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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The information included in this publication is restricted to preliminary estimates of livestock slaughtering, meat production, exports of fresh, frozen and processed meat and stocks of frozen meat. Information on poultry slaughtering and poultry meat produced is not included in this publication, but may be found in the publication *Chicken Hatchings and Poultry Slaughtering, Australia* (7207.0). Revised statistics on livestock slaughtered and meat produced will be published in *Meat Statistics, Australia* (7205.0), expected to be released in January 1980.

2. 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.

3. 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.

Seasonal adjustment

4. 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 this issue. Information on the methods used in seasonally adjusting these series is contained in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0).

Related publications

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

Meat Statistics, Australia (7205.0)

Meat Statistics (7206.0)

Chicken Hatchings and Poultry Slaughtering, Australia (7207.0)

6. All current 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 - figure or series subject to revision
- n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
- .. not applicable

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)	% change 1979 on 1978
Cattle —								
Bulls, bullocks and steers —								
1978 — September	121.6	87.1	154.3	24.5	39.3	9.0	n.p.	..
October	130.1	105.9	142.1	27.4	46.0	10.5	n.p.	..
November	144.8	108.5	139.4	33.0	38.4	11.0	n.p.	..
5 mths ended Nov.	649.2	494.7	706.8	124.5	198.1	53.4	n.p.	..
1979 — September p	99.6	54.4	145.5	21.3	35.5	7.0	n.p.	n.p.
October p	114.3	68.1	144.9	22.4	36.1	7.4	n.p.	n.p.
November p	102.3	70.2	94.1	21.9	29.4	7.2	n.p.	n.p.
5 mths ended Nov. p	481.2	302.7	379.6	101.1	172.5	36.3	n.p.	n.p.
Cows and heifers —								
1978 — September	109.5	64.6	122.0	23.2	30.5	6.5	n.p.	..
October	126.6	83.0	114.1	28.3	27.4	7.7	n.p.	..
November	136.3	83.7	113.2	25.8	25.5	8.1	n.p.	..
5 mths ended Nov.	648.8	383.6	623.4	123.3	133.4	40.3	n.p.	..
1979 — September p	72.8	49.5	87.7	19.5	23.5	5.3	n.p.	n.p.
October p	86.3	62.7	94.9	19.7	27.1	6.1	n.p.	n.p.
November p	77.9	57.1	59.2	21.2	20.9	5.9	n.p.	n.p.
5 mths ended Nov. p	372.4	275.4	445.3	94.5	113.9	26.9	n.p.	n.p.
Total cattle —								
1978 — September	231.2	151.7	276.3	47.7	69.8	16.4	814.9	..
October	256.7	188.9	256.3	55.7	73.4	18.2	869.2	..
November	281.1	192.2	252.6	58.7	63.9	19.1	883.5	..
5 mths ended Nov.	1,298.0	878.3	1,330.2	247.8	331.6	93.7	4,275.1	..
1979 — September p	172.4	104.0	233.2	40.8	59.1	12.3	649.5	-20.3
October p	206.6	130.8	239.8	42.1	63.2	13.5	711.8	-18.1
November p	180.2	127.3	153.3	43.1	50.4	13.1	583.6	-33.9
5 mths ended Nov. p	853.6	578.1	1,124.9	195.6	286.4	63.2	3,214.8	-24.8
Calves —								
1978 — September	29.6	144.3	27.9	8.7	4.5	12.4	228.2	..
October	31.8	77.6	30.2	7.9	3.8	5.3	157.7	..
November	36.0	35.5	32.5	8.4	4.1	1.7	119.0	..
5 mths ended Nov.	170.6	685.3	176.5	47.7	23.4	49.5	1,157.1	..
1979 — September p	23.8	120.6	30.5	5.5	3.3	9.2	193.2	-15.3
October p	28.0	65.2	31.6	4.5	3.0	4.0	136.6	-13.4
November p	26.3	23.3	25.2	4.9	2.3	0.9	83.3	-30.0
5 mths ended Nov. p	126.1	605.4	144.6	27.6	14.1	33.2	952.7	-17.7
Sheep —								
1978 — September	223.2	252.0	60.5	67.9	184.3	17.3	805.3	..
October	303.9	463.6	71.4	70.1	208.6	25.8	1,143.4	..
November	362.7	471.3	74.8	105.3	257.9	27.3	1,299.5	..
5 mths ended Nov.	1,293.6	1,451.2	325.5	381.5	916.3	104.3	4,473.1	..
1979 — September p	256.7	322.0	76.6	114.0	252.7	13.6	1,036.2	28.7
October p	330.1	553.3	52.9	119.4	300.4	12.4	1,369.2	19.7
November p	356.7	518.4	50.5	170.0	423.8	16.1	1,535.7	18.2
5 mths ended Nov. p	1,470.0	1,872.0	338.7	648.9	1,299.0	70.2	5,701.3	27.5
Lambs —								
1978 — September	502.4	488.4	47.7	206.2	309.2	35.4	1,603.3	..
October	512.2	661.1	42.1	254.9	378.4	38.3	1,903.2	..
November	532.3	587.0	50.5	174.6	158.5	42.4	1,560.2	..
5 mths ended Nov.	2,487.4	2,549.0	248.0	852.4	1,059.6	182.0	7,452.0	..
1979 — September p	508.5	594.3	38.9	270.1	354.7	38.1	1,825.1	13.8
October p	567.7	608.8	40.3	255.8	404.6	34.4	1,933.6	1.6
November p	484.0	542.1	37.1	172.6	162.8	44.7	1,462.7	-6.2
5 mths ended Nov. p	2,605.8	2,898.0	207.7	1,126.4	1,221.8	191.9	8,343.0	12.0
Pigs —								
1978 — September	89.3	77.3	57.6	32.3	24.8	7.8	291.4	..
October	90.7	85.0	58.8	35.2	25.3	7.3	304.6	..
November	100.7	87.3	67.0	38.3	28.4	8.4	332.5	..
5 mths ended Nov.	465.9	430.3	311.0	176.2	133.8	38.2	1,567.0	..
1979 — September p	82.6	70.0	64.8	38.5	32.3	7.6	298.1	2.3
October p	101.6	83.7	68.9	34.2	33.2	7.3	331.1	8.7
November p	92.8	88.2	69.4	42.4	31.4	7.0	332.6	0.0
5 mths ended Nov. p	454.0	410.0	336.3	193.7	158.7	34.9	1,597.5	1.9

(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.	Australic (b)		
								Original	Seasonally adjusted	% change 1979 on 1978
Beef —										
1978 —	September	46,273	29,664	61,005	9,571	13,278	3,221	167,129	165,257	..
	October	51,506	38,488	56,163	11,065	14,501	3,670	179,074	171,853	..
	November	56,112	39,074	55,155	11,473	12,191	4,041	180,874	180,044	..
	5 mths ended Nov.	256,175	175,936	290,784	48,957	63,356	18,979	871,374	..	..
1979 —	September p	35,889	21,418	52,928	8,398	11,595	2,476	137,606	140,170	-17.7
	October p	42,991	27,608	52,741	9,018	12,709	2,862	150,760	139,492	-15.8
	November p	37,860	27,085	32,824	9,059	10,100	2,750	123,137	123,227	-31.9
	5 mths ended Nov. p	176,975	120,486	250,788	40,756	56,261	12,965	677,935	..	-22.2
Veal —										
1978 —	September	1,364	3,450	1,296	350	262	222	6,973	5,880	..
	October	1,545	2,448	1,495	381	229	121	6,254	6,348	..
	November	1,726	1,602	1,664	451	238	54	5,767	6,282	..
	5 mths ended Nov.	7,928	17,244	8,863	2,064	1,323	932	38,512	..	..
1979 —	September p	1,100	2,444	1,541	252	185	171	5,714	4,971	-18.1
	October p	1,336	1,581	1,510	199	181	79	4,904	4,668	-21.6
	November p	1,248	815	1,184	230	146	24	3,669	4,134	-36.4
	5 mths ended Nov. p	6,080	12,637	7,165	1,241	806	632	28,665	..	-25.6
Mutton —										
1978 —	September	4,385	5,265	1,178	1,430	3,461	338	16,060	18,368	..
	October	6,373	10,311	1,403	1,521	4,110	516	24,236	22,852	..
	November	7,543	10,090	1,482	2,281	4,958	583	26,940	22,128	..
	5 mths ended Nov.	26,012	30,900	6,289	8,155	17,230	2,075	90,672	..	..
1979 —	September p	5,256	6,814	1,423	2,379	4,583	263	20,729	24,633	29.1
	October p	6,883	11,928	996	2,537	5,699	249	28,301	25,624	116.8
	November p	7,247	11,058	944	3,672	8,059	318	31,303	25,694	16.2
	5 mths ended Nov. p	29,790	39,821	6,294	13,780	23,997	1,367	115,093	..	26.9
Lamb —										
1978 —	September	8,970	8,581	821	3,464	4,426	544	27,038	24,358	..
	October	9,200	11,894	719	4,407	5,502	588	32,575	25,556	..
	November	9,426	10,519	863	3,097	2,288	669	27,111	22,366	..
	5 mths ended Nov.	43,574	44,878	4,212	14,522	15,221	2,855	126,482	..	..
1979 —	September p	8,827	9,920	646	4,351	5,006	564	29,626	27,394	9.6
	October p	9,863	10,433	676	4,345	5,817	527	31,992	24,041	-1.8
	November p	8,404	9,362	596	2,934	2,400	690	24,717	20,769	-8.8
	5 mths ended Nov. p	45,370	48,979	3,474	18,347	17,252	2,911	137,821	..	9.0
Pigmeat —										
1978 —	September	4,639	4,251	3,427	1,965	1,412	408	16,206	16,312	..
	October	4,740	4,757	3,589	2,137	1,409	390	17,126	16,688	..
	November	5,158	4,814	4,004	2,287	1,583	453	18,405	16,861	..
	5 mths ended Nov.	23,891	23,793	18,430	10,550	7,524	2,035	86,756	..	..
1979 —	September p	4,371	3,971	4,062	2,381	1,866	413	17,174	17,772	6.0
	October p	5,395	4,691	4,307	2,149	1,866	408	18,927	17,534	10.5
	November p	4,711	4,955	4,229	2,639	1,748	396	18,745	17,618	1.8
	5 mths ended Nov. p	23,783	23,167	21,165	12,076	8,972	1,916	91,546	..	5.5
Total meat —										
1978 —	September	65,631	51,211	67,727	16,780	22,839	4,733	233,406	230,175	..
	October	73,364	67,898	63,369	19,511	25,751	5,285	259,265	243,297	..
	November	79,665	66,099	63,168	19,589	21,258	5,800	259,097	247,681	..
	5 mths ended Nov.	357,580	292,751	328,578	84,248	104,654	26,876	1,213,796	..	..
1979 —	September p	55,443	44,567	60,600	17,761	23,235	3,887	210,849	214,940	-9.7
	October p	66,468	56,241	60,230	18,248	26,272	4,125	234,884	211,359	-9.4
	November p	59,470	53,275	39,777	18,534	22,453	4,178	201,571	191,442	-22.2
	5 mths ended Nov. p	281,998	245,090	288,886	86,200	107,288	19,791	1,051,060	..	-13.4

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

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

	Fresh, chilled or frozen										Pork	Bacon and ham (c)	Canned meat (d)
	Beef (b)		Veal (b)		Mutton (b)		Lamb (b)						
	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out					
October 1978	(e)4,992	(e)55,302	197	1,318	1,242	5,744	3,065	288	92	52	1,989		
October 1979p	(e)738	(e)60,559	152	1,088	6,337	4,368	6,336	408	138	29	1,693		

(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. (e) Includes buffalo meat.

TABLE 4. STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT (a), AUSTRALIA
(Source : Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation)
(Tonnes)

<i>Stocks at</i>	<i>Beef (b) and veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pork</i>	<i>Total</i>
28 October 1978	84,165	9,582	14,755	5,006	113,508
27 October 1979p	67,858	14,204	12,684	5,251	99,997

(a) 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. (b) Includes buffalo meat.