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The information included in this bulletin is restricted to preliminary estimates of livestock slaughtering, meat production, exports of fresh, frozen and processed meat and stocks of frozen meat. Revised statistics on livestock slaughtered and meat produced for the month of May will be published in the bulletin *Meat Statistics, Australia* (7205.0), expected to be released in September.

The statistics on slaughtering and meat production 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.

Care should be taken when using this information as the figures only relate to slaughtering for human consumption and do not include animals condemned or those killed for boiling down. Also, definitions of livestock categories may differ between States and within States, particularly with regard to calves.

Details of seasonally adjusted figures for the components of total meat production are published in Table 2. The seasonally adjusted figures shown have

been calculated using revised factors and are not comparable with series published prior to March 1978. Information on the methods used in seasonally adjusting these series is contained in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1977* (1308.0).

### Related Publications

More detailed information on slaughtering, production, exports, prices, values etc. is provided in the following publications:

*Meat Statistics* (7205.0) quarterly  
*Meat Statistics* (7206.0) annually

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

### Symbols and other usages

p - preliminary, subject to revision

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

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED  
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|                            |            | Australia (a) |         |         |         |         |       | % change<br>1977-78 on<br>1976-77 |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------|
|                            |            | N.S.W.        | Vic.    | Qld     | S.A.    | W.A.    | Tas.  |                                   |
| Cattle -                   |            |               |         |         |         |         |       |                                   |
| Bulls, bullocks and steers | May 1978 p | 137.9         | 107.9   | 154.4   | 23.3    | 42.0    | 13.7  | 963.9 } 7.5                       |
| Cows and heifers           | May 1978 p | 189.3         | 86.6    | 123.5   | 27.0    | 26.2    | 15.7  |                                   |
| Total Cattle               | May 1978 p | 327.2         | 194.5   | 277.9   | 50.3    | 68.3    | 29.4  |                                   |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977   |            | 2,685.6       | 2,171.9 | 2,075.4 | 524.6   | 776.3   | 251.9 |                                   |
| - 1978 p                   |            | 2,990.6       | 2,218.4 | 2,302.4 | 593.6   | 720.7   | 268.5 | 9,230.7 }                         |
| Calves -                   |            |               |         |         |         |         |       |                                   |
| May 1978 p                 |            | 44.6          | 63.3    | 57.4    | 9.6     | 5.0     | 2.2   | 183.1 }                           |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977   |            | 460.6         | 1,100.1 | 467.6   | 70.6    | 65.7    | 69.7  | 2,245.4 }                         |
| - 1978 p                   |            | 506.8         | 1,032.7 | 506.6   | 90.4    | 61.1    | 65.8  | 2,274.5 }                         |
| Sheep -                    |            |               |         |         |         |         |       |                                   |
| May 1978 p                 |            | 394.4         | 223.1   | 95.4    | 82.9    | 148.7   | 36.8  | 981.9 }                           |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977   |            | 3,770.0       | 4,739.8 | 792.7   | 1,875.0 | 3,905.2 | 436.2 | 15,521.1 }                        |
| - 1978 p                   |            | 3,808.4       | 4,160.1 | 784.6   | 1,708.5 | 2,491.6 | 374.3 | 13,330.5 }                        |
| Lambs -                    |            |               |         |         |         |         |       |                                   |
| May 1978 p                 |            | 477.7         | 370.8   | 65.2    | 111.3   | 77.8    | 46.9  | 1,163.6 }                         |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977   |            | 4,663.2       | 5,135.2 | 586.6   | 1,381.3 | 1,778.6 | 475.5 | 14,164.8 }                        |
| - 1978 p                   |            | 4,779.2       | 5,277.8 | 601.2   | 1,424.3 | 1,431.5 | 609.3 | 14,265.2 }                        |
| Pigs -                     |            |               |         |         |         |         |       |                                   |
| May 1978 p                 |            | 99.7          | 89.2    | 69.7    | 35.3    | 28.6    | 8.4   | 333.7 }                           |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977   |            | 924.8         | 844.9   | 639.4   | 313.1   | 315.6   | 91.0  | 3,156.1 }                         |
| - 1978 p                   |            | 996.5         | 914.2   | 680.3   | 339.7   | 294.0   | 85.0  | 3,340.6 }                         |

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 2. MEAT PRODUCED (a)  
(Tonnes carcass weight)

|                          | N.S.W.  | Vic.    | Qld     | S.A.    | W.A.    | Tas.   | Australia (b) |                         |                             |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                          |         |         |         |         |         |        | Original      | Seasonally adjusted (c) | % change 1977-78 on 1976-77 |
| Beef -                   |         |         |         |         |         |        |               |                         |                             |
| May 1978 p               | 61,838  | 37,945  | 61,184  | 9,216   | 13,055  | 5,816  | 192,367       | 170,200                 |                             |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977 | 517,666 | 426,597 | 452,517 | 96,479  | 143,489 | 49,287 | 1,704,465     |                         | 8.7                         |
| - 1978 p                 | 575,420 | 446,342 | 504,375 | 110,191 | 133,729 | 54,567 | 1,852,333     |                         |                             |
| Veal -                   |         |         |         |         |         |        |               |                         |                             |
| May 1978 p               | 2,113   | 2,289   | 3,277   | 445     | 257     | 75     | 8,497         | 8,500                   |                             |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977 | 19,243  | 33,968  | 24,437  | 3,010   | 3,776   | 1,535  | 86,426        |                         | 6.3                         |
| - 1978 p                 | 23,083  | 33,256  | 25,543  | 4,551   | 3,442   | 1,489  | 91,828        |                         |                             |
| Mutton -                 |         |         |         |         |         |        |               |                         |                             |
| May 1978 p               | 7,239   | 4,239   | 1,668   | 1,514   | 2,574   | 668    | 17,910        | 18,600                  |                             |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977 | 72,202  | 91,610  | 14,510  | 35,290  | 67,229  | 7,910  | 288,791       |                         | -12.2                       |
| - 1978 p                 | 73,578  | 82,542  | 14,287  | 32,484  | 43,754  | 6,792  | 253,488       |                         |                             |
| Lamb -                   |         |         |         |         |         |        |               |                         |                             |
| May 1978 p               | 8,140   | 6,361   | 1,068   | 1,732   | 1,053   | 756    | 19,338        | 20,500                  |                             |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977 | 78,568  | 85,231  | 9,502   | 21,273  | 23,525  | 7,424  | 227,851       |                         | 3.2                         |
| - 1978 p                 | 82,185  | 89,121  | 9,975   | 22,552  | 19,691  | 9,178  | 235,044       |                         |                             |
| Pigmeat -                |         |         |         |         |         |        |               |                         |                             |
| May 1978 p               | 5,113   | 4,857   | 4,047   | 2,091   | 1,666   | 461    | 18,280        | 17,300                  |                             |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977 | 45,043  | 45,517  | 35,792  | 17,688  | 18,076  | 4,545  | 167,748       |                         | 7.2                         |
| - 1978 p                 | 49,821  | 50,046  | 38,558  | 19,194  | 16,530  | 4,308  | 179,776       |                         |                             |
| Total Meat -             |         |         |         |         |         |        |               |                         |                             |
| May 1978 p               | 84,443  | 55,691  | 71,244  | 14,998  | 18,605  | 7,776  | 256,392       | 235,100                 |                             |
| 11 mths ended May - 1977 | 732,722 | 682,923 | 536,758 | 173,740 | 256,095 | 70,671 | 2,475,281     |                         | 5.5                         |
| - 1978 p                 | 804,087 | 701,307 | 592,738 | 188,972 | 217,146 | 76,334 | 2,612,469     |                         |                             |

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) See text on page 1.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT (a)  
(Tonnes)

|                | Fresh, chilled or frozen |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |      |                   |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|------|-------------------|
|                | Beef (b)                 |          | Veal (b) |          | Mutton (b) |          | Lamb (b) |          | Pork | Bacon and ham (c) |
|                | Bone-in                  | Bone-out | Bone-in  | Bone-out | Bone-in    | Bone-out | Bone-in  | Bone-out |      | Canned meat (d)   |
| Month of March |                          |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |      |                   |
| 1977           | 875                      | 55,760   | 261      | 914      | 9,499      | 5,902    | 3,553    | 343      | 148  | 37                |
| 1978 p         | 318                      | 54,251   | 466      | 879      | 7,749      | 6,899    | 2,940    | 173      | 80   | 32                |

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Factors can be applied to beef, veal, mutton and lamb bone-out figures to derive bone-in carcass weight which, when added to bone-in figures, shows total exports in carcass weight. The factor for beef and veal is 1.5 and that for mutton and lamb 2.0 (Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation). (c) Cured carcass weight of smoked or cooked bacon and ham. Includes stated net weight of packs of canned bacon and ham. (d) Canned weight. Excludes canned bacon and ham.

TABLE 4. STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT (a)(b)  
(Tonnes)

| Stocks at     | Beef and veal | Mutton | Lamb  | Pork  | Total   |
|---------------|---------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| 30 April 1977 | 85,761        | 21,885 | 5,081 | 2,742 | 115,469 |
| 29 April 1978 | 97,633        | 19,188 | 4,732 | 3,511 | 125,064 |

(a) Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation. (b) 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.