	124,863
September	29,821	29,859	33,840	4,780	6,059	2,753	1,705	278	109,105
October	29,220	33,763	27,184	5,567	7,021	2,949	1,424	294	107,422
November	32,555	34,284	21,271	5,377	7,542	3,391	1,051	311	105,782
December	30,544	32,677	14,968	4,779	6,514	3,531	508	259	93,780
January	34,355	33,193	20,936	5,386	7,247	4,155	495	341	106,108
February	33,276	34,131	26,193	4,855	7,058	3,897	509	321	110,240
March	36,995	40,737	33,412	5,614	7,497	4,377	505	333	129,470
9 mths ended Mar. — 1972	197,344	227,919	221,249	35,052	55,176	24,040	10,452	2,266	773,498
— 1973p	289,942	303,305	257,306	46,176	63,047	31,453	10,888	2,750	1,004,867

(a) Excludes offal.

TABLE 6. - CALF SLAUGHTERINGS AND VEAL PRODUCTION: STATES

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
CALVES SLAUGHTERED ('000)									
Year -									
1969-70	256.3	452.9	274.6	46.2	20.4	32.8	..	0.2	1,083.3
1970-71	228.8	463.8	265.8	40.8	7.7	22.0	0.4	0.6	1,029.9
1971-72	245.0	558.7	251.7	35.1	5.3	19.3	0.4	0.6	1,116.2
1970-71 -									
April	14.9	21.9	18.0	4.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	..	59.8
May	17.4	25.4	19.9	3.0	0.5	0.3	0.1	..	66.6
June	22.3	47.1	25.0	3.0	0.5	0.7	..	..	98.7
1971-72 -									
July	27.9	123.3	22.8	3.9	0.5	4.2	..	..	182.7
August	26.3	122.6	22.9	3.3	0.6	6.5	0.1	..	182.3
September	23.8	82.4	24.8	2.8	0.6	3.9	..	..	138.3
October	19.0	36.5	20.1	3.1	0.5	1.5	..	..	80.8
November	16.1	21.3	21.4	1.9	0.5	0.6	..	..	61.7
December	19.3	12.7	17.5	2.2	0.5	0.3	..	..	52.6
January	14.9	9.8	17.4	2.2	0.4	0.2	..	..	44.9
February	14.4	10.1	17.6	1.7	0.3	0.2	..	..	44.4
March	19.7	14.7	24.2	2.3	0.3	0.2	..	..	61.4
April	17.8	26.6	18.9	3.9	0.3	0.2	..	..	67.8
May	22.9	36.1	21.8	3.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	..	85.6
June	22.9	62.4	22.3	4.3	0.4	1.1	0.1	0.2	113.7
1972-73p -									
July	27.6	125.4	25.0	5.3	0.4	4.2	0.2	0.1	188.2
August	30.8	158.4	30.6	5.4	0.8	8.1	..	0.3	234.5
September	23.5	93.9	29.4	4.9	0.7	4.1	0.2	0.2	156.8
October	23.8	59.7	26.0	6.2	0.8	2.4	0.1	0.1	119.2
November	25.2	36.3	29.1	4.9	1.6	1.3	..	0.3	98.8
December	20.6	20.7	17.7	4.3	1.4	0.5	..	0.5	65.8
January	25.3	24.5	29.5	4.3	1.5	0.5	..	0.5	86.0
February	18.6	17.5	27.8	3.5	1.6	0.4	..	0.4	69.7
March	19.5	20.8	28.5	4.3	1.5	0.5	..	0.5	75.6
9 mths ended Mar. - 1972	181.4	433.5	188.7	23.4	4.2	17.6	0.2	0.1	849.1
- 1973p	214.8	557.3	243.6	43.2	10.2	22.0	0.6	2.9	1,094.4
VEAL PRODUCED (a) (Tons)									
Year -									
1969-70	12,104	8,746	10,588	1,844	1,054	590	..	4	34,930
1970-71	12,541	12,642	10,186	1,681	424	392	16	35	37,917
1971-72	12,676	14,977	10,231	1,412	343	368	25	18	40,050
1970-71 -									
April	1,012	827	752	139	24	10	2	3	2,769
May	1,046	900	877	101	25	11	4	2	2,966
June	1,311	1,332	1,088	114	25	17	2	..	3,889
1971-72 -									
July	1,375	2,494	873	148	34	70	2	..	4,996
August	1,299	2,446	760	124	37	101	8	..	4,775
September	1,192	1,801	752	113	37	63	2	..	3,960
October	962	1,080	645	142	33	32	2	..	2,896
November	918	826	730	85	30	17	..	..	2,606
December	1,037	691	594	107	33	11	..	2	2,475
January	885	595	673	112	26	10	1	2	2,304
February	915	635	822	84	21	10	..	..	2,487
March	1,181	777	1,305	96	20	10	..	1	3,390
April	829	939	930	130	21	8	..	3	2,860
May	1,065	1,103	1,017	123	29	13	3	6	3,359
June	1,018	1,590	1,130	148	22	23	7	4	3,942
1972-73p -									
July	1,077	2,613	1,237	164	30	67	13	3	5,204
August	1,119	3,281	1,258	183	55	127	4	8	6,035
September	899	2,189	1,326	175	50	66	11	6	4,722
October	1,005	1,716	951	242	58	47	5	4	4,028
November	1,068	1,380	1,373	200	117	33	2	8	4,181
December	1,040	1,010	845	175	99	19	..	15	3,203
January	1,262	1,275	1,606	167	110	18	1	15	4,454
February	958	1,100	1,605	154	118	12	1	11	3,959
March	1,014	1,242	1,557	165	105	23	3	14	4,123
9 mths ended Mar. - 1972	9,764	11,345	7,154	1,011	271	334	15	5	29,889
- 1973p	9,442	15,806	11,758	1,625	742	412	40	84	39,909

(a) Excludes offal.

TABLE 7. — SHEEP SLAUGHTERINGS AND MUTTON PRODUCTION : STATES

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
SHEEP SLAUGHTERED ('000)									
Year —									
1969-70	5,849.6	8,177.1	2,249.1	2,267.9	3,164.0	608.3	0.1	8.0	22,324.1
1970-71	6,932.6	8,553.8	2,117.0	2,541.2	2,931.5	713.2	2.4	13.7	23,805.4
1971-72	8,820.2	11,954.4	2,479.2	2,459.0	4,106.0	813.0	3.7	21.6	30,657.1
1970-71 —									
April	596.3	806.9	167.0	228.9	304.9	72.4	0.4	1.4	2,178.3
May	702.5	886.5	183.3	202.7	320.4	73.8	0.5	2.1	2,371.8
June	746.3	949.2	231.0	229.9	284.0	67.5	0.1	2.6	2,510.6
1971-72 —									
July	764.9	956.6	211.8	250.0	315.8	68.7	0.3	2.8	2,570.9
August	647.0	934.6	177.3	188.5	298.7	55.9	0.5	2.7	2,305.1
September	688.0	1,044.6	182.7	172.1	293.4	59.9	0.6	2.1	2,443.5
October	684.8	1,071.9	193.2	168.7	278.9	63.6	0.5	2.4	2,463.9
November	793.7	1,082.4	218.9	183.8	311.4	65.7	0.4	2.1	2,658.4
December	807.4	1,081.5	207.1	177.9	399.1	69.0	0.3	1.1	2,743.5
January	684.2	983.2	177.9	230.8	368.3	69.3	..	1.2	2,515.0
February	746.3	1,126.8	219.4	233.7	370.7	79.6	..	1.5	2,778.2
March	791.6	1,174.9	241.3	218.4	412.4	77.3	..	1.2	2,917.2
April	632.6	794.3	200.9	208.4	359.9	70.1	0.5	1.4	2,268.4
May	775.7	877.4	237.3	209.1	406.3	73.6	0.5	1.5	2,581.3
June	804.1	826.1	211.5	217.4	291.0	60.3	..	1.5	2,411.9
1972-73p —									
July	683.4	658.9	188.7	202.7	268.7	43.0	..	1.9	2,047.3
August	593.3	614.4	200.8	209.0	317.1	36.1	0.1	2.5	1,973.3
September	477.9	568.3	167.3	190.0	324.0	38.1	..	1.6	1,767.1
October	526.1	756.9	158.0	270.8	363.3	42.9	..	1.4	2,119.4
November	576.4	896.4	145.8	239.8	421.5	56.7	..	1.1	2,337.8
December	577.2	846.7	109.2	222.7	430.2	67.1	..	0.7	2,253.8
January	643.5	874.4	118.8	244.3	471.3	77.5	..	1.1	2,431.0
February	540.0	775.3	153.2	204.4	450.5	76.1	..	0.7	2,200.3
March	606.9	790.7	159.2	235.5	531.5	81.3	..	0.4	2,405.5
9 mths ended Mar. — 1972	6,607.8	9,456.6	1,829.5	1,824.1	3,048.8	609.0	2.6	17.2	23,395.6
— 1973p	5,224.9	6,781.9	1,401.1	2,019.3	3,578.1	518.7	0.1	11.4	19,535.4
MUTTON PRODUCED (a) (Tons)									
Year —									
1969-70	109,353	166,099	40,503	47,910	57,898	12,565	2	167	434,497
1970-71	125,467	178,670	37,664	50,761	55,645	14,522	33	269	463,031
1971-72	156,930	243,522	44,072	49,231	76,671	16,056	65	403	586,950
1970-71 —									
April	10,599	17,175	2,947	4,570	5,717	1,498	5	27	42,538
May	12,573	18,250	3,205	3,999	6,086	1,507	7	38	45,665
June	13,207	19,487	4,012	4,516	5,479	1,347	1	52	48,101
1971-72 —									
July	13,244	19,407	3,693	4,960	6,042	1,351	6	49	48,752
August	11,575	19,140	3,161	3,778	5,825	1,089	7	51	44,626
September	12,305	21,470	3,345	3,532	5,702	1,177	8	40	47,579
October	12,325	22,150	3,555	3,514	5,449	1,263	9	44	48,309
November	14,231	22,451	3,966	3,759	5,934	1,320	8	34	51,703
December	14,501	22,472	3,714	3,624	7,619	1,389	5	20	53,344
January	12,345	20,326	3,205	4,709	6,903	1,393	..	23	48,904
February	13,352	22,659	3,918	4,697	6,831	1,591	1	32	53,081
March	14,264	23,588	4,313	4,331	7,364	1,533	..	26	55,419
April	11,329	15,901	3,472	4,064	6,570	1,389	11	28	42,764
May	13,808	17,415	4,032	4,100	7,248	1,407	10	33	48,053
June	13,651	16,543	3,698	4,163	5,184	1,154	..	23	44,416
1972-73p —									
July	11,920	13,116	3,239	3,866	4,803	814	..	31	37,789
August	10,448	12,113	3,512	3,851	5,558	689	2	42	36,215
September	8,317	11,083	2,915	3,523	5,680	727	..	25	32,270
October	9,318	15,054	2,687	5,005	6,474	826	..	26	39,390
November	10,259	18,188	2,525	4,596	7,536	1,288	..	19	44,411
December	10,215	16,886	1,915	4,278	7,669	1,295	..	12	42,270
January	11,251	17,439	2,116	4,547	8,270	1,453	..	19	45,095
February	9,523	15,045	2,651	3,742	7,789	1,419	..	12	40,181
March	10,520	15,750	2,729	4,251	9,131	1,494	..	6	43,881
9 mths ended Mar. — 1972	118,142	193,663	32,870	36,904	57,669	12,106	44	319	451,717
— 1973p	91,771	134,674	24,289	37,659	62,910	10,005	2	192	361,502

(a) Excludes offal.

TABLE 8. — LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS AND PRODUCTION

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
LAMBS SLAUGHTERED ('000)									
Year —									
1969-70	7,459.8	7,568.0	687.6	1,964.4	1,370.4	688.7	..	149.5	19,888.5
1970-71	8,015.8	7,879.9	788.7	2,559.4	1,484.8	680.7	..	182.3	21,591.6
1971-72	7,821.0	8,129.2	938.9	2,684.5	1,894.5	662.2	..	196.0	22,326.3
1970-71 —									
April	614.0	568.3	63.1	170.7	108.4	57.6	..	15.8	1,597.9
May	642.9	555.3	67.9	144.0	114.7	53.4	..	15.0	1,593.2
June	697.0	626.8	81.2	158.7	131.9	55.7	..	17.2	1,768.6
1971-72 —									
July	632.8	599.4	67.3	199.2	134.2	53.6	..	14.9	1,701.4
August	583.2	658.3	61.7	282.8	182.5	41.5	..	14.7	1,824.9
September	644.6	730.6	78.8	346.0	239.9	43.7	..	16.5	2,100.2
October	612.6	661.8	78.1	358.7	300.0	49.6	..	15.7	2,076.3
November	661.4	692.9	84.6	214.8	228.2	55.9	..	17.6	1,955.4
December	633.8	706.3	81.7	200.7	134.3	67.1	..	15.3	1,839.2
January	591.0	636.8	77.6	183.6	113.5	57.6	..	16.6	1,676.8
February	668.8	617.0	80.2	156.4	100.5	59.1	..	17.7	1,699.7
March	739.5	716.8	90.1	169.7	109.6	65.3	..	17.2	1,908.3
April	627.5	621.9	74.2	196.8	112.9	49.0	..	15.6	1,697.7
May	723.7	762.8	91.7	183.3	120.3	59.2	..	17.9	1,958.7
June	702.3	724.7	73.0	192.5	118.6	60.5	..	16.1	1,887.6
1972-73p —									
July	598.3	584.1	69.9	172.6	100.6	49.2	..	14.7	1,589.4
August	563.8	614.9	76.7	158.8	116.3	47.1	..	14.4	1,591.0
September	503.9	566.9	55.1	215.7	128.6	43.1	..	12.8	1,526.1
October	543.3	671.9	52.9	291.8	238.0	51.2	..	15.8	1,864.8
November	584.8	743.8	59.0	286.1	185.7	69.3	..	17.4	1,946.1
December	527.0	633.7	53.1	208.9	110.8	70.0	..	14.9	1,618.4
January	572.8	648.0	79.7	196.4	105.2	72.6	..	20.4	1,695.2
February	434.7	460.6	71.3	144.0	82.0	46.0	..	12.2	1,250.7
March	505.4	432.9	67.8	133.7	84.9	44.6	..	14.5	1,284.0
9 mths ended Mar. — 1972	5,767.6	6,019.9	700.1	2,111.9	1,542.8	493.5	..	146.2	16,782.2
— 1973p	4,834.0	5,356.9	585.5	1,807.9	1,152.0	493.2	..	136.2	14,365.7
LAMB PRODUCED (a) (Tons)									
Year —									
1969-70	124,148	111,611	10,208	30,262	18,916	11,104	..	2,315	308,564
1970-71	113,100	128,864	11,726	39,710	21,756	11,139	..	2,894	349,189
1971-72	128,052	130,914	13,892	40,827	26,788	10,703	..	3,093	354,269
1970-71 —									
April	10,226	9,234	915	2,654	1,584	954	..	247	25,814
May	10,662	8,943	988	2,214	1,726	879	..	220	25,632
June	11,439	9,959	1,190	2,419	1,961	917	..	277	28,162
1971-72 —									
July	9,982	9,252	975	2,949	1,911	885	..	220	26,174
August	9,072	10,314	880	3,944	2,530	671	..	224	27,635
September	10,183	11,526	1,151	5,066	3,337	706	..	251	32,220
October	9,822	10,404	1,154	5,383	4,204	813	..	239	32,019
November	10,770	11,777	1,271	3,346	3,199	896	..	268	31,527
December	10,287	11,219	1,235	3,222	1,971	1,063	..	245	29,242
January	9,718	10,203	1,167	3,047	1,651	924	..	255	26,965
February	11,265	9,811	1,213	2,486	1,455	956	..	312	27,498
March	12,458	11,624	1,341	2,687	1,579	1,065	..	286	31,040
April	10,577	10,586	1,100	2,988	1,599	797	..	255	27,902
May	12,248	12,415	1,341	2,863	1,647	952	..	294	31,760
June	11,670	11,783	1,064	2,846	1,705	975	..	244	30,287
1972-73p —									
July	9,778	8,982	1,025	2,456	1,327	797	..	229	24,594
August	8,911	8,924	1,100	2,144	1,510	762	..	202	23,553
September	7,913	8,171	772	2,866	1,743	707	..	188	22,360
October	8,362	9,786	742	3,945	3,244	804	..	220	27,103
November	9,390	11,098	843	4,059	2,598	1,063	..	269	29,320
December	8,320	9,591	785	3,071	1,526	1,089	..	225	24,607
January	8,897	9,850	1,146	2,868	1,417	1,111	..	299	25,588
February	6,731	7,038	1,010	2,099	1,121	719	..	172	18,890
March	7,842	6,617	967	1,949	1,146	723	..	209	19,453
9 mths ended Mar. — 1972	93,557	96,130	10,387	32,130	21,837	7,979	..	2,300	264,320
— 1973p	76,144	80,057	8,390	25,457	15,632	7,775	..	2,013	215,468

(a) Excludes offal.

TABLE 9. - PIG SLAUGHTERINGS AND PIGMEAT PRODUCTION : STATES

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PIGS SLAUGHTERED (000)									
Year -									
1969-70	1,064.5	895.4	757.4	385.7	315.6	160.1	2.7	11.8	3,593.4
1970-71	1,092.5	941.1	741.6	435.5	316.3	170.6	3.4	16.4	3,717.3
1971-72	1,093.7	1,050.9	794.1	435.7	367.3	165.0	4.0	17.0	3,927.8
1970-71 -									
April	86.3	77.6	63.2	37.3	24.5	16.4	0.3	1.3	306.9
May	87.0	77.1	59.2	33.4	28.1	13.6	0.3	1.2	299.8
June	92.7	89.8	70.9	36.6	26.1	13.7	0.2	1.2	331.3
1971-72 -									
July	86.3	84.1	59.3	37.3	28.5	12.5	0.3	1.2	309.5
August	87.0	87.9	59.1	36.5	30.5	12.5	0.3	1.2	315.0
September	92.7	87.4	66.5	39.0	30.9	13.6	0.2	1.2	331.6
October	85.0	88.4	61.9	38.0	30.0	13.7	0.3	1.4	318.7
November	92.7	96.9	62.1	32.8	32.4	14.6	0.4	1.4	354.6
December	105.2	97.7	63.1	40.3	29.2	16.7	0.5	1.9	266.9
January	70.5	68.0	60.1	29.5	25.2	12.2	0.2	1.2	266.9
February	81.5	79.3	63.4	30.0	27.7	13.5	0.3	1.5	297.4
March	96.8	87.6	76.8	36.7	28.8	16.7	0.6	1.6	347.7
April	85.4	82.1	67.4	35.5	31.5	12.5	0.3	1.3	316.1
May	104.9	100.1	76.6	41.3	40.0	14.0	0.3	1.6	378.7
June	105.6	91.3	75.8	38.8	32.6	12.5	0.3	1.6	358.4
1972-73p -									
July	94.9	93.0	75.8	40.3	39.7	10.9	0.3	1.7	356.5
August	111.7	104.3	86.8	45.2	37.3	12.7	0.3	1.5	399.9
September	107.0	95.2	74.6	41.9	37.5	12.2	0.4	1.7	370.5
October	105.5	115.5	74.7	45.4	42.1	13.7	0.3	1.5	398.8
November	119.0	103.1	87.7	44.6	40.5	14.2	0.4	2.0	411.4
December	104.1	99.3	73.0	38.8	35.4	14.5	0.7	2.0	367.7
January	94.0	91.9	80.2	38.1	40.0	12.3	0.4	1.9	358.8
February	94.1	92.6	70.9	40.0	41.3	12.6	0.6	2.2	354.3
March	118.0	91.9	83.0	40.6	49.2	13.0	0.6	2.4	398.6
9 mths ended Mar. - 1972	797.9	777.4	574.4	320.1	263.2	126.0	3.2	12.5	2,874.6
- 1973p	948.2	886.9	706.7	374.9	363.0	116.1	3.8	16.8	3,416.4
PIGMEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons)									
Year -									
1969-70	49,032	40,355	37,280	19,765	16,718	7,881	87	386	171,504
1970-71	49,438	44,840	36,833	22,181	16,470	8,395	104	522	178,783
1971-72	48,936	50,692	40,501	22,729	19,647	8,135	130	632	191,402
1970-71 -									
April	3,929	3,807	3,198	1,926	1,255	807	8	43	14,973
May	3,956	3,711	3,033	1,712	1,523	662	9	41	14,647
June	4,183	3,901	3,686	1,898	1,368	660	7	47	15,750
1971-72 -									
July	3,977	4,068	3,066	1,892	1,556	643	10	44	15,256
August	3,857	4,209	3,030	1,910	1,654	643	9	45	15,357
September	4,138	4,217	3,386	2,090	1,671	659	9	46	16,216
October	3,817	4,314	3,212	2,002	1,620	663	12	46	15,686
November	4,163	4,612	3,192	1,725	1,764	720	12	47	16,235
December	4,477	4,565	3,012	1,976	1,434	800	12	72	16,348
January	3,151	3,313	3,024	1,546	1,311	603	5	43	12,996
February	3,644	3,877	3,152	1,575	1,468	673	12	55	14,456
March	4,352	4,271	4,018	1,905	1,550	827	23	60	17,006
April	3,836	3,966	3,486	1,866	1,676	623	9	46	15,508
May	4,768	4,797	3,971	2,193	2,199	683	8	61	18,680
June	4,756	4,483	3,952	2,049	1,744	598	9	67	17,658
1972-73p -									
July	4,239	4,584	3,897	2,054	2,128	514	8	63	17,487
August	4,947	5,061	4,492	2,353	1,981	603	10	57	19,504
September	4,748	4,682	3,808	2,170	2,084	590	13	65	18,160
October	4,700	5,655	3,664	2,299	2,362	677	11	57	19,425
November	4,952	5,112	4,396	2,296	2,289	680	12	76	19,813
December	4,494	4,720	3,510	1,831	1,949	681	20	75	17,280
January	4,286	4,541	3,985	2,030	2,331	590	15	69	17,847
February	4,182	4,622	3,611	2,131	2,391	615	20	78	17,650
March	5,339	4,612	4,257	2,049	2,998	626	20	87	19,988
9 mths ended Mar. - 1972	35,576	37,446	29,092	16,621	1,402.8	6,231	104	458	139,556
- 1973p	41,887	43,589	35,620	19,213	20,513	5,576	129	627	167,154

(a) Excludes offal.

TABLE 10. - PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM (a)
(Tons)

	N.S.W.		Vic.		Qld		S.A.		W.A.		Tas.		Aust.	
	bone-in	bone-out	bone-in	bone-out	bone-in	bone-out	bone-in	bone-out	bone-in	bone-out	bone-in	bone-out	bone-in	bone-out
Year -														
1969-70p	15,947		11,891		14,068		4,607		5,678		1,381		53,572	
1970-71p	10,705	4,895	4,409	8,649	5,527	5,531	1,097	3,451	4,792	1,290	901	537	27,430	24,351
1971-72p	10,322	5,757	3,394	9,890	4,982	6,976	1,033	3,871	4,853	1,534	743	755	25,328	28,783
1970-71p -														
March	835	407	253	772	475	372	54	310	407	95	84	36	2,108	1,992
April	807	354	250	725	460	356	67	282	344	99	76	42	2,004	1,859
May	826	378	228	823	371	432	45	273	429	103	70	33	1,968	2,042
June	842	363	235	808	333	579	44	298	343	105	65	52	1,864	2,204
1971-72p -														
July	758	406	263	841	318	586	52	1,299	367	106	75	51	1,834	1,289
August	745	484	241	809	305	635	149	1,305	452	119	53	55	1,846	1,408
September	865	505	302	907	387	605	163	1,358	406	136	57	55	1,081	1,566
October	822	475	261	874	333	605	162	1,346	421	133	52	60	1,950	1,493
November	990	579	252	886	507	741	1,122	1,339	494	142	72	73	2,436	1,760
December	1,744	596	633	979	579	684	1,368	1,412	463	180	118	129	1,907	1,980
January	631	355	223	701	289	468	147	1,256	322	109	43	56	1,557	1,945
February	722	440	231	777	325	519	46	1,270	413	125	50	61	1,788	1,192
March	816	506	283	678	449	555	64	1,347	314	133	56	63	1,982	1,282
April	703	418	247	732	441	583	145	1,296	328	112	50	51	1,814	1,191
May	756	506	232	820	541	525	151	1,305	490	121	59	53	1,129	1,329
June	770	486	227	886	507	470	62	1,340	382	117	57	48	1,205	1,347
1972-73p -														
July	722	489	218	819	441	603	47	299	408	118	52	46	1,888	2,375
August	854	504	268	982	516	612	54	330	368	129	61	52	2,120	2,609
September	851	506	228	956	505	640	64	310	367	143	53	48	2,068	2,624
October	877	533	216	1,028	505	629	72	352	507	176	54	60	2,231	2,778
November	1,319	620	259	1,140	699	912	163	369	436	195	73	85	2,948	3,322
December	1,859	560	609	1,037	807	683	370	278	497	190	108	89	4,248	2,838
January	771	486	204	867	429	588	57	280	439	127	58	61	1,958	2,408
February	791	523	216	939	460	586	99	286	386	144	51	59	2,004	2,539
8 mths ended Feb. - 1972p	7,278	3,841	2,405	6,775	3,044	4,843	812	2,584	3,339	1,050	520	541	17,398	19,632
- 1973p	8,043	4,222	2,218	7,770	4,362	5,254	927	2,525	3,407	1,222	509	500	19,467	21,493

(a) Prior to July 1970, the figures represent cured bacon and ham (including canned) on a "bone-in" weight basis. From July 1970, production of bacon and ham "on the bone" is shown in terms of "bone-in" weight, whilst production of boneless bacon and ham is shown in terms of "bone-out" weight. Production of canned bacon and ham, which is reported in terms of "stated net weight of packs" is included in the "bone-out" category.

TABLE 11. - EXPORTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT : AUSTRALIA
(Tons)

	<i>Fresh, chilled or frozen</i>							
	<i>Beef</i>		<i>Veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pork</i>	<i>Bacon and ham (a)</i>	<i>Canned meat (b)</i>
	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>						
<i>Year -</i>								
1969-70	13,165	304,287	5,269	134,334	40,754	5,070	255	16,777
1970-71	31,831	296,033	5,543	128,843	42,934	1,700	391	21,234
1971-72i	17,677	367,763	9,727	197,762	37,038	3,743	376	27,648
<i>1970-71 -</i>								
March	5,723	19,382	276	21,759	3,678	93	31	967
April	3,494	26,142	507	13,969	2,676	54	35	1,741
May	1,080	27,155	425	12,111	1,928	164	30	1,751
June	4,517	32,196	508	14,283	1,877	80	20	2,559
<i>1971-72p -</i>								
July	4,966	35,839	558	20,217	2,505	106	48	3,377
August	3,912	41,501	805	14,026	1,867	101	25	3,009
September	3,011	29,625	765	16,910	2,400	71	27	2,845
October	1,254	20,525	792	11,704	3,420	186	30	2,924
November	359	26,208	585	17,117	5,321	65	42	2,761
December	998	26,376	740	15,950	5,163	139	26	2,084
January	306	26,285	422	12,621	3,352	78	23	2,180
February	466	24,086	414	18,165	2,439	109	35	1,195
March	535	31,624	838	21,161	2,375	71	52	1,741
April	652	27,903	767	18,962	2,040	406	19	1,884
May	538	34,667	1,711	17,431	3,308	1,080	30	1,798
June	679	43,124	1,330	13,497	2,847	1,330	20	1,849
<i>1972-73pp -</i>								
July	753	44,942	2,179	12,539	3,248	1,248	48	1,402
August	1,158	58,635	2,230	16,315	3,267	1,531	33	2,880
September	1,556	46,118	2,658	13,281	2,628	2,059	35	1,537
October	1,108	46,927	2,893	10,984	4,173	2,447	49	2,021
November	922	41,568	2,083	11,426	3,897	1,424	50	2,250
December	563	33,391	2,584	11,502	2,718	635	20	1,221
January	816	43,140	2,635	15,583	4,232	891	16	1,858
February	805	40,226	1,978	15,261	2,376	1,665	9	1,610
<i>8 mths ended Feb. - 1972p</i>	15,272	230,445	5,081	126,710	26,467	855	256	20,375
<i>- 1973p</i>	7,681	354,947	19,250	106,891	26,539	11,900	260	14,479

(a) Cured carcass weight of smoked or cooked bacon and ham. Includes "stated net weight of packs" of canned bacon and ham. (b) Canned weight. Excludes canned bacon and ham.

TABLE 12. - STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT (a) : AUSTRALIA
(Source : Australian Meat Board)
(Tons)

<i>Stocks at</i>	<i>Beef and veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pork</i>	<i>Offal</i>	<i>Total</i>
27 June 1970	43,406	14,162	2,533	2,337	6,378	69,216
26 June 1971	44,896	19,130	3,264	1,450	8,038	76,778
24 June 1972	55,461	21,578	5,024	3,145	11,019	96,227
25 March 1972 -						
New South Wales	7,849	2,764	807	367	2,091	13,878
Victoria	9,033	11,039	924	355	2,765	24,116
Queensland	16,166	2,595	48	545	2,920	22,274
South Australia	1,190	3,129	579	117	602	5,617
Western Australia	2,418	3,753	586	362	748	7,867
Tasmania	733	508	60	440	171	1,912
Northern Territory	4	.	.	.	.	4
Australia	37,393	23,788	3,004	2,186	9,297	75,668
31 March 1973 -						
New South Wales	11,317	2,910	261	641	2,006	17,135
Victoria	12,588	12,549	1,147	386	2,565	29,235
Queensland	24,119	1,533	101	554	3,454	29,761
South Australia	1,477	1,783	746	462	717	5,185
Western Australia	4,747	5,957	869	1,275	1,169	14,017
Tasmania	1,208	730	14	410	174	2,536
Northern Territory	4	.	.	.	1	5
Australia	55,460	25,462	3,138	3,728	10,086	97,874

(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.

TABLE 13. - CANNED MEAT PRODUCTION (a)
(Tons)

	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
Year -							
1969-70p	3,488	31,955	9,961	(b)	(b)	..	46,095
1970-71p	4,981	36,261	11,529	(b)	(b)	..	53,529
1971-72p	6,665	37,335	10,737	(b)	(b)	..	55,530
Month of February -							
1972p	595	1,853	719	(b)	(b)	..	3,226
1973p	527	1,842	644	(b)	(b)	..	3,032
8 mths ended Feb. - 1972p	4,222	25,611	7,237	(b)	(b)	..	37,623
- 1973p	4,430	21,136	6,317	(b)	(b)	..	32,277

(a) Canned weight. Includes bacon, ham, and meat and vegetables; excludes rabbit, poultry and baby foods. (b) Not available for publication.

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