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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS FEBRUARY 1977

Statistics included in this bulletin are restricted to a two month and cumulative to date series. Information relating to other poultry slaughtered (other fowls, ducks and drakes, turkeys) has been restricted to an Australian series only but some State information for the current and previous months is available on request. More detailed monthly information on poultry slaughterings is published annually in the bulletin *Meat Statistics* (Reference No. 10.54).

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.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia from 1971-72 to 1975-76 are contained in the September 1976 issue of this bulletin.

In Tables 1 and 2 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.

Related Publications

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Publications of the Australian Bureau of Statistics* (Reference No. 1.8) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- p - preliminary, subject to revision.
r - revised.

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

1. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF EGGS SET IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a)
(000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year -							
1973-74	95,378	41,902	26,275	17,529	(b)	(b)	202,790
1974-75	81,751	34,773	23,773	20,448	(b)	(b)	181,300
1975-76	89,167	40,738	26,698	21,884	(b)	(b)	201,547
1975-76 -							
January	7,706	3,905	2,619	1,996	(b)	(b)	18,160
February	7,139	3,297	2,089	1,668	(b)	(b)	15,828
1976-77p -							
January	8,882	3,965	2,609	1,965	(b)	(b)	19,387
February	7,881	3,518	2,539	1,768	(b)	(b)	17,695
8 mths ended: Feb. - 1976	59,607	27,230	17,887	14,804	(b)	(b)	134,521
- 1977p	62,997	28,609	19,397	15,166	(b)	(b)	141,439

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF EGGS SET IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a) - continued

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
EGG STRAINS							
Year -							
1973-74	14,406	17,657	9,155	4,842	3,858	1,173	51,091
1974-75	12,988	14,925	7,708	4,260	3,587	843	44,310
1975-76	13,719	11,480	6,802	4,585	3,346	874	40,804
1975-76 -							(c)
January	1,110	731	383	232	242	(b)	2,699
February	1,231	617	517	327	258	(b)	2,949
1976-77p -							
January	1,310	973	430	309	304	(b)	3,326
February	1,186	671	549	193	243	(b)	2,842
8 mths ended Feb. - 1976	8,755	8,445	4,525	2,913	2,392	(b)	27,050
- 1977p	11,365	8,285	4,858	2,967	2,213	(b)	29,687

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Incomplete, excludes Tasmania.

TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a)
(¹000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year -							
1973-74	70,019	32,089	20,268	13,385	(b)	(b)	151,654
1974-75	62,026	27,306	18,928	16,089	(b)	(b)	140,139
1975-76	68,222	33,219	20,925	17,789	(b)	(b)	158,088
1975-76 -							
January	5,999	3,062	2,047	1,630	(b)	(b)	14,264
February	5,134	2,748	1,575	1,401	(b)	(b)	12,130
1976-77p -							
January	6,422	3,085	1,884	1,679	(b)	(b)	14,631
February	5,365	2,776	2,097	1,426	(b)	(b)	13,171
8 mths ended Feb. - 1976	45,104	22,180	14,040	11,814	(b)	(b)	104,826
- 1977p	46,554	23,365	15,309	12,656	(b)	(b)	110,335

INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS
(Crouched and other Cockerels) (c)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
Year -							
1973-74	472	351	717	95	38	12	1,686
1974-75	237	316	(b)	65	(b)	13	856
1975-76	182	192	(b)	25	(b)	17	559
1975-76 -							
January	7	10	(b)	2	(b)	(b)	29
February	6	12	(b)	2	(b)	(b)	30
1976-77p -							
January	8	6	(b)	1	(b)	(b)	17
February	8	7	(b)	2	(b)	(b)	21
8 mths ended Feb. - 1976	115	133	(b)	19	(b)	(b)	378
- 1977p	121	114	(b)	31	(b)	(b)	340

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TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a) - continued
(000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (c)							
Year -							
1973-74	4,757	6,028	13,286	1,769	1,359	426	117,624
1974-75	4,483	5,004	2,763	1,723	1,321	340	15,634
1975-76	4,648	4,012	2,601	1,807	1,200	370	14,637
1975-76 -							
January	318	216	163	84	82	22	886
February	378	180	168	120	77	30	953
1976-77p -							
January	411	318	293	89	66	31	1,268
February	382	284	199	97	100	26	1,090
8 mths ended Feb.							
- 1976	2,910	2,920	1,697	1,157	852	231	9,767
- 1977p	3,852	2,684	2,586	1,192	781	293	11,387
INTENDED FOR BREEDING : AUSTRALIA							
	Egg Strains		Meat Strains				
	Pullets	Cockerels	Pullets	Cockerels			
Year -							
1974-75	613	103	2,310	654			
1975-76	476	99	2,510	727			
1975-76 -							
January	22	6	227	78			
February	24	4	146	43			
1976-77p -							
January	27	5	262	75			
February	18	3	205	62			
8 mths ended Feb.							
- 1976	364	78	1,680	499			
- 1977p	334	70	1,759	513			

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Egg strain chickens reported as 'unsexed' have been allocated half to chickens for chicken meat and half to chickens for egg production. The number of egg strain chickens reported as 'unsexed' in February 1977 was: N.S.W. = 2,000 VIC. = 1,000 QLD = 6,000.

II. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 3. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year -							
1973-74	63,905	27,526	19,055	13,552	13,970	1,756	139,765
1974-75	59,176	26,324	17,764	15,249	13,767	1,895	134,175
1975-76	63,184	29,233	19,044	16,177	14,652	1,911	144,202
1975-76 -							
January	4,804	2,164	1,570	1,297	1,314	170	11,319
February	5,374	2,290	1,500	1,221	1,123	142	11,650
1976-77p -							
January	5,187	2,383	1,539	1,429	1,288	217	12,042
February	5,144	2,370	1,649	1,344	1,178	194	11,879
8 mths ended Feb.							
- 1976	41,808	19,220	12,303	10,699	9,621	1,249	94,900
- 1977p	42,475	20,085	13,299	11,484	10,483	1,661	99,487
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) ('000 kilograms)							
Year -							
1973-74	79,756	34,332	24,134	15,165	15,920	1,961	171,268
1974-75	74,518	33,140	23,096	16,773	16,121	2,340	165,989
1975-76	83,036	36,332	26,183	18,064	17,963	2,329	183,907
1975-76 -							
January	6,312	2,606	2,048	1,412	1,563	209	14,151
February	7,103	2,838	1,971	1,353	1,312	178	14,756
1976-77p -							
January	6,349	3,015	2,047	1,559	1,535	271	14,775
February	6,262	2,902	2,260	1,450	1,432	248	14,554
8 mths ended Feb.							
- 1976	54,681	23,441	16,932	11,806	11,433	1,496	119,789
- 1977p	53,385	25,057	17,389	12,733	12,922	2,071	123,557

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

TABLE 4. OTHER POULTRY SLAUGHTERED : AUSTRALIA

	Other fowls and turkeys		Ducks and drakes	
	No. slaughtered ('000)	Dressed weight ('000 kg)	No. slaughtered ('000)	Dressed weight ('000 kg)
Year -				
1973-74	10,110	20,180	1,195	1,990
1974-75	10,491	21,315	1,283	2,136
1975-76	9,245	18,345	1,168	1,921
1975-76 -				
January	641	1,219	107	172
February	723	1,340	82	128
1976-77p -				
January	774	1,553	90	145
February	745	1,415	84	136
8 mths ended Feb.				
- 1976	6,332	12,337	819	1,314
- 1977p	6,653	14,261	809	1,293

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