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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.

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. Prior to January 1973, dressed weight statistics for Queensland were not collected and therefore had to be estimated.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia for 1967-68 to 1971-72 are contained in Table 8.

NOTE: In this issue statistics of weight are shown in thousand kilograms (1 pound = 0.45359 kilograms).

**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.

**I. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**  
**TABLE 1. - TOTAL DRESSED WEIGHT OF ALL POULTRY SLAUGHTERED (a)**  
(<sup>000 kilograms</sup>)

|                  | N.S.W. | Vic.   | Qld (b) | S.A.   | W.A.   | Tas.  | Australia |
|------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|
| Year -           |        |        |         |        |        |       |           |
| 1970-71          | 73,941 | 29,369 | 23,959  | 9,730  | 12,924 | 1,595 | 151,518   |
| 1971-72          | 77,025 | 34,656 | 23,129  | 12,006 | 14,606 | 1,824 | 163,247   |
| 1972-73p         | 74,297 | 32,277 | 23,774  | 13,190 | 14,139 | 2,035 | 159,712   |
| 1972-73p -       |        |        |         |        |        |       |           |
| July             | 6,630  | 2,798  | 1,943   | 1,401  | 1,303  | 161   | 14,283    |
| August           | 7,392  | 2,776  | 1,906   | 1,294  | 1,143  | 180   | 14,795    |
| September        | 6,389  | 2,271  | 2,309   | 902    | 1,123  | 162   | 13,230    |
| October          | 6,605  | 2,541  | 1,873   | 1,050  | 1,214  | 198   | 13,605    |
| November         | 6,347  | 2,578  | 1,910   | 1,006  | 1,124  | 183   | 13,276    |
| December         | 5,822  | 2,880  | 1,989   | 1,030  | 1,241  | 132   | 13,182    |
| January          | 5,923  | 2,600  | 1,337   | 1,097  | 1,278  | 190   | 12,502    |
| February         | 5,199  | 2,450  | 1,702   | 985    | 1,107  | 173   | 11,671    |
| March            | 6,347  | 2,645  | 2,422   | 1,050  | 1,142  | 167   | 13,808    |
| April            | 5,463  | 2,398  | 1,755   | 1,073  | 1,094  | 183   | 11,968    |
| May              | 6,223  | 2,971  | 2,128   | 1,183  | 1,192  | 166   | 13,878    |
| June             | 5,956  | 2,678  | 2,398   | 1,118  | 1,177  | 141   | 13,512    |
| 1973-74p         |        |        |         |        |        |       |           |
| July             | 7,583  | 2,912  | 1,913   | 1,224  | 1,314  | 188   | 15,223    |
| August           | 7,073  | 2,884  | 2,190   | 1,194  | 1,132  | 178   | 14,658    |
| September        | 7,320  | 2,952  | 2,060   | 1,222  | 1,257  | 169   | 14,984    |
| October          | 8,086  | 3,267  | 2,261   | 1,318  | 1,338  | 184   | 16,457    |
| November         | 7,640  | 2,896  | 2,683   | 1,275  | 1,306  | 156   | 15,958    |
| December         | 6,899  | 3,213  | 2,027   | 1,318  | 1,491  | 148   | 15,107    |
| Six months ended |        |        |         |        |        |       |           |
| December 1972p   | 39,185 | 15,844 | 11,931  | 6,684  | 7,148  | 1,015 | 82,373    |
| December 1973p   | 44,600 | 18,123 | 13,135  | 7,551  | 7,839  | 1,022 | 92,387    |

(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, prior to January 1973. (b) Estimated prior to January 1973. (c) Excludes turkeys, not available for publication.

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

|                                        | V.S.W. | Vic    | Qld.   | S.A.   | W.A.   | Tas   | Australia |
|----------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|
| NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)              |        |        |        |        |        |       |           |
| Year                                   |        |        |        |        |        |       |           |
| 1970-71                                | 49,192 | 19,854 | 15,689 | 7,894  | 10,175 | 1,103 | 103,907   |
| 1971-72                                | 51,632 | 23,345 | 15,525 | 9,887  | 11,504 | 1,402 | 113,296   |
| 1972-73p                               | 49,304 | 22,831 | 16,525 | 11,124 | 11,100 | 1,558 | 112,443   |
| 1972-73p -                             |        |        |        |        |        |       |           |
| July                                   | 4,287  | 1,965  | 1,311  | 1,106  | 978    | 126   | 9,773     |
| August                                 | 4,775  | 1,971  | 1,332  | 1,087  | 883    | 132   | 10,179    |
| September                              | 4,110  | 1,760  | 1,589  | 741    | 873    | 118   | 9,191     |
| October                                | 4,244  | 1,922  | 1,266  | 853    | 934    | 145   | 9,364     |
| November                               | 4,018  | 1,848  | 1,346  | 857    | 847    | 125   | 9,038     |
| December                               | 3,907  | 2,028  | 1,410  | 921    | 976    | 101   | 9,344     |
| January                                | 4,071  | 1,899  | 1,013  | 929    | 1,011  | 136   | 9,058     |
| February                               | 3,548  | 1,759  | 1,221  | 868    | 888    | 136   | 8,420     |
| March                                  | 4,342  | 1,892  | 1,638  | 908    | 913    | 130   | 9,823     |
| April                                  | 3,737  | 1,711  | 1,232  | 940    | 885    | 149   | 8,654     |
| May                                    | 4,253  | 2,110  | 1,495  | 990    | 979    | 137   | 9,964     |
| June                                   | 4,012  | 1,967  | 1,672  | 928    | 933    | 123   | 9,635     |
| 1973-74p                               |        |        |        |        |        |       |           |
| July                                   | 5,092  | 2,116  | 1,334  | 1,002  | 1,054  | 151   | 10,749    |
| August                                 | 4,782  | 2,110  | 1,648  | 1,000  | 920    | 147   | 10,607    |
| September                              | 4,928  | 2,193  | 1,486  | 1,000  | 1,052  | 145   | 10,803    |
| October                                | 5,444  | 2,438  | 1,547  | 1,118  | 1,137  | 150   | 11,833    |
| November                               | 5,201  | 2,186  | 1,809  | 1,056  | 1,061  | 144   | 11,457    |
| December                               | 4,795  | 2,480  | 1,499  | 1,109  | 1,219  | 121   | 11,222    |
| Six months ended                       |        |        |        |        |        |       |           |
| December 1972p -                       | 25,341 | 11,494 | 8,254  | 5,562  | 5,492  | 747   | 56,890    |
| December 1973p -                       | 30,243 | 13,523 | 9,322  | 6,284  | 6,443  | 857   | 66,671    |
| DRESSED WEIGHT (b)<br>('000 kilograms) |        |        |        |        |        |       |           |
| Year                                   |        |        | (c)    |        |        |       |           |
| 1970-71                                | 62,769 | 25,201 | 21,124 | 8,998  | 11,622 | 1,332 | 131,046   |
| 1971-72                                | 65,159 | 30,125 | 20,440 | 11,077 | 13,330 | 1,570 | 141,700   |
| 1972-73p                               | 61,154 | 28,165 | 21,148 | 12,363 | 12,900 | 1,852 | 137,581   |
| 1972-73p -                             |        |        |        |        |        |       |           |
| July                                   | 5,518  | 2,505  | 1,690  | 1,326  | 1,145  | 148   | 12,332    |
| August                                 | 6,149  | 2,442  | 1,680  | 1,229  | 1,029  | 165   | 12,692    |
| September                              | 5,079  | 2,039  | 2,027  | 808    | 1,027  | 145   | 11,125    |
| October                                | 5,266  | 2,211  | 1,596  | 931    | 1,119  | 171   | 11,295    |
| November                               | 5,029  | 2,261  | 1,671  | 905    | 966    | 150   | 10,982    |
| December                               | 4,786  | 2,574  | 1,753  | 968    | 1,120  | 120   | 11,321    |
| January                                | 4,921  | 2,331  | 1,212  | 1,036  | 1,185  | 180   | 10,865    |
| February                               | 4,204  | 2,159  | 1,557  | 932    | 1,032  | 163   | 10,046    |
| March                                  | 5,390  | 2,366  | 2,207  | 990    | 1,050  | 150   | 12,153    |
| April                                  | 4,588  | 2,137  | 1,609  | 1,037  | 1,021  | 174   | 10,566    |
| May                                    | 5,287  | 2,716  | 1,946  | 1,131  | 1,134  | 154   | 12,368    |
| June                                   | 4,936  | 2,425  | 2,200  | 1,071  | 1,072  | 132   | 11,836    |
| 1973-74p                               |        |        |        |        |        |       |           |
| July                                   | 6,336  | 2,668  | 1,700  | 1,133  | 1,185  | 164   | 13,186    |
| August                                 | 5,852  | 2,643  | 2,033  | 1,143  | 1,046  | 164   | 12,883    |
| September                              | 6,059  | 2,700  | 1,881  | 1,121  | 1,175  | 155   | 13,091    |
| October                                | 6,935  | 3,012  | 2,013  | 1,225  | 1,259  | 160   | 14,603    |
| November                               | 6,324  | 2,632  | 2,453  | 1,183  | 1,189  | 147   | 13,929    |
| December                               | 5,671  | 2,966  | 1,863  | 1,251  | 1,365  | 126   | 13,241    |
| Six months ended                       |        |        |        |        |        |       |           |
| December 1972p -                       | 31,828 | 14,031 | 10,417 | 6,165  | 6,406  | 899   | 69,747    |
| December 1973p -                       | 37,177 | 16,621 | 11,943 | 7,057  | 7,219  | 917   | 80,934    |

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers, and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland, prior to January 1973. (c) Estimated prior to January 1973.

TABLE 3. — OTHER FOWLS (a) SLAUGHTERED

|                           | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld.  | S.A. | W.A.  | Tas. | Australia |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-----------|
| NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000) |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| Year —                    |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| 1970-71                   | 3,255  | 1,908 | 1,461 | 341  | 499   | 119  | 7,581     |
| 1971-72                   | 3,816  | 2,140 | 1,509 | 502  | 698   | 139  | 8,803     |
| 1972-73p                  | 3,276  | 1,946 | 1,497 | 438  | 660   | 83   | 7,900     |
| 1972-73p                  |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| July                      | 313    | 175   | 150   | 38   | 83    | 9    | 766       |
| August                    | 289    | 193   | 137   | 37   | 63    | 7    | 726       |
| September                 | 300    | 138   | 151   | 50   | 50    | 10   | 698       |
| October                   | 291    | 201   | 154   | 67   | 45    | 12   | 771       |
| November                  | 270    | 173   | 141   | 56   | 76    | 9    | 725       |
| December                  | 218    | 151   | 130   | 27   | 57    | 6    | 588       |
| January                   | 299    | 148   | 86    | 34   | 53    | 6    | 627       |
| February                  | 321    | 165   | 93    | 35   | 45    | 5    | 666       |
| March                     | 256    | 154   | 126   | 32   | 51    | 5    | 623       |
| April                     | 218    | 150   | 96    | 19   | 43    | 4    | 529       |
| May                       | 282    | 150   | 117   | 21   | 34    | 7    | 610       |
| June                      | 219    | 148   | 116   | 22   | 60    | 5    | 570       |
| 1973-74p                  |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| July                      | 283    | 138   | 118   | 47   | 71    | 7    | 664       |
| August                    | 306    | 146   | 110   | 28   | 48    | 9    | 647       |
| September                 | 354    | 148   | 111   | 60   | 40    | 9    | 723       |
| October                   | 289    | 162   | 127   | 51   | 40    | 9    | 678       |
| November                  | 310    | 156   | 130   | 54   | 55    | 6    | 712       |
| December                  | 227    | 140   | 104   | 35   | 54    | 13   | 573       |
| Six months ended          |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| December 1972p —          | 1,681  | 1,030 | 862   | 275  | 374   | 52   | 4,274     |
| December 1973p —          | 1,772  | 891   | 700   | 275  | 308   | 53   | 3,999     |
| DRESSED WEIGHT (b)        |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| ('000 kilograms)          |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| Year —                    |        |       | (c)   |      |       |      |           |
| 1970-71                   | 5,242  | 3,093 | 2,467 | 528  | 875   | 177  | 12,383    |
| 1971-72                   | 6,088  | 3,486 | 2,598 | 800  | 1,190 | 206  | 14,367    |
| 1972-73p                  | 4,965  | 3,098 | 2,482 | 677  | 1,135 | 124  | 12,480    |
| 1972-73p                  |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| July                      | 510    | 274   | 250   | 58   | 149   | 12   | 1,253     |
| August                    | 451    | 310   | 222   | 56   | 108   | 12   | 1,158     |
| September                 | 517    | 205   | 277   | 85   | 90    | 15   | 1,189     |
| October                   | 431    | 298   | 273   | 106  | 88    | 19   | 1,215     |
| November                  | 415    | 282   | 236   | 88   | 143   | 13   | 1,177     |
| December                  | 305    | 261   | 230   | 43   | 104   | 7    | 951       |
| January                   | 442    | 243   | 121   | 54   | 81    | 9    | 949       |
| February                  | 465    | 267   | 143   | 45   | 71    | 7    | 997       |
| March                     | 359    | 252   | 213   | 49   | 78    | 7    | 958       |
| April                     | 326    | 238   | 144   | 27   | 67    | 7    | 809       |
| May                       | 406    | 233   | 179   | 33   | 54    | 9    | 914       |
| June                      | 339    | 235   | 194   | 33   | 103   | 7    | 911       |
| 1973-74p                  |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| July                      | 466    | 226   | 209   | 81   | 128   | 10   | 1,120     |
| August                    | 475    | 223   | 155   | 44   | 84    | 12   | 994       |
| September                 | 552    | 238   | 177   | 95   | 78    | 13   | 1,152     |
| October                   | 440    | 240   | 246   | 86   | 78    | 12   | 1,101     |
| November                  | 475    | 237   | 228   | 82   | 110   | 9    | 1,140     |
| December                  | 351    | 226   | 162   | 52   | 99    | 19   | 910       |
| Six months ended          |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| December 1972p —          | 2,628  | 1,630 | 1,488 | 436  | 682   | 79   | 6,942     |
| December 1973p —          | 2,758  | 1,390 | 1,178 | 440  | 576   | 76   | 6,417     |

(a) Comprises hens, roosters, etc. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland, prior to January 1973. (c) Estimated prior to January 1973.

TABLE 4. — DUCKS AND DRAKES SLAUGHTERED

|                                        | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Australia |
|----------------------------------------|--------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----------|
| NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)              |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| Year                                   |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| 1970-71                                | 708    | 283  | 78  | 50   | (a)  | (a)  | 1,214     |
| 1971-72                                | 913    | 322  | 43  | 45   | (a)  | (a)  | 1,356     |
| 1972-73p                               | 826    | 226  | 28  | 41   | (a)  | (a)  | 1,172     |
| 1972-73p                               |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| July                                   | 82     | 13   | 2   | 4    | (a)  | (a)  | 105       |
| August                                 | 76     | 17   | 3   | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 102       |
| September                              | 73     | 19   | 2   | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 101       |
| October                                | 79     | 22   | 3   | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 110       |
| November                               | 86     | 25   | 2   | 4    | (a)  | (a)  | 121       |
| December                               | 80     | 30   | 4   | 4    | (a)  | (a)  | 125       |
| January                                | 68     | 17   | 3   | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 98        |
| February                               | 58     | 17   | 1   | 4    | (a)  | (a)  | 84        |
| March                                  | 70     | 18   | 1   | 5    | (a)  | (a)  | 102       |
| April                                  | 54     | 16   | 1   | 4    | (a)  | (a)  | 80        |
| May                                    | 47     | 14   | 2   | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 69        |
| June                                   | 53     | 16   | 2   | 2    | (a)  | (a)  | 76        |
| 1973-74p                               |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| July                                   | 86     | 12   | 2   | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 103       |
| August                                 | 73     | 12   | 1   | 2    | (a)  | (a)  | 88        |
| September                              | 75     | 9    | 1   | 2    | (a)  | (a)  | 89        |
| October                                | 102    | 10   | 1   | 2    | (a)  | (a)  | 117       |
| November                               | 81     | 17   | 1   | 4    | (a)  | (a)  | 103       |
| December                               | 91     | 15   | 1   | 5    | (a)  | (a)  | 119       |
| Six months ended                       |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| December 1972p —                       | 476    | 127  | 16  | 20   | (a)  | (a)  | 663       |
| December 1973p —                       | 508    | 74   | 8   | 17   | (a)  | (a)  | 619       |
| DRESSED WEIGHT (b)<br>(‘000 kilograms) |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| Year                                   |        |      | (c) |      |      |      |           |
| 1970-71                                | 1,201  | 461  | 128 | 101  | (a)  | (a)  | 2,068     |
| 1971-72                                | 1,501  | 490  | 65  | 84   | (a)  | (a)  | 2,211     |
| 1972-73p                               | 1,432  | 323  | 44  | 79   | (a)  | (a)  | 1,981     |
| 1972-73p                               |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| July                                   | 136    | 19   | 3   | 8    | (a)  | (a)  | 173       |
| August                                 | 142    | 24   | 4   | 6    | (a)  | (a)  | 183       |
| September                              | 132    | 27   | 4   | 5    | (a)  | (a)  | 175       |
| October                                | 139    | 33   | 4   | 6    | (a)  | (a)  | 190       |
| November                               | 146    | 34   | 4   | 7    | (a)  | (a)  | 200       |
| December                               | 131    | 45   | 6   | 7    | (a)  | (a)  | 202       |
| January                                | 112    | 26   | 3   | 6    | (a)  | (a)  | 161       |
| February                               | 95     | 25   | 3   | 7    | (a)  | (a)  | 137       |
| March                                  | 119    | 27   | 2   | 9    | (a)  | (a)  | 174       |
| April                                  | 98     | 23   | 2   | 7    | (a)  | (a)  | 139       |
| May                                    | 86     | 22   | 3   | 5    | (a)  | (a)  | 121       |
| June                                   | 94     | 18   | 4   | 4    | (a)  | (a)  | 126       |
| 1973-74p                               |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| July                                   | 145    | 18   | 3   | 6    | (a)  | (a)  | 174       |
| August                                 | 119    | 18   | 3   | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 144       |
| September                              | 130    | 13   | 2   | 4    | (a)  | (a)  | 155       |
| October                                | 156    | 15   | 2   | 4    | (a)  | (a)  | 180       |
| November                               | 127    | 27   | 1   | 7    | (a)  | (a)  | 164       |
| December                               | 142    | 21   | 2   | 10   | (a)  | (a)  | 192       |
| Six months ended                       |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| December 1972p —                       | 827    | 182  | 26  | 39   | (a)  | (a)  | 1,123     |
| December 1973p —                       | 821    | 112  | 13  | 35   | (a)  | (a)  | 1,009     |

(a) Not available for publication. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland, prior to January 1973. (c) Estimated prior to January 1973.

TABLE 5. - TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

|                                        | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Australia |
|----------------------------------------|--------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----------|
| NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)              |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| Year                                   |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| 1970-71                                | 1,119  | 146  | 69  | 23   | (a)  | (a)  | 1,440     |
| 1971-72                                | 1,172  | 147  | 9   | 10   | (a)  | (a)  | 1,353     |
| 1972-73p                               | 1,871  | 177  | 32  | 17   | (a)  | (a)  | 2,112     |
| 1972-73p -                             |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| July                                   | 132    | (a)  | (a) | 2    | (a)  | (a)  | 145       |
| August                                 | 164    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 192       |
| September                              | 181    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 202       |
| October                                | 223    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 261       |
| November                               | 179    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 224       |
| December                               | 192    | (a)  | (a) | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 225       |
| January                                | 139    | (a)  | (a) | —    | (a)  | (a)  | 157       |
| February                               | 131    | (a)  | (a) | —    | (a)  | (a)  | 144       |
| March                                  | 129    | (a)  | (a) | —    | (a)  | (a)  | 139       |
| April                                  | 126    | (a)  | (a) | —    | (a)  | (a)  | 127       |
| May                                    | 110    | (a)  | (a) | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 118       |
| June                                   | 164    | (a)  | (a) | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 177       |
| 1973-74p -                             |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| July                                   | 172    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 200       |
| August                                 | 172    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 175       |
| September                              | 153    | (a)  | (a) | —    | (a)  | (a)  | 155       |
| October                                | 149    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 156       |
| November                               | 194    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 197       |
| December                               | 228    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 236       |
| Six months ended                       |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| December 1972p -                       | 1,072  | (a)  | (a) | 10   | (a)  | (a)  | 1,249     |
| December 1973p -                       | 1,069  | (a)  | (a) | 5    | (a)  | (a)  | 1,119     |
| DRESSED WEIGHT (b)<br>(‘000 kilograms) |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| Year                                   |        |      | (c) |      |      |      |           |
| 1970-71                                | 4,729  | 614  | 240 | 104  | (a)  | (a)  | 6,020     |
| 1971-72                                | 4,277  | 556  | 27  | 46   | (a)  | (a)  | 4,968     |
| 1972-73p                               | 6,746  | 691  | 101 | 71   | (a)  | (a)  | 7,669     |
| 1972-73p -                             |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| July                                   | 465    | (a)  | (a) | 9    | (a)  | (a)  | 525       |
| August                                 | 650    | (a)  | (a) | 5    | (a)  | (a)  | 763       |
| September                              | 661    | (a)  | (a) | 5    | (a)  | (a)  | 742       |
| October                                | 769    | (a)  | (a) | 6    | (a)  | (a)  | 906       |
| November                               | 756    | (a)  | (a) | 7    | (a)  | (a)  | 918       |
| December                               | 600    | (a)  | (a) | 11   | (a)  | (a)  | 709       |
| January                                | 448    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 527       |
| February                               | 436    | (a)  | (a) | 1    | (a)  | (a)  | 490       |
| March                                  | 480    | (a)  | (a) | 2    | (a)  | (a)  | 523       |
| April                                  | 450    | (a)  | (a) | 2    | (a)  | (a)  | 454       |
| May                                    | 444    | (a)  | (a) | 13   | (a)  | (a)  | 474       |
| June                                   | 586    | (a)  | (a) | 9    | (a)  | (a)  | 638       |
| 1973-74p -                             |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| July                                   | 635    | (a)  | (a) | 5    | (a)  | (a)  | 743       |
| August                                 | 626    | (a)  | (a) | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 638       |
| September                              | 579    | (a)  | (a) | 2    | (a)  | (a)  | 585       |
| October                                | 555    | (a)  | (a) | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 573       |
| November                               | 714    | (a)  | (a) | 3    | (a)  | (a)  | 724       |
| December                               | 735    | (a)  | (a) | 4    | (a)  | (a)  | 764       |
| Six months ended                       |        |      |     |      |      |      |           |
| December 1972p -                       | 3,901  | (a)  | (a) | 44   | (a)  | (a)  | 4,562     |
| December 1973p -                       | 3,844  | (a)  | (a) | 20   | (a)  | (a)  | 4,027     |

(a) Not available for publication. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland, prior to January 1973. (c) Estimated prior to January 1973.

## II. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

In Tables 6 and 7 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.

TABLE 6. - NUMBER OF EGGS SET (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES ('000)

|                  | N.S.W. | Vic.   | Qld.   | S.A.   | W.A.  | Tas. | Australia |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|-----------|
| MEAT STRAINS     |        |        |        |        |       |      |           |
| Year             |        |        |        |        |       |      |           |
| 1970-71          | 76,536 | 29,401 | 23,127 | 11,891 | (b)   | (b)  | 158,953   |
| 1971-72          | 73,703 | 35,097 | 21,647 | 13,253 | (b)   | (b)  | 161,645   |
| 1972-73p         | 77,421 | 36,487 | 23,095 | 12,944 | (b)   | (b)  | 168,626   |
| 1972-73p         |        |        |        |        |       |      |           |
| July             | 5,750  | 2,901  | 2,076  | 971    | (b)   | (b)  | 13,128    |
| August           | 6,719  | 3,085  | 1,906  | 1,038  | (b)   | (b)  | 14,222    |
| September        | 6,194  | 3,171  | 1,808  | 1,008  | (b)   | (b)  | 13,587    |
| October          | 5,531  | 3,255  | 1,426  | 1,068  | (b)   | (b)  | 12,904    |
| November         | 6,624  | 2,818  | 1,903  | 1,073  | (b)   | (b)  | 14,051    |
| December         | 6,170  | 2,827  | 2,083  | 994    | (b)   | (b)  | 13,405    |
| January          | 6,547  | 3,127  | 1,884  | 1,122  | (b)   | (b)  | 14,257    |
| February         | 5,117  | 2,912  | 1,761  | 1,084  | (b)   | (b)  | 12,310    |
| March            | 6,609  | 2,940  | 1,868  | 1,126  | (b)   | (b)  | 14,251    |
| April            | 6,823  | 3,316  | 2,240  | 1,142  | (b)   | (b)  | 15,216    |
| May              | 8,249  | 3,069  | 2,057  | 1,221  | (b)   | (b)  | 16,338    |
| June             | 7,087  | 3,066  | 2,084  | 1,096  | (b)   | (b)  | 14,958    |
| 1973-74p         |        |        |        |        |       |      |           |
| July             | 7,877  | 3,742  | 2,326  | 1,216  | (b)   | (b)  | 17,052    |
| August           | 8,428  | 3,512  | 2,272  | 1,394  | (b)   | (b)  | 17,501    |
| September        | 7,339  | 3,709  | 2,199  | 1,353  | (b)   | (b)  | 16,430    |
| October          | 8,106  | 3,639  | 1,787  | 1,449  | (b)   | (b)  | 16,825    |
| November         | 7,883  | 3,574  | 2,506  | 1,376  | (b)   | (b)  | 17,242    |
| December         | 7,506  | 3,390  | 2,004  | 1,448  | (b)   | (b)  | 16,071    |
| Six months ended |        |        |        |        |       |      |           |
| December 1972p   | 36,988 | 18,057 | 11,200 | 6,152  | (b)   | (b)  | 81,296    |
| December 1973p   | 47,137 | 21,566 | 13,094 | 8,235  | (b)   | (b)  | 101,122   |
| EGG STRAINS      |        |        |        |        |       |      |           |
| Year             |        |        |        |        |       |      |           |
| 1970-71          | 19,333 | 15,343 | 9,971  | 5,885  | 4,444 | 849  | 55,827    |
| 1971-72          | 18,238 | 14,251 | 10,755 | 4,933  | 3,606 | 977  | 52,759    |
| 1972-73p         | 16,803 | 14,354 | 9,769  | 3,739  | 3,321 | 917  | 48,903    |
| 1972-73p         |        |        |        |        |       |      |           |
| July             | 1,721  | 1,285  | 978    | 469    | 389   | (b)  | 4,842     |
| August           | 1,765  | 1,561  | 994    | 635    | 342   | (b)  | 5,297     |
| September        | 1,715  | 1,420  | 907    | 495    | 309   | (b)  | 4,845     |
| October          | 1,492  | 1,287  | 891    | 348    | 301   | (b)  | 4,320     |
| November         | 1,009  | 942    | 628    | 244    | 227   | (b)  | 3,050     |
| December         | 839    | 774    | 584    | 148    | 141   | (b)  | 2,486     |
| January          | 1,094  | 1,076  | 580    | 247    | 263   | (b)  | 3,261     |
| February         | 1,156  | 1,012  | 895    | 236    | 266   | (b)  | 3,564     |
| March            | 1,333  | 1,224  | 714    | 256    | 275   | (b)  | 3,802     |
| April            | 1,432  | 1,180  | 825    | 197    | 246   | (b)  | 3,879     |
| May              | 1,617  | 1,284  | 898    | 206    | 287   | (b)  | 4,291     |
| June             | 1,631  | 1,307  | 875    | 259    | 276   | (b)  | 4,350     |
| 1973-74p         |        |        |        |        |       |      |           |
| July             | 1,694  | 1,478  | 897    | 422    | 313   | (b)  | 4,805     |
| August           | 1,552  | 1,599  | 1,073  | 657    | 404   | (b)  | 5,285     |
| September        | 1,420  | 1,641  | 889    | 427    | 303   | (b)  | 4,680     |
| October          | 1,375  | 1,613  | 743    | 418    | 338   | (b)  | 4,487     |
| November         | 1,268  | 1,302  | 794    | 348    | 283   | (b)  | 3,994     |
| December         | 886    | 1,301  | 547    | 286    | 305   | (b)  | 3,324     |
| Six months ended |        |        |        |        |       |      |           |
| December 1972p   | 8,540  | 7,270  | 4,982  | 2,339  | 1,708 | (b)  | 24,839    |
| December 1973p   | 8,194  | 8,933  | 4,942  | 2,558  | 1,946 | (b)  | 26,574    |

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

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES ('000)

|                                                         | N.S.W. | Vic    | Qld    | S.A.   | W.A.  | Tas | Australia |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----|-----------|
| INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)      |        |        |        |        |       |     |           |
| Year -                                                  |        |        |        |        |       |     |           |
| 1970-71                                                 | 54,462 | 22,105 | 16,548 | 9,101  | (b)   | (b) | 114,999   |
| 1971-72                                                 | 54,209 | 26,951 | 16,360 | 10,431 | (b)   | (b) | 121,563   |
| 1972-73p                                                | 56,194 | 27,746 | 17,416 | 10,131 | (b)   | (b) | 125,767   |
| 1972-73p -                                              |        |        |        |        |       |     |           |
| July                                                    | 4,219  | 2,196  | 1,557  | 711    | (b)   | (b) | 9,774     |
| August                                                  | 4,866  | 2,126  | 1,462  | 775    | (b)   | (b) | 10,318    |
| September                                               | 4,414  | 2,306  | 1,478  | 755    | (b)   | (b) | 10,017    |
| October                                                 | 4,546  | 2,677  | 1,433  | 871    | (b)   | (b) | 10,750    |
| November                                                | 4,475  | 2,244  | 1,067  | 863    | (b)   | (b) | 9,858     |
| December                                                | 4,628  | 2,071  | 1,474  | 788    | (b)   | (b) | 10,055    |
| January                                                 | 4,758  | 2,507  | 1,630  | 892    | (b)   | (b) | 10,962    |
| February                                                | 4,142  | 1,975  | 1,221  | 794    | (b)   | (b) | 9,149     |
| March                                                   | 4,306  | 2,425  | 1,511  | 937    | (b)   | (b) | 10,406    |
| April                                                   | 4,903  | 2,584  | 1,483  | 941    | (b)   | (b) | 11,572    |
| May                                                     | 5,649  | 2,378  | 1,522  | 924    | (b)   | (b) | 11,692    |
| June                                                    | 5,289  | 2,257  | 1,576  | 881    | (b)   | (b) | 11,214    |
| 1973-74p -                                              |        |        |        |        |       |     |           |
| July                                                    | 5,765  | 2,861  | 1,774  | 982    | (b)   | (b) | 12,788    |
| August                                                  | 6,322  | 2,685  | 1,742  | 1,023  | (b)   | (b) | 13,131    |
| September                                               | 5,493  | 2,619  | 1,646  | 1,002  | (b)   | (b) | 12,031    |
| October                                                 | 6,013  | 3,062  | 1,663  | 1,115  | (b)   | (b) | 13,305    |
| November                                                | 5,776  | 2,737  | 1,734  | 1,020  | (b)   | (b) | 12,661    |
| December                                                | 5,416  | 2,589  | 1,467  | 1,065  | (b)   | (b) | 11,856    |
| Six months ended                                        |        |        |        |        |       |     |           |
| December 1972p -                                        | 27,147 | 13,620 | 8,473  | 4,761  | (b)   | (b) | 60,771    |
| December 1973p -                                        | 34,786 | 16,554 | 10,027 | 6,208  | (b)   | (b) | 75,771    |
| INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (c) |        |        |        |        |       |     |           |
| Year -                                                  |        |        |        |        |       |     |           |
| 1970-71                                                 | 6,325  | 5,350  | 3,176  | 2,125  | 1,560 | 268 | 18,803    |
| 1971-72                                                 | 5,889  | 4,861  | 3,484  | 1,876  | 1,268 | 302 | 17,680    |
| 1972-73p                                                | 5,138  | 4,875  | 3,126  | 1,409  | 1,223 | 304 | 16,074    |
| 1972-73p -                                              |        |        |        |        |       |     |           |
| July                                                    | 465    | 365    | 320    | 142    | 155   | 27  | 1,474     |
| August                                                  | 506    | 472    | 341    | 188    | 125   | 41  | 1,672     |
| September                                               | 548    | 517    | 321    | 226    | 116   | 45  | 1,772     |
| October                                                 | 515    | 505    | 270    | 169    | 119   | 32  | 1,610     |
| November                                                | 397    | 381    | 258    | 114    | 109   | 18  | 1,276     |
| December                                                | 298    | 252    | 144    | 69     | 52    | 24  | 839       |
| January                                                 | 265    | 335    | 175    | 80     | 82    | 13  | 950       |
| February                                                | 361    | 321    | 187    | 87     | 79    | 19  | 1,054     |
| March                                                   | 402    | 410    | 242    | 94     | 105   | 19  | 1,271     |
| April                                                   | 409    | 426    | 253    | 96     | 97    | 15  | 1,295     |
| May                                                     | 483    | 499    | 299    | 66     | 95    | 27  | 1,468     |
| June                                                    | 490    | 393    | 316    | 78     | 92    | 26  | 1,394     |
| 1973-74p -                                              |        |        |        |        |       |     |           |
| July                                                    | 499    | 518    | 305    | 119    | 113   | 47  | 1,602     |
| August                                                  | 526    | 550    | 336    | 228    | 128   | 40  | 1,809     |
| September                                               | 451    | 535    | 207    | 225    | 138   | 36  | 1,592     |
| October                                                 | 445    | 564    | 341    | 152    | 117   | 39  | 1,658     |
| November                                                | 450    | 422    | 264    | 141    | 110   | 26  | 1,412     |
| December                                                | 326    | 428    | 218    | 119    | 86    | 24  | 1,203     |
| Six months ended                                        |        |        |        |        |       |     |           |
| December 1972p -                                        | 2,728  | 2,492  | 1,654  | 908    | 674   | 186 | 8,643     |
| December 1973p -                                        | 2,698  | 3,016  | 1,671  | 985    | 696   | 211 | 9,277     |

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TABLE 7. — CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES — continued  
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|                                                                                | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld. | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Australia |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT — EGG STRAINS<br>(Crossbred and other Cockerels) (c) |        |       |      |      |      |      |           |
| Year —                                                                         |        |       |      |      |      |      |           |
| 1970-71                                                                        | 975    | 1,096 | 464  | 300  | 52   | 19   | 2,906     |
| 1971-72                                                                        | 517    | 431   | 507  | 117  | 49   | 50   | 1,670     |
| 1972-73p                                                                       | 559    | 489   | 675  | 103  | 43   | 15   | 1,886     |
| 1972-73p                                                                       |        |       |      |      |      |      |           |
| July                                                                           | 41     | 54    | 44   | 7    | 4    | 5    | 155       |
| August                                                                         | 54     | 74    | 72   | 16   | 5    | 6    | 227       |
| September                                                                      | 54     | 74    | 71   | 24   | (b)  | (b)  | 229       |
| October                                                                        | 72     | 27    | 65   | 12   | (b)  | (b)  | 181       |
| November                                                                       | 44     | 16    | 40   | 7    | 5    | —    | 111       |
| December                                                                       | 25     | 11    | 38   | 4    | (b)  | (b)  | 80        |
| January                                                                        | 27     | 10    | 51   | 12   | 1    | —    | 101       |
| February                                                                       | 25     | 7     | 37   | 5    | 1    | —    | 76        |
| March                                                                          | 39     | 28    | 70   | 4    | (b)  | (b)  | 145       |
| April                                                                          | 42     | 38    | 76   | 3    | (b)  | (b)  | 161       |
| May                                                                            | 106    | 87    | 54   | 7    | (b)  | (b)  | 260       |
| June                                                                           | 30     | 65    | 57   | 3    | (b)  | (b)  | 159       |
| 1973-74p                                                                       |        |       |      |      |      |      |           |
| July                                                                           | 87     | 28    | 84   | 10   | (b)  | (b)  | 214       |
| August                                                                         | 49     | 49    | 62   | 26   | (b)  | (b)  | 194       |
| September                                                                      | 45     | 35    | 82   | 17   | (b)  | (b)  | 188       |
| October                                                                        | 44     | 72    | 55   | 6    | (b)  | (b)  | 185       |
| November                                                                       | 47     | 34    | 49   | 8    | (b)  | (b)  | 142       |
| December                                                                       | 22     | 32    | 27   | 4    | (b)  | (b)  | 87        |
| Six months ended                                                               |        |       |      |      |      |      |           |
| December 1972p                                                                 | 790    | 255   | 330  | 70   | (b)  | (b)  | 984       |
| December 1973p                                                                 | 295    | 251   | 358  | 72   | (b)  | (b)  | 1,011     |

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) 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               |                       |                                  | Exports<br>(including<br>ships'<br>stores)<br>'000 kg | Apparent consumption<br>in Australia |                  |                |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
|          | Opening<br>'000 kg | Closing<br>'000 kg | Net<br>Change<br>'000 kg | Commercial<br>'000 kg | Self<br>Suppliers (a)<br>'000 kg |                                                       | Imports<br>'000 kg                   | Total<br>'000 kg | Per head<br>kg |
| 1968-69  | 14,180             | 15,659             | (+) 1,479                | 109,183               | 2,761                            | 166                                                   | 1,228                                | 109,402          | 9.0            |
| 1969-70  | 15,659             | 10,150             | (-) 5,509                | 123,843               | 2,822                            | 125                                                   | 1,671                                | 130,629          | 10.5           |
| 1970-71  | 10,150             | 18,878             | (+) 8,729                | 151,518               | 2,882                            | 370                                                   | 2,338                                | 143,703          | 11.4           |
| 1971-72  | 18,878             | 20,331             | (+) 1,453                | 163,247               | 2,919                            | 215                                                   | 3,137                                | 161,791          | 12.6           |
| 1972-73p | 20,331             | 6,192              | (-) 14,139               | 159,712               | 2,967                            | 108                                                   | 3,963                                | 172,963          | 13.2           |

(a) Estimated.

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