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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE MEAT INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA - MARCH 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 and 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 details from July 1968 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 but also of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers 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. The seasonally adjusted statistics shown in this issue are a revised series resulting from an annual re-analysis, particulars of which, together with 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.
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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
1963-64	4,647.7	1,789.5	6,437.2	18,776.3	14,572.2	33,348.5	2,304.8
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	4,144.7	1,510.5	5,655.2	22,268.9	15,739.5	38,008.4	3,049.0
1967-68 February	338.7	72.9	411.6	2,111.8	1,333.6	3,445.4	243.3
March	364.6	83.1	447.7	2,060.8	1,343.0	3,403.7	261.0
April	344.2	89.0	433.3	1,472.5	1,234.6	2,707.1	257.2
May	386.6	96.2	482.8	1,547.3	1,271.2	2,818.5	271.7
June	360.9	113.4	474.3	1,341.2	1,152.7	2,494.0	253.0
1968-69 July	372.9	198.2	571.1	1,292.0	1,347.7	2,639.8	273.2
August	343.3	221.6	564.9	1,235.1	1,433.6	2,668.7	259.9
September	343.0	150.7	493.8	1,179.3	1,640.2	2,819.5	276.4
October	351.6	127.8	479.4	1,402.3	2,165.4	3,567.7	288.7
November	319.9	91.8	411.7	1,485.8	1,895.8	3,381.6	278.2
December	283.6	63.0	346.6	1,446.4	1,668.8	3,115.2	294.3
January	303.1	62.3	365.3	1,565.6	1,531.6	3,097.1	259.0
February	323.5	59.0	382.5	1,693.2	1,314.1	3,007.3	253.7
March	369.6	64.1	433.7	1,774.2	1,338.6	3,112.8	285.4

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)
1963-64	932,735	52,763	985,498	360,684	225,042	585,726	111,283	1,682,507	..
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	..
1967-68 Feb.	66,661	3,345	70,006	38,793	20,449	59,242	11,732	140,980	140,900
Mar.	71,980	3,469	75,449	37,425	20,681	58,106	12,703	146,258	141,400
Apr.	68,726	3,404	72,130	26,921	19,341	46,262	12,440	130,832	135,400
May	78,292	3,709	82,001	28,511	19,850	48,361	13,315	143,677	125,000
June	73,999	3,587	77,586	24,894	18,044	42,938	12,363	132,887	134,000
1968-69 July	79,354	5,163	84,517	24,841	21,298	46,139	13,264	143,920	138,500
Aug.	72,153	5,545	77,698	24,352	23,092	47,444	12,657	137,799	141,000
Sept.	73,052	3,996	77,048	23,921	26,723	50,644	13,468	141,160	150,400
Oct.	73,564	3,737	77,301	28,796	35,793	64,589	13,861	155,751	146,500
Nov.	66,235	2,980	69,215	30,478	31,360	61,838	13,412	144,465	145,100
Dec.	57,759	2,353	60,112	29,458	27,681	57,139	13,599	130,850	139,000
Jan.	61,180	2,632	63,812	31,332	24,867	56,199	12,508	132,519	139,900
Feb.	64,553	2,593	67,146	33,278	21,408	54,686	12,409	134,241	140,800
Mar.	74,014	2,898	76,912	34,345	21,729	56,074	13,791	146,777	143,700

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

TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons : Carcass weight)			
	Month of -		Nine months ended -		Month of -		Nine months ended -	
	March 1968	March 1969p	March 1968	March 1969p	March 1968	March 1969p	March 1968	March 1969p
	CATTLE				BEEF			
New South Wales	89.6	92.2	761.8	751.2	16,988	17,858	151,281	142,401
Victoria	118.0	88.3	846.4	730.0	22,021	17,445	164,316	145,278
Queensland	103.5	137.5	933.4	1,003.8	23,227	28,717	208,527	227,025
South Australia	15.4	14.6	133.3	126.8	2,629	2,783	24,306	24,754
Western Australia	23.5	22.9	234.5	256.4	4,171	4,305	43,939	49,732
Tasmania	11.2	11.6	84.5	95.1	2,160	2,398	16,770	19,357
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	364.6	369.6	3,053.0	3,010.5	71,980	74,014	621,757	621,864
	CALVES				VEAL			
New South Wales	31.3	24.2	314.7	310.0	1,699	1,326	12,660	13,024
Victoria	23.3	7.6	521.3	390.1	696	219	11,725	7,934
Queensland	20.2	27.6	250.6	243.2	736	1,143	7,612	8,020
South Australia	5.3	2.7	62.5	35.7	199	111	2,343	1,296
Western Australia	2.0	1.5	18.9	16.8	98	76	932	869
Tasmania	0.7	0.5	43.2	42.2	26	19	859	740
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	83.1	64.1	1,211.9	1,038.4	3,469	2,890	36,168	31,897
	CATTLE AND CALVES				BEEF AND VEAL			
New South Wales	120.9	116.4	1,076.5	1,041.2	18,687	19,184	163,941	155,425
Victoria	141.3	95.9	1,367.7	1,120.0	22,717	17,664	176,041	153,212
Queensland	123.7	165.0	1,184.0	1,247.0	23,963	29,860	216,139	235,045
South Australia	20.7	17.3	195.8	162.5	2,828	2,894	26,649	26,050
Western Australia	25.6	24.4	253.4	273.2	4,269	4,381	44,871	50,601
Tasmania	11.9	12.1	127.6	137.3	2,186	2,417	17,629	20,097
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	447.7	433.7	4,264.9	4,048.9	75,449	76,912	657,925	653,761
	SHEEP				MUTTON			
New South Wales	555.7	600.3	4,390.7	4,182.5	9,582	10,493	77,984	75,491
Victoria	881.9	554.3	7,940.2	4,068.5	15,990	11,889	148,768	88,880
Queensland	166.1	205.1	1,443.6	1,454.4	3,097	3,628	26,503	27,947
South Australia	197.0	122.6	2,092.0	1,147.7	3,843	2,633	39,876	24,599
Western Australia	192.4	230.7	1,559.3	1,735.0	3,622	4,507	29,590	34,090
Tasmania	63.4	54.2	444.0	440.8	1,212	1,073	8,519	8,979
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	2,060.4	1,774.5	17,907.1	13,077.3	37,425	34,345	331,943	260,801
	LAMBS				LAMB			
New South Wales	531.2	577.9	4,545.4	5,309.7	8,441	9,393	72,555	87,193
Victoria	511.0	457.7	4,625.3	5,671.5	7,803	7,689	70,538	95,356
Queensland	45.4	55.2	365.6	495.8	689	792	5,437	7,390
South Australia	111.1	97.6	1,243.4	1,103.5	1,547	1,565	16,582	17,534
Western Australia	95.1	95.1	895.3	1,173.6	1,405	1,378	12,972	16,999
Tasmania	45.4	48.7	369.3	528.2	736	808	5,848	8,597
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	1,343.0	1,338.6	12,081.0	14,335.9	20,681	21,729	184,519	233,951

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TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED - continued

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons : Carcass weight)			
	Month of -		Nine months ended -		Month of -		Nine months ended -	
	March 1968	March 1969p	March 1968	March 1969p	March 1968	March 1969p	March 1968	March 1969p
	SHEEP AND LAMBS				MUTTON AND LAMB			
New South Wales	1,086.9	1,178.2	8,936.1	9,492.3	18,023	19,886	150,539	162,684
Victoria	1,392.9	1,012.0	12,565.4	9,740.0	23,793	19,578	219,306	184,236
Queensland	211.4	260.3	1,809.2	1,950.2	3,786	4,420	31,940	35,337
South Australia	308.1	220.2	3,335.4	2,251.1	5,390	4,198	56,458	42,133
Western Australia	287.5	325.8	2,454.6	2,908.6	5,027	5,885	42,562	51,089
Tasmania	108.8	102.9	813.3	969.0	1,948	1,881	14,367	17,576
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	3,403.7	3,112.8	29,988.7	27,409.8	58,106	56,074	516,462	494,752
	PIGS				PIGMEAT			
New South Wales	75.4	89.0	668.7	740.5	3,389	4,059	30,108	33,467
Victoria	55.4	65.0	520.4	569.5	2,626	3,127	24,688	27,221
Queensland	71.4	70.3	547.2	597.8	3,598	3,451	27,313	29,444
South Australia	25.0	26.1	230.9	249.6	1,306	1,329	11,682	12,524
Western Australia	19.5	21.6	183.3	197.9	1,060	1,163	9,895	10,615
Tasmania	13.4	12.2	108.4	104.0	666	602	5,233	5,273
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	261.0	285.4	2,267.1	2,468.7	12,703	13,791	109,268	113,969

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

TABLE 4. - TOTAL MEAT PRODUCED (a)

(Tons : Carcass weight)

State	Month of -		Nine months ended -	
	March 1968	March 1969p	March 1968	March 1969p
New South Wales	40,099	43,129	344,588	351,576
Victoria	49,136	40,369	420,035	364,669
Queensland	31,347	37,731	275,392	299,826
South Australia	9,524	8,421	94,789	80,707
Western Australia	10,356	11,429	97,328	112,305
Tasmania	4,820	4,900	37,229	42,946
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	146,258	146,777	1,283,655	1,267,482

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

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

(Tons)

Period	Bacon and ham (a)	Canned meat (b)	Period	Bacon and ham (a)	Canned meat (b)
Year - 1963-64	41,538	44,599	1967-68p June	3,917	3,796
1964-65	43,366	51,597			
1965-66	46,220	50,469	1968-69p July	4,182	4,042
1966-67	50,300	48,658	August	3,936	3,972
1967-68p	49,046	47,506	September	4,492	4,459
			October	4,426	4,670
1967-68p February	3,838	3,537	November	4,683	3,612
March	4,153	4,085	December	6,019	3,044
April	3,611	3,631	January	3,604	2,402
May	4,114	4,792	February	3,623	3,394
			March	3,994	3,486

(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.

TABLE 6. - PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM AND CANNED MEAT p

(Tons)

State	BACON AND HAM (a) (Cured carcass weight)				CANNED MEAT (b) (Canned weight)			
	Month of -		Nine months ended -		Month of -		Nine months ended -	
	March	March	March	March	March	March	March	March
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
New South Wales	1,209	1,156	11,790	11,317	305	401	2,361	2,389
Victoria	707	774	7,113	7,510	2,371	2,060	23,135	21,465
Queensland	1,408	1,187	10,402	12,099	1,335	955	9,211	8,635
South Australia	339	339	3,179	3,065	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Western Australia	392	428	3,900	3,918	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Tasmania	98	110	1,020	1,050	..	..	..	..
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	4,153	3,994	37,404	38,959	4,085	3,486	35,287	33,081

(a) Smoked, cooked, and canned. (b) Includes bacon, ham, and meat and vegetables; excludes rabbit, poultry, and baby foods. (c) Not available for publication.

TABLE 7. - 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 - 1963-64	277,060	4,236	66,928	18,574	165	366,963	59	23,973
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
1967-68 - February	17,342	221	13,205	705	23	31,496	14	2,137
March	18,153	328	10,691	445	18	29,635	14	1,573
April	15,611	345	8,087	752	34	24,829	15	1,194
May	24,498	339	9,613	563	56	35,069	24	2,200
June	21,432	289	5,432	352	27	27,532	15	1,769
1968-69p- July	23,327	319	5,782	313	26	29,767	14	1,653
August	27,345	239	3,858	487	22	31,951	12	2,137
September	23,188	620	4,187	1,087	21	29,103	14	1,108
October	24,181	555	5,216	4,597	28	34,577	22	1,341
November	10,367	131	4,459	5,839	62	21,358	21	934
December	18,303	378	6,373	5,847	127	31,028	31	1,450
January	19,572	255	6,111	4,338	116	30,392	17	2,505
February	19,327	179	7,364	2,111	178	29,159	10	825
March	15,930	239	7,535	1,529	237	25,470	10	1,022

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

TABLE 8. - STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT : AUSTRALIA (a) (Tons)

(Source : Australian Meat Board)

Stocks at	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Offal	Total
1967-68						
30 December	22,199	20,019	2,788	1,227	8,642	54,875
27 January	21,611	21,991	2,764	1,338	8,300	56,004
24 February	23,115	21,892	2,673	1,451	8,060	57,191
30 March -						
New South Wales	4,669	3,116	222	408	2,368	10,783
Victoria	10,246	13,272	1,543	336	3,029	28,426
Queensland	9,711	1,079	134	108	1,402	12,434
South Australia	413	639	499	93	249	1,943
Western Australia	1,793	2,273	338	144	335	4,883
Tasmania	616	845	49	460	99	2,069
Northern Territory	62	..	..	..	24	86
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	27,510	21,274	2,785	1,549	7,506	60,624
1968-69						
28 December	30,029	9,238	6,312	1,343	5,711	52,633
25 January	21,578	9,893	4,759	1,398	5,466	43,094
22 February	24,170	9,456	3,717	1,295	6,108	44,746
29 March -						
New South Wales	5,220	2,087	215	446	1,273	9,241
Victoria	7,814	5,962	2,685	224	2,492	19,177
Queensland	15,096	1,419	116	534	2,366	19,531
South Australia	334	245	56	96	118	849
Western Australia	1,409	1,677	188	203	1,030	4,507
Tasmania	795	561	42	503	142	2,043
Northern Territory	98	4	33	6	12	153
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	30,766	11,955	3,335	2,012	7,433	55,501

(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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