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**RURAL STATISTICS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY. 1968-69 SEASON**

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**I. RURAL HOLDINGS AND LAND UTILISATION**

At 31 March 1969, there were 195 rural holdings in the Australian Capital Territory with an average area of 1,774 acres. In 1968-69, 95.4 per cent of the total area of rural holdings was used for grazing and 2.9 per cent for crops.

**TABLE 1. - A.C.T. RURAL HOLDINGS (a) : NUMBER AND AREA, BY DISTRICT, 1968-69 SEASON**

| District (b)               | Number of Holdings | Total Area of Holdings | Area used for Crops (c) | Land Lying Fallow during Season | Area under Sown Grasses and Clovers | Other land used for Grazing | Balance of Holdings (d) |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Booth & Mt Clear           | 16                 | 83,924                 | 323                     | - 30                            | 1,505                               | 81,853                      | 213                     |
| Canberra City              | 63                 | 37,604                 | 4,085                   | 501                             | 19,815                              | 11,535                      | 1,668                   |
| Coree & Stromlo            | 18                 | 31,676                 | 1,353                   | 295                             | 15,390                              | 13,158                      | 1,480                   |
| Gungahlin & Kowen          | 20                 | 31,777                 | 1,038                   | ..                              | 8,245                               | 22,455                      | 39                      |
| Hall                       | 14                 | 10,496                 | 501                     | 50                              | 4,944                               | 4,997                       | 4                       |
| Lanyon                     | 20                 | 32,747                 | 1,531                   | 187                             | 14,811                              | 16,088                      | 130                     |
| Paddy's River              | 18                 | 61,495                 | 290                     | 479                             | 16,675                              | 43,797                      | 254                     |
| Tennent & Rendezvous Creek | 13                 | 44,641                 | 246                     | 35                              | 1,606                               | 42,724                      | 30                      |
| Woden                      | 13                 | 11,623                 | 661                     | 270                             | 5,005                               | 5,628                       | 59                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>195</b>         | <b>345,983</b>         | <b>10,028</b>           | <b>1,847</b>                    | <b>87,996</b>                       | <b>242,235</b>              | <b>3,877</b>            |

(a) A rural holding is defined as a piece of land of one acre or more in extent used for agricultural purposes or the raising of livestock. (b) Boundaries as defined at 31 March 1969. (c) Excludes sown grasses and clovers cut for hay or seed. (d) Land not being used for agricultural or pastoral purposes.

**II. AGRICULTURE**

**TABLE 2. - AREA OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T.**  
(Acres)

| Crop                          | 1964-65      | 1965-66      | 1966-67       | 1967-68      | 1968-69       |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Cereals for Grain -</b>    |              |              |               |              |               |
| Wheat                         | 2,094        | 1,342        | 2,666         | 2,337        | 4,158         |
| Oats                          | 1,487        | 1,458        | 1,797         | 584          | 1,200         |
| <b>Hay -</b>                  |              |              |               |              |               |
| Wheaten                       | 114          | 12           | 22            | 140          | 293           |
| Oaten                         | 461          | 992          | 466           | 950          | 1,357         |
| Lucerne                       | 1,390        | 1,514        | 1,874         | 1,216        | 1,814         |
| Other (a)                     | 1,504        | 1,219        | 1,621         | 169          | 921           |
| <b>Total Hay</b>              | <b>3,469</b> | <b>3,737</b> | <b>3,983</b>  | <b>2,475</b> | <b>4,385</b>  |
| Green Podder                  | 1,166        | 840          | 1,100         | 1,339        | 1,307         |
| <b>Vegetables -</b>           |              |              |               |              |               |
| Potatoes                      | 16           | 14           | 14            | 22           | 15            |
| Other                         | 109          | 119          | 111           | 116          | 94            |
| <b>Orchards -</b>             |              |              |               |              |               |
| Apples (bearing)              | 43           | 31           | 26            | 26           | 24            |
| Other Fruits                  | 13           | 11           | 12            | 11           | 8             |
| <b>All Other Crops (b)</b>    | <b>418</b>   | <b>32</b>    | <b>538</b>    | <b>99</b>    | <b>24</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL AREA UNDER CROPS</b> | <b>8,815</b> | <b>7,584</b> | <b>10,247</b> | <b>7,009</b> | <b>11,215</b> |

(a) Mainly grass and clover. (b) Includes sown grasses harvested for seed.

TABLE 3. - PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T.

| Crop                |         | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | 1967-68 | 1968-69 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Cereals for Grain - |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Wheat               | bushels | 57,792  | 27,855  | 86,577  | 41,602  | 83,674  |
| Oats                | "       | 32,100  | 37,338  | 47,004  | 11,852  | 26,858  |
| Hay -               |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Wheaten             | tons    | 285     | 24      | 43      | 110     | 276     |
| Oaten               | "       | 963     | 1,345   | 1,012   | 903     | 1,845   |
| Lucerne             | "       | 2,977   | 2,071   | 5,188   | 1,784   | 3,836   |
| Other (a)           | "       | 2,678   | 1,392   | 2,273   | 155     | 1,046   |
| <u>Total Hay</u>    | "       | 6,903   | 4,832   | 8,516   | 2,952   | 7,003   |
| Potatoes            | tons    | 105     | 83      | 120     | 89      | (b)     |
| Apples              | bushels | 3,664   | 2,768   | 3,358   | 575     | 3,446   |

(a) Mainly grass and clover. (b) Not yet available.

TABLE 4. - YIELD PER ACRE OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T.

| Crop                |         | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | 1967-68 | 1968-69 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Cereals for Grain - |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Wheat               | bushels | 27.6    | 20.8    | 32.5    | 17.8    | 20.1    |
| Oats                | "       | 21.6    | 25.6    | 26.2    | 20.3    | 22.4    |
| Hay -               |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Wheaten             | tons    | 2.50    | 2.00    | 1.95    | 0.79    | 0.94    |
| Oaten               | "       | 2.09    | 1.36    | 2.17    | 0.95    | 1.36    |
| Lucerne             | "       | 2.14    | 1.37    | 2.77    | 1.47    | 2.11    |
| Other (a)           | "       | 1.78    | 1.14    | 1.40    | 0.92    | 1.14    |
| <u>Total Hay</u>    | "       | 1.99    | 1.29    | 2.14    | 1.19    | 1.60    |
| Potatoes            | tons    | 6.56    | 5.93    | 8.57    | 4.05    | (b)     |
| Apples              | bushels | 85      | 89      | 129     | 22      | 144     |

(a) Mainly grass and clover. (b) Not yet available.

TABLE 5. - AREA UNDER SOWN PASTURE AND IMPROVED NATIVE PASTURE IN THE A.C.T.

(Acres)

|                                                   | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | 1967-68 | 1968-69 |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Grassés & Clovers cut for hay                     | 1,504   | 1,169   | 1,407   | 169     | 921     |
| Grasses cut for seed                              | 404     | ..      | 503     | 60      | ..      |
| Grasses & Clovers for silage<br>or for grazing    | 90,303  | 84,556  | 85,652  | 87,037  | 87,075  |
| <u>TOTAL AREA OF SOWN<br/>GRASSES AND CLOVERS</u> | 92,211  | 85,725  | 87,562  | 87,266  | 87,996  |
| Area under Improved Native<br>Pasture             | 39,585  | 35,298  | 35,618  | 39,519  | 36,178  |

## III. PASTORAL AND DAIRYING

TABLE 6. - NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK IN THE A.C.T., BY DISTRICTS, AT 31 MARCH 1969

| District (a)                 | Sheep and<br>Lambs | Cattle and<br>Calves | Horses | Pigs |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------|------|
| Broth and Mt Clear           | 18,653             | 1,155                | 44     | (b)  |
| Canberra City                | 50,771             | 3,301                | 210    |      |
| Coree and Stromlo            | 31,103             | 2,091                | 78     |      |
| Gungahlin and Kowen          | 33,731             | 662                  | 86     |      |
| Hall                         | 16,400             | 395                  | 27     |      |
| Lanyon                       | 33,032             | 1,417                | 76     |      |
| Paddy's River                | 32,891             | 3,547                | 85     |      |
| Tennent and Rendezvous Creek | 10,416             | 569                  | 28     |      |
| Woden                        | 18,887             | 708                  | 71     |      |
| <u>TOTAL</u>                 | 245,884            | 13,845               | 705    | (b)  |

(a) Boundaries as defined at 31 March 1969 (b) Not available for publication.

TABLE 7. - NUMBER OF CATTLE ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

| Description                                                                                        | Number at 31 March - |        |        |        |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                                                                                    | 1965                 | 1966   | 1967   | 1968   | 1969   |
| Bulls (1 year and over) used or intended for service -                                             |                      |        |        |        |        |
| Dairy Breeds                                                                                       | 27                   | 32     | 31     | 29     | 32     |
| Beef Breeds                                                                                        | 252                  | 267    | 235    | 271    | 293    |
| <u>Total</u>                                                                                       | 279                  | 299    | 266    | 300    | 325    |
| Cows and Heifers used or intended for production of milk or cream for sale -                       |                      |        |        |        |        |
| Cows in milk and dry                                                                               | 1,540                | 1,487  | 1,551  | 1,479  | 1,471  |
| Heifers (1 year and over)                                                                          | 134                  | 190    | 170    | 75     | 196    |
| Heifer Calves (under 1 year)                                                                       | 245                  | 231    | 174    | 229    | 201    |
| <u>Total</u>                                                                                       | 1,919                | 1,908  | 1,895  | 1,783  | 1,868  |
| House Cows (in milk or dry) and Heifers (1 year and over) being kept primarily for own milk supply | 462                  | 428    | 437    | 401    | 340    |
| Other Cattle and Calves not included above (i.e. mainly for meat production) -                     |                      |        |        |        |        |
| Cows and Heifers (1 year and over)                                                                 | 6,336                | 5,680  | 6,172  | 6,030  | 6,761  |
| Calves (under 1 year) including vealers and calves intended for service                            | 3,694                | 3,596  | 3,829  | 3,193  | 3,500  |
| Other (1 year and over) i.e. steers, bullocks, speyed cows, etc.                                   | 1,359                | 1,450  | 1,303  | 841    | 1,051  |
| <u>Total</u>                                                                                       | 11,389               | 10,726 | 11,304 | 10,064 | 11,312 |
| <u>TOTAL CATTLE AND CALVES FOR ALL PURPOSES</u>                                                    | 14,049               | 13,361 | 13,902 | 12,548 | 13,845 |

TABLE 8. - NUMBER OF SHEEP AND LAMBS ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

|                                            | Number at 31 March - |         |         |         |         |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                            | 1965                 | 1966    | 1967    | 1968    | 1969    |
| Rams (1 year and over)                     | 2,287                | 2,200   | 2,722   | 2,285   | 2,492   |
| Breeding Ewes (including intended matings) | 99,230               | 97,572  | 107,136 | 92,768  | 102,664 |
| Other Ewes (1 year and over)               | 28,804               | 21,623  | 18,572  | 27,761  | 20,427  |
| Wethers (1 year and over)                  | 111,245              | 100,914 | 98,401  | 92,779  | 88,430  |
| Lambs and Hoggets (under 1 year)           | 48,260               | 35,870  | 53,778  | 51,485  | 31,871  |
| <u>TOTAL</u>                               | 289,826              | 258,179 | 280,609 | 267,078 | 245,884 |

TABLE 9. - BREEDS OF SHEEP ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

| Breed                                 | Number at 31 March - |         |         |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                       | 1965                 | 1966    | 1967    | 1968    | 1969    |
| Merino                                | 245,229              | 207,394 | } (a) { | 209,199 | 196,641 |
| Corriedale                            | 7,993                | 5,954   |         | 7,189   | 6,487   |
| Other Recognised Breeds (b)           | 5,334                | 6,091   |         | 6,360   | 5,760   |
| Merino Comeback (finer than Halfbred) | 3,946                | 5,361   |         | 5,380   | 6,711   |
| Crossbred (Halfbred and coarser)      | 27,324               | 33,379  |         | 38,950  | 30,285  |
| <u>TOTAL</u>                          | 289,826              | 258,179 | 280,609 | 267,078 | 245,884 |

(a) Not collected. (b) Principally Romney Marsh, Border Leicester and Dorset Horn.

TABLE 10. - LAMBING IN THE A.C.T.

|                                          | Season- |        |        |         |        |
|------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
|                                          | 1964    | 1965   | 1966   | 1967    | 1968   |
| Number of Breeding Ewes at 31 March      | 97,439  | 99,230 | 97,572 | 107,136 | 92,768 |
| Ewes Mated                               | 86,958  | 80,933 | 91,878 | 95,208  | 71,430 |
| Lambs Marked                             | 66,005  | 45,869 | 73,494 | 70,189  | 51,996 |
| Lambs Marked as Percentage of Ewes Mated | 75.9    | 56.7   | 80.0   | 73.7    | 72.8   |

TABLE 11. - WOOL PRODUCTION IN THE A.C.T.

|                       | Sheep<br>Shorn | Lambs<br>Shorn | Sheep's<br>Wool<br>(includ-<br>ing<br>crutch-<br>ings) | Lambs<br>Wool | Dead<br>and<br>Skin<br>Wool | Total<br>Wool<br>Pro-<br>duction |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                       | -'000 -        |                | -'000 lb -                                             |               |                             |                                  |
| 1964-65               | 261            | 43             | 2,368                                                  | 83            | 24                          | 2,475                            |
| 1965-66               | 244            | 28             | 1,792                                                  | 50            | 31                          | 1,873                            |
| 1966-67               | 241            | 39             | 2,364                                                  | 64            | 27                          | 2,454                            |
| 1967-68               | 248            | 37             | 2,151                                                  | 61            | 26                          | 2,238                            |
| 1968-69 -             |                |                |                                                        |               |                             |                                  |
| Booth and Mt Clear    | 19             | ..             | 142                                                    | 1             | 1                           | 144                              |
| Canberra City         | 49             | 6              | 466                                                    | 8             | 5                           | 478                              |
| Coree and Stromlo     | 31             | 2              | 234                                                    | 2             | 2                           | 238                              |
| Gungahlin and Kowen   | 32             | 2              | 275                                                    | 5             | 3                           | 283                              |
| Hall                  | 15             | 2              | 120                                                    | 5             | 2                           | 127                              |
| Lanyon                | 33             | 3              | 295                                                    | 7             | 1                           | 304                              |
| Paddy's River         | 32             | 3              | 289                                                    | 3             | 1                           | 294                              |
| Tennent and           |                |                |                                                        |               |                             |                                  |
| Rendezvous Creek      | 10             | ..             | 60                                                     | 1             | 1                           | 62                               |
| Woden                 | 16             | 3              | 123                                                    | 4             | ..                          | 128                              |
| <u>TOTAL, 1968-69</u> | 235            | 21             | 2,006                                                  | 35            | 18                          | 2,059                            |

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in the above table are due to rounding.

TABLE 12. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED IN THE A.C.T.

|                                  |        | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | 1967-68 | 1968-69 |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Livestock Slaughtered -          |        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Cattle and Calves                | number | 12,845  | 11,018  | 9,581   | 9,632   | 10,177  |
| Sheep and Lambs                  | "      | 110,735 | 92,164  | 92,761  | 103,216 | 130,467 |
| Pigs                             | "      | 4,640   | 9,307   | 8,647   | 8,563   | 10,140  |
| Meat Produced (Carcass Weight) - |        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Beef and Veal                    | tons   | 2,179   | 1,795   | 1,711   | 1,692   | 1,891   |
| Mutton and Lamb                  | "      | 1,856   | 1,517   | 1,621   | 1,795   | 2,251   |
| Pigmeat                          | "      | 218     | 428     | 386     | 385     | 460     |
| <u>TOTAL MEAT</u>                | "      | 4,253   | 3,740   | 3,718   | 3,872   | 4,602   |

TABLE 13. - PRODUCTION OF MILK AND AVERAGE YIELD PER DAIRY COW IN THE A.C.T.

|                                                     | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | 1967-68 | 1968-69 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Production of Milk for all purposes ('000 gal)      | 1,094   | 1,026   | 1,070   | 900     | 898     |
| Average Annual Yield per Cow (in milk or dry) (gal) | 547     | 524     | 548     | 465     | 486     |

## IV. MISCELLANEOUS

TABLE 14. - ARTIFICIAL FERTILISERS USED IN THE A.C.T.

|  | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | 1967-68 | 1968-69 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|

AREA FERTILISED

(Acres)

|                |        |        |        |        |        |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Wheat          | 1,834  | 1,450  | 2,697  | 2,474  | 4,396  |
| Other Cereals  | 1,797  | 2,188  | 2,108  | 2,007  | 2,594  |
| Vegetables     | 114    | 121    | 112    | 125    | 109    |
| Fruit          | 13     | 8      | 15     | 6      | 4      |
| Other Crops    | 847    | 2,285  | 1,275  | 1,117  | 657    |
| Sown Pasture   | 66,293 | 49,189 | 44,051 | 30,685 | 23,634 |
| Native Pasture | 25,108 | 12,672 | 15,827 | 13,369 | 9,966  |

SUPERPHOSPHATE USED (a)

(Tons)

|                |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Wheat          | 87    | 79    | 122   | 127   | 213   |
| Other Cereals  | 97    | 131   | 122   | 96    | 150   |
| Vegetables     | 29    | 26    | 32    | 35    | 32    |
| Fruit          | 1     | ..    | 1     | ..    | ..    |
| Other Crops    | 66    | 143   | 108   | 68    | 47    |
| Sown Pasture   | 3,454 | 2,549 | 1,798 | 1,557 | 1,221 |
| Native Pasture | 1,382 | 787   | 958   | 699   | 471   |

(a) In addition, the following quantities of other artificial fertilisers were used: 1964-65, 109 tons; 1965-66, 62 tons; 1966-67, 252 tons; 1967-68, 113 tons; 1968-69, 59 tons.

TABLE 15. - FARM MACHINERY ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

| Type of Machinery                                       | at 31 March - |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|
|                                                         | 1965          | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 |
| Grain Drills - Combine Type                             | 65            | 66   | 65   | 64   | 62   |
| Other Types                                             | 35            | 37   | 35   | 30   | 33   |
| Grain and Seed Harvesters (incl. Headers and Strippers) | 28            | 28   | 31   | 33   | 38   |
| Pick-up Balers                                          | 49            | 47   | 51   | 51   | 49   |
| Fertiliser Distributors and Broadcasters (Spreaders)    | 114           | 94   | 99   | 105  | 106  |
| Shearing Machines (No. of Stands)                       | 305           | 292  | 298  | 297  | 291  |
| Milking Machines (No. of Units)                         | 93            | 94   | 94   | 91   | 97   |
| Tractors - Wheeled                                      | 202           | 194  | 200  | 203  | 208  |
| Crawler                                                 | 5             | 6    | 7    | 8    | 10   |

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