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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS, OCTOBER 1969

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, and the many very small producers, including producers in the Northern Territory, 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 December 1968, 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 for the years 1965-66 to 1968-69 are contained in Table 8.

Symbols used in this bulletin

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.
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NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

I. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

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

('000 lb)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (c)	Australia
Year - 1965-66	68,730	34,370	27,305	7,496	12,234	1,867	152,002
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	40,818	12,269	22,653	3,507	240,711
1968-69 - September	9,440	3,963	3,429	794	1,709	257	19,592
October	10,716	3,718	3,583	1,015	1,947	377	21,357
November	10,157	4,091	4,118	942	1,581	364	21,252
December	9,361	4,343	3,578	1,012	1,888	301	20,483
January	9,683	3,993	3,241	887	1,795	309	19,908
February	9,405	3,619	3,125	938	2,014	245	19,346
March	10,002	3,735	3,195	1,028	1,886	276	20,121
April	8,417	4,021	2,884	1,180	1,922	268	18,692
May	9,677	3,736	3,626	1,149	2,172	313	20,674
June	9,138	3,958	3,517	1,146	1,989	263	20,011
1969-70 - July	10,670	4,598	3,663	1,313	2,280	286	22,810
August	10,456	3,780	4,046	1,141	1,858	266	21,546
September	9,858	3,704	3,622	1,026	1,931	270	20,410
October	12,266	4,459	4,639	1,168	2,079	329	24,940

(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) Includes, prior to 1968-69, dressed weight of geese slaughtered.

TABLE 2. - CRICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	23,553	12,039	9,272	2,716	4,426	545	52,551
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
1968-69 - September	2,825	1,156	1,067	267	596	74	5,984
October	3,172	1,080	1,104	344	677	86	6,463
November	2,977	1,174	1,289	321	550	101	6,412
December	2,805	1,262	1,104	379	657	74	6,280
January	2,951	1,224	1,013	351	665	88	6,292
February	2,909	1,117	975	358	724	74	6,158
March	2,991	1,145	957	404	680	77	6,254
April	2,620	1,235	892	447	706	84	5,984
May	2,913	1,161	1,131	399	779	90	6,473
June	2,771	1,164	1,091	414	722	83	6,245
1969-70 - July	3,111	1,383	1,121	461	822	71	6,969
August	3,149	1,079	1,192	373	648	79	6,521
September	2,882	1,089	1,091	371	709	83	6,225
October	3,637	1,329	1,373	424	746	89	7,599

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)
('000 lb)

			(c)				
Year - 1965-66	56,894	28,995	23,365	6,447	10,540	1,310	127,551
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
1968-69 - September	7,925	3,442	3,000	656	1,591	206	16,819
October	8,984	3,081	3,106	884	1,702	257	18,014
November	8,245	3,355	3,626	802	1,361	301	17,689
December	7,814	3,643	3,104	888	1,669	214	17,333
January	8,338	3,507	2,850	839	1,608	262	17,403
February	8,083	3,147	2,743	839	1,924	208	16,944
March	8,354	3,178	2,693	915	1,715	209	17,064
April	7,183	3,504	2,508	1,094	1,788	239	16,316
May	8,136	3,196	3,182	1,016	1,962	279	17,771
June	7,605	3,386	3,067	1,024	1,876	230	17,189
1969-70 - July	8,757	3,902	3,153	1,179	2,116	234	19,341
August	8,923	3,014	3,579	959	1,618	215	18,307
September	8,137	2,989	3,190	892	1,782	215	17,205
October	10,013	3,643	4,177	1,065	1,845	240	20,982

(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-1965-66	2,068	1,013	860	197	346	117	4,601
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
1968-69 - September	228	99	93	30	26	10	486
October	247	111	101	31	37	29	556
November	250	104	91	29	36	15	524
December	197	114	98	25	38	13	485
January	243	117	86	12	49	10	517
February	247	106	83	21	21	9	487
March	250	109	102	19	37	10	526
April	182	122	75	21	33	6	440
May	216	139	99	30	45	9	537
June	221	126	97	22	27	8	500
1969-70p- July	253	142	107	26	33	4	565
August	196	131	91	21	49	13	502
September	217	116	88	32	34	13	499
October	295	113	98	21	35	9	571
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) ('000 lb)							
Year - 1965-66	6,873	3,376	3,363	653	1,227	418	15,910
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	525	19,671
1968-69	9,951	4,667	4,317	987	1,508	447	21,877
1968-69 - September	867	359	363	106	98	34	1,327
October	879	430	394	118	135	92	2,048
November	906	377	355	103	145	49	1,936
December	740	412	384	85	140	41	1,802
January	863	403	336	41	180	37	1,861
February	880	372	324	71	68	28	1,742
March	965	394	401	65	130	37	1,992
April	632	419	296	64	108	22	1,541
May	772	432	386	108	186	31	1,914
June	774	445	382	73	91	29	1,793
1969-70p- July	958	473	419	87	139	14	2,091
August	704	491	356	74	216	46	1,887
September	854	420	343	119	120	47	1,904
October	1,036	391	382	69	119	33	2,029

(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-1965-66	327	326	73	52	42	21	841
1966-67	306	253	73	59	49	35	775
1967-68	335	248	78	35	45	49	790
1968-69	535	272	114	35	(b)	(b)	1,010
1968-69 - September	42	18	8	1	(b)	(b)	70
October	44	25	10	2			83
November	48	44	10	4			112
December	58	47	12	4			129
January	56	21	10	2			94
February	38	(b)	11	4			77
March	54	(b)	11	4			98
April	46	22	8	4			86
May	45	19	10	3			80
June	40	13	7	3			67
1969-70p- July	45	15	8	3	(b)	(b)	74
August	45	14	8	2			72
September	52	14	6	1			77
October	54	25	4	1			86

DRESSED WEIGHT (c)
('000 lb)

			(d)				
Year - 1965-66	1,218	1,329	329	209	195	139	3,419
1966-67	1,140	897	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	(b)	(b)	3,849
1968-69 - September	154	69	35	4	(b)	(b)	267
October	157	90	45	7			307
November	169	161	46	15			414
December	200	175	56	16			483
January	198	75	47	7			344
February	131	(b)	49	14			286
March	197	(b)	47	16			374
April	174	83	38	14			335
May	173	69	44	10			319
June	151	52	34	13			269
1969-70p- July	165	57	36	11	(b)	(b)	290
August	162	53	34	7			269
September	190	53	25	4			287
October	191	86	15	3			306

(a) Includes, prior to 1968-69, 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 - 1965-66	340	67	28	20	26	(b)	401
1966-67	441	166	31	28	28	(b)	694
1967-68	483	95	31	15	36	(b)	660
1968-69	683	114	52	21	(c)	(c)	916
1968-69 - September	56	10	4	2	)	(	75
October	82	13	5	1			114
November	97	21	11	3			139
December	81	13	4	3			112
January	36	1	1	..	(c)	(c)	38
February	32	(c)	1	2			40
March	51	(c)	7	3			73
April	40	1	5	1			48
May	58	3	2	2	)	(	65
June	55	7	4	4			70
1969-70p- July	65	18	7	3	)	(c)	97
August	64	24	10	10			109
September	67	27	8	1			105
October	110	32	8	4			170
DRESSED WEIGHT (d) ('000 lb)							
Year - 1965-66	3,745	670	(e) 248	187	272	(b)	5,122
1966-67	4,636	1,618	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	(c)	(c)	8,335
1968-69 - September	495	94	31	27	)	(	679
October	696	118	39	6			988
November	837	198	90	21			1,213
December	606	113	34	23			865
January	283	8	9	..	(c)	(c)	301
February	309	(c)	10	14			373
March	486	(c)	54	32			691
April	429	15	42	8			499
May	596	40	15	15	)	(	669
June	608	76	35	36			760
1969-70p- July	789	165	55	36	)	(c)	1,089
August	667	222	77	101			1,082
September	676	241	64	11			1,014
October	1,026	339	65	32			1,623

(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 - 1965-66	40,226	18,758	n.a.	5,089	(b)	953	(c)65,026
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	(b)	(b)	112,484
1968-69	51,667	20,120	18,381	6,546	(b)	(b)	109,832
1968-69 - September	4,523	1,691	1,521	510	(b)	(b)	9,245
October	4,069	1,841	1,422	569			9,066
November	4,076	1,603	2,029	476			9,291
December	4,305	1,639	1,482	633			9,101
January	4,137	1,665	1,388	533			8,927
February	3,799	1,606	1,375	532			8,423
March	4,317	1,581	1,480	592			9,188
April	4,387	1,869	1,360	651			9,308
May	4,414	1,632	1,474	548			9,178
June	4,598	1,677	1,636	524			9,512
1969-70p- July	4,889	1,822	1,731	633	(b)	(b)	10,220
August	4,693	1,629	1,754	558			9,674
September	4,748	1,863	1,528	629			9,833
October	4,824	1,951	1,432	732			10,185
EGG STRAINS							
Year - 1965-66	19,096	10,956	n.a.	4,464	3,362	1,067	(c)38,945
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
1968-69 - September	2,201	1,549	896	585	322	138	5,691
October	1,500	1,144	647	390	299	108	4,088
November	945	762	404	268	201	80	2,659
December	709	640	236	193	124	15	1,918
January	1,090	663	327	315	151	4	2,549
February	1,511	880	480	300	169	23	3,362
March	1,961	1,067	740	298	297	14	4,377
April	1,880	963	1,008	303	288	29	4,472
May	1,887	1,033	970	343	424	97	4,754
June	1,943	1,163	987	438	427	36	4,995
1969-70p- July	2,427	1,612	1,387	764	462	104	6,757
August	2,360	1,889	1,181	815	418	121	6,785
September	2,392	1,824	1,093	734	390	162	6,594
October	2,149	1,375	852	633	265	146	5,421

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch.

(b) Not available for publication.

(c) Incomplete; see individual States.

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 - 1965-66	26,136	13,705	n.a.	3,501	(b)	582	(c)43,924
1966-67	34,163	14,486	n.a.	4,383	(b)	833	(o)53,865
1967-68	37,629	15,806	13,456	5,218	(b)	(b)	80,874
1968-69	35,563	15,546	13,765	5,053	(b)	(b)	79,538
1968-69 - September	3,035	1,432	1,241	377	(b)	(b)	6,811
October	3,061	1,418	1,091	429			6,847
November	2,798	1,241	1,562	380			6,770
December	3,134	1,319	1,032	467			6,732
January	2,959	1,241	1,061	448			6,574
February	2,466	1,203	921	401			5,764
March	2,690	1,289	1,133	444			6,446
April	2,785	1,398	1,138	537			6,708
May	3,170	1,370	1,032	429			6,823
June	3,166	1,261	1,155	418			6,750
1969-70p- July	3,401	1,499	1,316	495	(b)	(b)	7,578
August	3,249	1,249	1,222	407			6,861
September	3,453	1,430	1,336	458			7,490
October	3,328	1,523	1,190	601			7,519

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

Year - 1965-66	3,109	2,135	n.a.	274	324	107	(c)5,949
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
1968-69 - September	163	112	69	18	9	4	376
October	134	76	55	31	9	3	308
November	85	67	15	20	4	1	193
December	52	68	8	15	2	1	147
January	67	45	12	10	(b)	(b)	135
February	61	50	21	13	(b)	(b)	146
March	97	60	26	11	3	2	199
April	118	63	32	15	6	..	233
May	78	55	36	12	5	..	185
June	81	68	35	8	7	..	199
1969-70p- July	69	79	77	12	6	..	244
August	103	95	49	18	4	18	287
September	120	122	49	16	7	2	316
October	103	72	46	18	6	3	246

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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 - 1965-66	5,934	3,710	n.a.	1,525	1,077	372	(c) 12,618
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
1968-69 - September	701	577	319	312	135	42	2,087
October	686	446	245	198	108	39	1,723
November	420	275	143	103	90	25	1,056
December	237	205	94	76	62	5	680
January	255	214	78	90	51	1	688
February	381	235	128	98	52	7	900
March	562	363	215	115	77	7	1,340
April	580	357	354	112	102	10	1,516
May	603	358	362	137	122	28	1,611
June	636	415	294	124	142	25	1,636
1969-70p- July	650	532	338	204	156	46	1,927
August	739	650	413	285	158	28	2,274
September	788	627	410	312	143	60	2,341
October	760	527	273	280	124	60	2,024

(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)

Year	Net change in stocks	Production		Imports	Exports (including ships' stores)	Apparent consumption in Australia	
		Commercial	Self suppliers (a)			Total	Per head
- '000 lb -							
1965-66	n.a.	152,002	5,750	912	815	157,848	13.7
1966-67	(+)8,917	195,159	5,855	932	1,413	191,616	16.4
1967-68	(+)9,108	226,482	5,963	428	2,103	221,661	18.6
1968-69	(b)	240,711	6,086	364	2,705	(b)	(b)

(a) Estimated. (b) Not yet available.

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