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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.

Statistics for poultry slaughtered in Queensland are based on numbers slaughtered as collected by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries. From 1968-69, New South Wales slaughtering statistics include poultry slaughterings by producers in the Australian Capital Territory.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia and stocks of frozen poultry are continued in sections III and IV respectively.

Symbols used in this bulletin

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.
.. - Nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.
n.a. - Not available.

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

I. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 1. - TOTAL DRESSED WEIGHT OF ALL POULTRY SLAUGHTERED (a)
(¹000 lb)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (c)	Australia
Year - 1966-67	94,888	40,246	30,447	10,363	16,634	2,581	195,159
1967-68	110,967	46,550	34,957	12,219	18,759	3,030	226,482
1968-69	115,299	46,166	40,816	12,269	22,653	3,507	240,709
1969-70	129,915	53,420	47,493	15,403	23,668	3,131	273,029
1970-71 p	163,031	64,482	53,075	21,452	28,458	3,518	334,015
1970-71 p - August	12,346	4,157	4,038	1,402	2,095	264	24,302
September	12,438	4,398	4,133	1,567	2,395	276	25,208
October	12,811	4,954	4,796	1,722	2,518	280	27,081
November	14,102	4,766	4,011	1,683	2,183	328	27,074
December	13,529	5,001	4,844	2,122	2,403	335	28,233
January	12,512	5,528	4,273	1,818	2,896	312	27,339
February	13,324	(d)	(d)	1,785	2,156	288	27,550
March	16,143	6,612	4,280	2,305	2,331	342	32,014
April	13,853	(d)	(d)	1,891	2,469	267	29,195
May	14,893	(d)	(d)	1,880	2,383	299	29,770
June	14,711	5,250	4,100	1,668	2,374	243	30,030
1971-72 p - July	14,022	(d)	(d)	2,224	3,043	402	30,849
August	13,364	(d)	(d)	2,089	2,588	291	28,374
September	14,721	(d)	(d)	2,282	2,563	312	31,851

- (a) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys), including pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland.
(b) Estimated. (c) Prior to 1968-69 includes dressed weight of geese slaughtered.
(d) Not available for publication.

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	V.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1966-67	32,113	13,570	10,635	3,682	6,332	753	67,085
1967-68	36,556	15,519	12,190	4,278	6,957	861	76,361
1968-69	34,838	13,832	12,952	4,415	8,137	1,001	75,174
1969-70	38,853	16,562	14,175	5,597	8,479	978	84,644
1970-71p	49,196	19,699	15,766	7,894	10,132	1,099	103,785
1970-71p - August	3,767	1,217	1,210	521	749	85	7,550
September	3,864	1,319	1,244	564	815	78	7,883
October	3,951	1,609	1,397	630	873	87	8,547
November	4,097	1,459	1,150	641	732	84	8,164
December	4,211	1,751	1,456	806	836	102	9,162
January	3,811	1,715	1,231	701	996	93	8,548
February	3,942	1,753	1,254	652	814	96	8,511
March	4,867	2,026	1,296	820	825	114	9,948
April	4,140	1,844	1,372	696	893	92	9,037
May	4,435	1,550	1,316	682	869	98	8,951
June	4,449	1,923	1,420	627	893	86	9,398
1971-72p - July	4,273	2,014	1,386	830	1,096	142	9,740
August	3,916	1,737	1,387	766	940	87	8,832
September	4,406	2,081	1,285	848	960	107	9,686

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)

('000 lb)

Year -	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
1966-67	81,159	34,762	26,236	9,167	14,837	1,969	168,130
1967-68	96,035	41,386	29,841	10,962	16,862	2,264	197,350
1968-69	97,153	39,445	35,578	10,937	20,672	2,866	206,651
1969-70	107,819	45,059	41,752	13,879	21,357	2,566	232,432
1970-71p	138,428	55,767	46,804	19,838	25,526	2,932	289,294
1970-71p - August	10,330	3,285	3,521	1,291	1,882	222	20,532
September	10,624	3,460	3,532	1,403	2,105	203	21,326
October	10,775	4,263	4,128	1,575	2,236	232	23,209
November	11,601	3,949	3,482	1,558	1,806	234	22,629
December	11,775	4,317	4,349	2,000	2,141	281	24,863
January	10,899	4,804	3,716	1,708	2,629	263	24,020
February	11,242	5,304	3,714	1,632	1,988	252	24,131
March	13,895	6,012	3,749	2,104	2,040	289	28,090
April	12,068	5,442	4,025	1,774	2,240	256	25,805
May	12,710	5,065	4,106	1,784	2,147	273	26,093
June	12,226	5,684	4,295	1,564	2,231	212	26,212
1971-72p - July	11,592	5,725	4,251	2,087	2,840	374	26,869
August	10,591	4,812	4,058	1,900	2,435	197	23,992
September	12,258	6,517	3,623	2,117	2,419	252	27,186

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland.
(c) Estimated.

TABLE 3. - OTHER FOWLS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1966-67	2,249	911	922	192	357	129	4,760
1967-68	2,464	990	1,154	285	362	148	5,403
1968-69	2,763	1,327	1,102	282	419	131	6,025
1969-70	2,958	1,643	1,245	287	433	115	6,681
1970-71p	3,207	1,867	1,458	341	523	122	7,517
1970-71p - August	299	157	114	20	42	11	642
September	263	148	134	30	44	16	634
October	248	149	136	36	34	5	609
November	294	161	105	30	70	12	671
December	225	154	107	22	23	16	547
January	213	145	133	26	59	13	589
February	245	133	117	36	36	8	576
March	296	135	135	47	57	7	678
April	224	178	128	24	49	9	614
May	297	195	118	17	40	9	676
June	317	142	120	20	32	10	640
1971-72p - July	303	165	122	31	47	9	677
August	379	172	122	43	43	19	778
September	354	218	149	42	36	18	817

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)

('000 lb)

(c)							
Year - 1966-67	7,953	2,969	3,607	667	1,304	440	16,940
1967-68	9,015	3,318	4,511	964	1,338	523	19,671
1968-69	9,951	4,667	4,314	987	1,508	447	21,875
1969-70	10,266	5,826	4,850	996	1,590	363	23,891
1970-71p	11,400	6,731	5,423	1,163	1,995	394	27,106
1970-71p - August	1,068	559	415	68	161	38	2,310
September	928	539	506	102	181	53	2,310
October	904	547	519	119	137	17	2,243
November	1,089	584	403	102	247	38	2,464
December	804	552	431	76	93	49	2,005
January	695	591	508	88	231	45	2,158
February	824	453	397	123	123	26	1,947
March	1,046	473	507	159	208	23	2,416
April	770	642	485	85	196	27	2,205
May	1,088	669	380	58	164	26	2,384
June	1,202	503	456	66	115	31	2,374
1971-72p - July	1,056	606	441	108	172	28	2,411
August	1,447	616	422	168	135	58	2,846
September	1,253	782	649	148	133	57	3,021

(a) Comprises hens, roosters, etc. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (c) Estimated.

TABLE 4. - DUCKS AND DRAKES SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (a)	Australia		
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED									
('000)									
Year - 1966-67	306	253	73	59	49	35	775		
1967-68	335	248	78	35	45	49	790		
1968-69	535	272	114	35	)	(	1,010		
1969-70	538	246	74	46			968		
1970-71p	722	264	83	50	)	(	1,216		
1970-71p - August	47	17	7	1			74		
September	53	22	8	2	)	(	89		
October	61	19	6	1			99		
November	62	41	7	3	)	(	123		
December	83	32	8	5			145		
January	55	18	8	5	)	(	97		
February	60	21	10	7			105		
March	69	22	6	8	)	(	115		
April	53	21	5	6			91		
May	60	19	4	6	)	(	98		
June	77	18	6	5			109		
1971-72p - July	67	17	4	3	)	(	92		
August	70	20	4	2			99		
September	86	27	4	3	)	(	121		
DRESSED WEIGHT (c)									
('000 lb)									
Year - 1966-67	1,140	897	(d) 328	235	225	172	2,997		
1967-68	1,259	883	353	138	225	241	3,099		
1968-69	1,953	1,005	513	130	)	(	3,849		
1969-70	1,948	880	313	187			3,605		
1970-71p	2,704	907	302	222	)	(	4,527		
1970-71p - August	173	57	24	5			267		
September	193	75	29	7	)	(	324		
October	228	63	23	4			360		
November	227	130	25	12	)	(	430		
December	304	115	29	21			533		
January	203	66	29	22	)	(	360		
February	235	73	43	29			411		
March	273	75	20	36	)	(	450		
April	199	74	21	29			351		
May	226	64	13	30	)	(	377		
June	292	58	23	20			414		
1971-72p - July	244	54	14	11	)	(	335		
August	248	70	13	10			347		
September	314	90	14	13	)	(	438		

(a) Prior to 1968-69, includes turkeys and geese. (b) Not available for publication.
(c) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (d) Estimated.

TABLE 5. - TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED							
('000)							
Year - 1966-67	441	166	31	28	28	(b)	694
1967-68	483	95	31	15	36	(b)	660
1968-69	683	114	52	21			916
1969-70	982	172	75	34	(c)	(c)	1,331
1970-71p	1,127	125	72	23			1,429
1970-71p - August	78	30	11	3			127
September	83	39	10	6			150
October	101	10	15	2			144
November	129	10	13	1			170
December	77	2	4	3	(c)	(c)	99
January	76	(c)	3	..			86
February	103	(c)	(c)	..			107
March	99	5	1	1			112
April	79	(c)	(c)	..			81
May	95			1			102
June	99	1	1	2			103
1971-72p - July	107			2			120
August	128	(c)	(c)	1	(c)	(c)	140
September	97			..			141

DRESSED WEIGHT (d)

('000 lb)

Year - 1966-67	4,636	1,618	(e) 276	295	268	(b)	7,093
1967-68	4,658	963	252	155	335	(b)	6,363
1968-69	6,243	1,048	411	215			8,335
1969-70	9,881	1,655	577	340	(c)	(c)	13,101
1970-71p	10,499	1,078	546	229			13,088
1970-71p - August	775	256	77	37			1,194
September	693	323	67	55			1,248
October	905	81	126	24			1,269
November	1,185	103	101	11			1,551
December	646	16	35	25			832
January	715	(c)	20	1	(c)	(c)	801
February	1,023	(c)	(c)	..			1,060
March	928	52	4	6			1,057
April	815	(c)	(c)	2			834
May	870			9			925
June	989	10	6	18			1,030
1971-72p - July	1,130			18	(c)	(c)	1,235
August	1,079	(c)	(c)	12			1,188
September	895			4			1,206

(a) Incomplete; prior to 1968-69 excludes particulars for Tasmania. (b) Included with ducks and drakes. (c) Not available for publication. (d) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (e) Estimated.

II. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

In Tables 6 and 7 following, details relate to all eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries whether for sale as day-old chicks or for replenishment of own flocks. The statistics represent actual settings and hatchings (excluding chicks destroyed) for each month shown. As the hatching period is normally three weeks, there is not necessarily a relationship between the number of eggs set and the number of chicks hatched in any one month.

TABLE 6. - NUMBER OF EGGS SET (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year - 1966-67	50,141	19,626	n.a.	6,215	(b)	1,227	(c) 77,209
1967-68	54,270	20,655	17,969	7,407			112,464
1968-69	51,667	20,120	18,381	6,546			109,832
1969-70	60,438	21,946	20,233	8,090	(b)	(b)	124,529
1970-71p	76,499	29,401	23,127	11,891			156,879
1970-71p - August	6,648	2,255	2,041	828			13,071
September	6,493	2,233	1,989	838			12,981
October	6,337	2,941	1,832	1,163			13,780
November	6,819	2,644	1,879	940			13,720
December	6,709	2,716	1,868	1,177			14,072
January	6,185	2,283	1,819	986	(b)	(b)	12,620
February	5,790	2,208	1,757	940			11,950
March	6,455	2,780	2,074	1,047			13,939
April	6,317	2,263	1,854	1,043			13,147
May	6,424	2,447	1,948	1,033			13,758
June	5,958	2,416	1,962	1,076			12,893
1971-72p - July	6,591	2,743	1,944	1,216	(b)	(b)	14,092
August	6,381	2,574	1,994	1,095			13,604
September	6,665	2,923	2,050	1,413			14,796

EGG STRAINS

Year - 1966-67	19,847	12,206	n.a.	5,352	3,784	761	(c) 41,950
1967-68	19,510	12,578	8,823	5,060	3,256	1,024	50,251
1968-69	19,971	13,104	8,909	5,049	3,660	904	51,597
1969-70	22,447	14,440	9,925	5,971	3,665	1,206	57,654
1970-71p	19,200	15,343	9,971	5,885	4,444	858	55,702
1970-71p - August	2,225	1,637	1,243	803	503		6,412
September	2,054	1,689	1,011	717	404		5,875
October	1,693	1,359	966	603	376		4,997
November	1,170	1,153	711	487	343		3,864
December	678	898	482	184	227	(b)	2,468
January	1,225	932	523	335	242		3,257
February	1,445	1,046	559	421	271		3,742
March	1,600	1,228	634	473	354		4,290
April	1,588	1,193	745	382	366		4,274
May	1,699	1,220	1,006	339	456		4,720
June	1,653	1,304	972	503	405		4,837
1971-72p - July	1,979	1,473	1,046	529	425		5,453
August	2,231	1,747	1,216	794	411	(b)	6,400
September	2,042	1,579	1,153	711	332		5,817

- (a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Not available for publication.
 (c) Incomplete; see individual States. (d) Incomplete; excludes Tasmania.

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

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Period	N.S.W	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS							
(Unsexed)							
Year - 1966-67	34,163	14,186	n.a.	4,383	(b)	833	(c) 53,865
1967-68	37,629	15,805	13,456	5,218	)	(	80,874
1968-69	35,563	15,546	13,765	5,053	)	(	79,538
1969-70	41,464	17,334	14,882	6,173	) (b)	(b)	89,835
1970-71p	54,434	22,105	16,548	9,101	)	(	114,974
1970-71p - August	4,355	1,564	1,358	579	)	(	8,792
September	4,423	1,650	1,449	660	)	(	9,153
October	4,734	2,025	1,514	875	)	(	10,210
November	4,441	2,032	1,211	736	)	(	9,448
December	4,989	2,203	1,335	923	)	(	10,581
January	4,640	1,738	1,328	765	) (b)	(b)	9,507
February	4,171	1,678	1,180	737	)	(	8,711
March	4,990	2,109	1,452	888	)	(	10,521
April	4,275	1,903	1,429	709	)	(	9,510
May	4,336	1,862	1,357	777	)	(	9,512
June	4,679	1,817	1,447	808	)	(	9,915
1971-72p - July	4,625	2,068	1,512	950	) (b)	(b)	10,407
August	4,717	2,027	1,458	833	)	(	10,205
September	4,770	2,391	1,473	1,042	)	(	10,909

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

Year - 1966-67	1,743	1,509	n.a.	230	313	72	(c) 3,867
1967-68	1,545	1,567	759	134	105	43	4,153
1968-69	1,191	880	457	180	66	19	2,794
1969-70	1,846	1,462	431	373	58	7	4,177
1970-71p	966	1,096	464	300	52	22	2,900
1970-71p - August	85	219	67	48	) (b)	(b)	427
September	95	180	101	47	)	(	433
October	152	131	32	55	)	(	382
November	109	38	31	12	)	(	216
December	56	88	19	9	)	(	174
January	25	43	33	11	)	(	114
February	45	53	24	8	)	(	133
March	107	42	25	12	)	(	191
April	87	25	27	23	)	(	168
May	44	23	42	13	)	(	128
June	50	22	36	11	)	(	123
1971-72p - July	45	39	38	10	)	(	154
August	57	52	61	12	)	(	184
September	71	66	65	14	)	(	221

For footnotes see next page.

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - continued
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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (d)							
Year - 1966-67	6,293	4,114	n.a.	1,925	1,253	273	(c) 13,858
1967-68	6,093	4,251	2,862	1,904	1,143	371	16,624
1968-69	6,310	4,455	2,922	1,854	1,246	299	17,085
1969-70	7,110	4,977	3,169	2,156	1,314	408	19,115
1970-71p	6,269	5,350	3,176	2,125	1,560	308	18,788
1971-71p - August	666	546	333	292	)	(b)	(b) { 2,035
September	653	619	382	283			
October	668	559	323	271	)	(b)	(b) { 2,143
November	473	451	235	184			
December	311	312	171	126	111	20	1,509
January	221	306	156	83	70	8	1,052
February	424	360	180	139	89	7	844
March	554	444	212	172	118	5	1,198
April	513	419	232	120	132	7	1,506
May	573	416	280	138	139	39	1,423
June	542	402	320	142	143	32	1,584
1971-72p - July	610	427	312	165	142	27	1,582
August	704	572	388	250	151	62	1,683
September	668	578	371	297	133	26	2,127
							2,073

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Incomplete; see individual States. (d) Includes (for States other than Queensland) a proportion of unsexed egg strain chicks.

III. UTILISATION OF POULTRY MEAT

TABLE 8. - SUPPLY AND UTILISATION OF POULTRY MEAT : AUSTRALIA
(Dressed Weight)

	Stocks			Production		Imports	Exports (including ships' stores)	Apparent consumption in Australia	
	Opening	Closing	Net change	Commer- cial	Self suppliers (a)			Total	Per head
				- '000 lb -					lb
1966-67	13,236	22,154	(+)8,917	195,159	5,855	932	1,413	191,616	16.4
1967-68	22,154	31,261	(+)9,108	226,482	5,963	428	2,103	221,661	18.6
1968-69	31,261	34,522	(+)3,261	240,709	6,086	365	2,707	241,192	19.8
1969-70	34,522	22,376	(-)12,146	273,029	6,222	276	3,683	287,990	23.1
1970-71p	22,376	40,880	(+)18,504	334,015	6,354	815	5,155	317,525	25.0

(a) Estimated.

IV. STOCKS OF FROZEN POULTRY

Table 9 gives details of stocks of frozen poultry (dressed weight) as at 30 June for the years 1969 to 1971;

TABLE 9. - STOCKS OF FROZEN POULTRY (a) : AUSTRALIA
(Dressed Weight)

Item	At 30 June		
	1969	1970	1971
	- '000 lb -		
Chickens (i.e. broilers, fryers and roasters)	29,818	14,556	30,392
Other fowls (i.e. hens, roosters, etc.)	1,698	1,671	2,911
Ducks and drakes	889	712	917
Turkeys	2,117	5,437	6,660
Total	34,522	22,376	40,880

(a) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

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