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**CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS
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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.

1. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 1 - TOTAL DRESSED WEIGHT OF ALL POULTRY SLAUGHTERED (a)
(1 000 kilograms)

	N.S.W.	Tas.	Qld (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tot.	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	21,774	13,190	14,139	2,035	159,712
1971-72		(c)	(c)				
April	5,820	2,996	1,815	968	1,211	165	12,909
May	7,368	3,153	2,120	1,013	1,019	143	14,834
June	7,109	2,921	2,116	1,200	1,115	145	14,651
1972-73p							
July	6,636	2,798	1,943	1,401	1,303	161	14,283
August	7,392	2,776	1,906	1,594	1,445	180	14,795
September	6,389	2,271	2,309	907	1,123	162	13,230
October	6,605	2,541	1,873	1,050	1,211	198	13,605
November	6,347	2,578	1,910	1,006	1,124	183	13,276
December	5,821	2,680	1,909	1,030	1,241	132	13,182
January	5,923	2,600	1,337	1,097	1,378	190	12,502
February	5,199	2,430	1,767	985	1,107	173	11,671
March	6,347	2,645	2,422	1,050	1,145	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
Three months ended							
September 1972p	20,411	7,844	6,158	3,598	3,569	503	42,309
September 1973p	21,976	8,747	6,163	3,640	3,704	535	44,865

(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

	N.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
1971-72 -							
April	3,872	2,020	1,206	785	972	134	8,989
May	4,987	2,237	1,379	824	837	114	10,379
June	4,734	2,082	1,393	916	810	115	10,050
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	853	847	125	9,038
December	3,907	2,028	1,410	921	976	101	9,344
January	4,071	1,899	1,221	929	1,011	136	9,058
February	3,548	1,759	1,013	908	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
Three months ended							
September 1972p -	13,172	5,696	4,232	2,934	2,735	375	29,143
September 1973p -	14,802	6,419	4,468	3,002	3,026	442	32,159
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (c) '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
1971-72 -							
April	5,020	2,578	1,614	899	1,157	148	11,416
May	6,165	2,791	1,893	938	964	126	12,876
June	6,082	2,599	1,844	1,106	964	127	12,722
1972-73p -							
July	5,518	2,505	1,690	1,326	1,145	148	12,332
August	6,149	2,442	1,680	1,227	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
Three months ended							
September 1972p -	16,747	6,985	5,397	3,361	3,201	457	36,149
September 1973p -	18,247	8,011	5,614	3,398	3,406	484	39,160

(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
1971-72 -							
April	267	179	118	39	36	9	648
May	373	209	134	41	32	10	799
June	278	188	151	53	82	11	764
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
Three months ended							
September 1972p -	902	505	437	124	196	26	2,190
September 1973p -	943	432	339	135	159	26	2,034
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
1971-72 -							
April	419	290	198	61	57	14	1,040
May	658	326	223	66	50	15	1,338
June	414	291	269	84	147	17	1,222
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	144	27	78	7	958
April	326	238	179	33	67	7	809
May	406	233	261	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
Three months ended							
September 1972p -	1,477	789	749	198	347	40	3,600
September 1973p -	1,493	687	541	219	290	36	3,266

(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
1971-72 —							
April	77	25	2	4	(a)	(a)	111
May	72	25	3	4	(a)	(a)	106
June	63	20	2	3	(a)	(a)	90
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
Three months ended							
September 1972p —	232	49	7	10	(a)	(a)	307
September 1973p —	234	32	5	7	(a)	(a)	280
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (‘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
1971-72 —							
April	129	37	3	7	(a)	(a)	183
May	120	37	4	7	(a)	(a)	174
June	104	31	3	7	(a)	(a)	150
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
Three months ended							
September 1972p —	411	70	12	20	(a)	(a)	531
September 1973p —	395	49	8	13	(a)	(a)	472

(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
1971-72 -							
April	73	(a)	(a)	..	(a)	(a)	77
May	116	(a)	(a)	..	(a)	(a)	119
June	145	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	155
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
Three months ended							
September 1972p -	477	(a)	(a)	4	(a)	(a)	539
September 1973p -	498	(a)	(a)	2	(a)	(a)	530
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (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
1971-72 -							
April	252	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	269
May	425	(a)	(a)	2	(a)	(a)	445
June	508	(a)	(a)	4	(a)	(a)	558
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
Three months ended							
September 1972p -	1,776	(a)	(a)	19	(a)	(a)	2,029
September 1973p -	1,841	(a)	(a)	9	(a)	(a)	1,966

(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
1971-72 -							
April	5,793	3,520	1,811	1,068	(b)	(b)	13,563
May	6,306	3,051	1,865	885	(b)	(b)	13,638
June	6,155	2,650	1,935	879	(b)	(b)	13,095
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
Three months ended							
September 1972p -	18,663	9,157	5,789	3,016	(b)	(b)	40,936
September 1973p -	23,643	10,962	6,797	3,962	(b)	(b)	50,983
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
1971-72 -							
April	1,166	771	728	164	245	(b)	(c)
May	1,488	883	1,083	297	222	(b)	3,973
June	1,511	1,124	987	371	396	(b)	4,388
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
Three months ended							
September 1972p -	5,201	4,266	2,879	1,599	1,040	(b)	14,984
September 1973p -	4,665	4,718	2,859	1,507	1,020	(b)	14,769

(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
1971-72 -							
April	4,305	2,578	1,297	876	(b)	(b)	10,098
May	4,934	2,450	1,496	721	(b)	(b)	10,716
June	4,551	2,382	1,459	703	(b)	(b)	10,224
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
Three months ended							
September 1972p -	13,499	6,628	4,498	2,240	(b)	(b)	30,108
September 1973p -	17,580	8,164	5,162	3,007	(b)	(b)	37,949
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
1971-72 -							
April	384	262	261	90	76	15	1,089
May	458	310	300	87	88	17	1,259
June	497	323	324	113	88	24	1,369
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	128	128	40	1,809
September	451	535	207	225	138	36	1,592
Three months ended							
September 1972p -	1,518	1,354	981	556	395	113	4,918
September 1973p -	1,476	1,603	849	573	380	123	5,003

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TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - continued
(^{'000})

	V.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS (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
1971-72							
April	35	11	49	7	(b)	(b)	111
May	39	8	48	7	5	..	107
June	44	28	38	7	(b)	(b)	126
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
Three months ended							
September 1972p	149	202	187	47	(b)	(b)	611
September 1973p	181	112	228	53	(b)	(b)	596

(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		Net Change '000 kg	Production			Exports (including ships' stores) '000 kg	Apparent consumption in Australia	
	Opening '000 kg	Closing '000 kg		Commercial '000 kg	Self Suppliers (a) '000 kg	Imports '000 kg		Total '000 kg	Per head kg
1967-68	10,048	14,180	(+) 4,131	102,730	2,705	194	954	100,543	8.4
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

(a) Estimated

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