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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS JUNE 1977

Statistics included in this bulletin are restricted to a two month and cumulative to date series. Information relating to other poultry slaughtered (other fowls, ducks and drakes, turkeys) has been restricted to an Australian series only but some State information for the current and previous months is available on request. More detailed monthly information on poultry slaughterings is published annually in the bulletin *Meat Statistics* (Reference No. 10.54).

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.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia from 1971-72 to 1975-76 are contained in the September 1976 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

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Publications of the Australian Bureau of Statistics* (Reference No. 1.8) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

p — preliminary, subject to revision.

r — revised.

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

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I. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF EGGS SET IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a)
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year —							
1974-75	81,751	34,773	23,773	20,448	(b)	(b)	181,300
1975-76	89,167	40,738	26,698	21,884	(b)	(b)	201,547
1976-77p	98,240	42,615	29,899	22,506	(b)	(b)	217,005
1975-76							
May	7,454	3,325	1,952	1,714	(b)	(b)	16,460
June	6,992	3,128	2,194	1,685	(b)	(b)	15,918
1976-77p —							
May	8,066	3,404	2,394	1,790	(b)	(b)	17,860
June	8,805	3,505	3,044	1,893	(b)	(b)	19,399

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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF EGGS SET IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a) - *continued*

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
EGG STRAINS							
Year -							
1974-75	12,988	14,925	7,708	4,260	3,587	843	44,310
1975-76	13,719	11,480	6,802	4,585	3,346	874	40,804
1976-77p	16,296	11,841	7,157	4,057	3,375	1,108	42,727
1975-76 -							(c)
May	1,187	745	582	417	228	(b)	3,159
June	1,257	728	681	314	238	(b)	3,218
1976-77p -							
May	1,113	837	581	245	311	(b)	3,087
June	1,247	849	619	270	294	(b)	3,280

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Incomplete, excludes Tasmania.

TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a)
(¹000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year -							
1974-75	62,026	27,306	18,928	16,089	(b)	(b)	140,139
1975-76	68,222	33,219	20,925	17,789	(b)	(b)	158,088
1976-77p	71,966	34,694	23,746	19,167	(b)	(b)	168,769
1975-76 -							
May	5,555	2,719	1,626	1,400	(b)	(b)	12,906
June	5,992	2,537	1,544	1,448	(b)	(b)	13,044
1976-77p -							
May	6,388	2,650	1,972	1,657	(b)	(b)	14,352
June	6,441	2,689	2,310	1,581	(b)	(b)	14,707

INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS
(Crossbred and other Cockerels) (c)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
Year -							
1974-75	237	316	(b)	65	(b)	13	856
1975-76	182	192	(b)	25	(b)	17	559
1976-77p	175	173	(b)	40	(b)	13	511
1975-76 -							
May	24	15	(b)	1	(b)	(b)	46
June	15	15	(b)	1	(b)	(b)	50
1976-77p -							
May	13	39	(b)	1	(b)	(b)	73
June	16	6	(b)	4	(b)	(b)	35

For footnotes see end of Table 2, page 3.

TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a) - continued
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (c)							
Year -							
1974-75	4,483	5,004	2,763	1,723	1,321	340	15,634
1975-76	4,648	4,012	2,601	1,807	1,200	370	14,637
1976-77p	5,563	3,804	3,432	1,558	1,196	402	15,955
1975-76 -							
May	405	273	225	155	103	26	1,188
June	424	282	236	173	68	43	1,226
1976-77p -							
May	418	248	150	86	123	28	1,053
June	411	263	239	66	97	20	1,097

INTENDED FOR BREEDING : AUSTRALIA

	Egg Strains		Meat Strains	
	Pullets	Cockerels	Pullets	Cockerels
Year -				
1974-75	613	103	2,310	654
1975-76	476	99	2,510	727
1976-77p	473	98	2,520	743
1975-76 -				
May	32	5	183	47
June	28	10	222	68
1976-77p -				
May	19	1	189	66
June	53	19	165	49

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Egg strain chickens reported as 'unsexed' have been allocated half to chickens for chicken meat and half to chickens for egg production. The number of egg strain chickens reported as 'unsexed' in June 1977 was : N.S.W. - 2,000, Vic. - 1,000.

II. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 3. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)

	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED (⁰⁰⁰⁰)							
Year -							
1974-75	59,176	26,324	17,764	15,249	13,767	1,895	134,175
1975-76	63,184	29,233	19,044	16,177	14,652	1,911	144,202
1976-77p	65,561	30,740	21,175	17,190	15,803	2,451	152,921
1975-76 -							
May	5,370	2,534	1,715	1,330	1,360	149	12,458
June	5,449	2,504	1,678	1,333	1,253	174	12,391
1976-77p -							
May	5,915	2,641	2,052	1,430	1,359	186	13,582
June	5,962	2,789	2,077	1,441	1,292	196	13,757
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (tonnes)							
Year -							
1974-75	74,518	33,140	23,096	16,773	16,121	2,340	165,989
1975-76	83,036	36,332	26,183	18,064	17,963	2,329	183,907
1976-77p	83,317	38,635	28,719	19,177	19,484	3,050	192,381
1975-76 -							
May	7,054	3,291	2,460	1,527	1,835	186	16,355
June	7,162	3,305	2,288	1,503	1,686	218	16,161
1976-77p -							
May	7,883	3,455	3,084	1,636	1,703	233	17,993
June	7,763	3,691	2,929	1,643	1,565	240	17,831

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

TABLE 4. OTHER POULTRY SLAUGHTERED: AUSTRALIA

	<i>Other fowls and turkeys</i>		<i>Ducks and drakes</i>	
	<i>No. slaughtered (⁰⁰⁰⁰)</i>	<i>Dressed weight (tonnes)</i>	<i>No. slaughtered (⁰⁰⁰⁰)</i>	<i>Dressed weight (tonnes)</i>
Year -				
1974-75	10,491	21,315	1,283	2,136
1975-76	9,245	18,345	1,168	1,921
1976-77p	9,769	20,587	1,160	1,865
1975-76 -				
May	799	1,662	88	163
June	740	1,590	93	164
1976-77p -				
May	804	1,529	88	151
June	734	1,513	76	120