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PREFACE

The previous issue of this Bulletin (No. 12) showing details of livestock numbers at 31st March, 1954 was released on 30th November, 1954. This, the thirteenth issue in the series, gives similar details at 31st March, 1955. Preliminary estimates of the numbers of livestock in Australia at 31st March, 1955 were issued in a statement on 15th September, 1955. These estimates were based on incomplete data obtained from the annual census of farming activities taken at the end of March last.

The statistics herein are based on the complete results of this census undertaken by State Statisticians in each State, by this Bureau in the Australian Capital Territory and by the Northern Territory Administration in the Northern Territory.

Statistics for the Northern Territory are collected at 31st December, but for the purposes of obtaining Australian totals these are aggregated with census results as at 31st March for the remainder of the Commonwealth.

To each Statistician and the Northern Territory Administration, I tender my thanks for their valuable assistance and co-operation.

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1. SUMMARY OF LIVESTOCK NUMBERS

The numbers of livestock of each kind in Australia as at 31st March, 1955, are set out below in comparison with similar details for the years 1939 and 1952 to 1955, and graphs illustrating the movements in livestock numbers for the six years 1939 and 1951 to 1955 are included at the end of this bulletin.

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS : AUSTRALIA

(Thousands)

Classification	Beginning of the year 1939 (a)	As at 31st March -				Percentage increase (+) or decrease (-) 1955 on -	
		1952	1953	1954	1955	1939	1954
<u>SHEEP</u>							
Under 1 year	19,438	21,703	24,818	25,307	25,096	(+) 29.1	(-) 0.8
1 year and over	91,620	95,944	98,254	101,637	105,753	(+) 15.4	(+) 4.0
<u>TOTAL:</u>	111,058	117,647	123,072	126,944	130,849	(+) 17.8	(+) 3.1
<u>CATTLE</u>							
<u>Dairy Cattle</u>							
Cows in Milk	2,601	2,098	2,223	2,263	2,338	(-) 10.1	(+) 3.3
Cows dry	609	874	853	948	898	(+) 47.5	(-) 5.3
Total Dairy Cows	3,210	2,972	3,086	3,211	3,236	(+) 0.8	(+) 0.8
Other	(b)	1,594	1,660	1,619	1,650	(b)	(+) 1.9
Total Dairy Cattle	(b)	4,566	4,746	4,830	4,886	(b)	(+) 1.2
<u>Beef Cattle</u>	(b)	10,327	10,501	10,771	10,937	(b)	(+) 1.5
Total Cattle	12,862	14,893	15,247	15,601	15,823	(+) 23.0	(+) 1.4
<u>PIGS</u>	1,156	1,022	993	1,197	1,297	(+) 12.2	(+) 8.4
<u>HORSES</u>	1,724	937	895	850	803	(-) 53.4	(-) 5.5

(a) New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory at 31st March, Victoria at 1st March. (b) Not available separately.

2. SHEEP AND LAMBS

(i) Numbers: The number of sheep in Australia as at 31st March, 1955 was 130.8 million compared with 126.9 million on 31st March, 1954, representing an increase of 3.9 million or 3.1 per cent. during the year. The number recorded for New South Wales was 59.2 million or 45.2 per cent. of the total.

Sheep numbers in Australia have risen continuously since the trough of 95.7 million recorded in March, 1947 to 130.8 million at 31st March, 1955, the increase over the seven years amounting to 35.1 million. The number at March, 1955 was the highest number ever recorded and was 19.8 million (17.8 per cent.) above that recorded in 1939.

The number of lambs marked during 1954 at 32.8 million was the highest recorded since 1943 and was 0.6 million (or 1.8 per cent.) greater than in the previous season. Numbers slaughtered rose by 1.5 million, but due to a fall in the number of deaths from disease, drought, etc., the resultant increase in numbers was approximately the same as in the previous year.

In comparison with the previous year sheep numbers at 31st March, 1955 were higher in all States except New South Wales where a decrease of 439,000 (0.7 per cent.) was recorded. Substantial increases occurred in Queensland (2,028,000; 11.1 per cent.); South Australia (979,000; 8.3 per cent.) and Victoria (892,000; 4.2 per cent.).

The following table shows the approximate movement in sheep numbers in Australia in each season 1944-45 to 1954-55.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT IN NUMBERS : AUSTRALIA

(Thousands)

Season	Lambs marked (a)	Net Exports	Sheep and Lambs slaughtered	Estimated No. of deaths from disease drought, etc. (b)	Number as at 31st March	Annual net Increase (+) or Decrease (-)
1944-45	25,635	3	25,632	17,803	105,371	(-) 17,803
1945-46	20,683	22	17,682	11,954	96,396	(-) 8,975
1946-47	25,186	80	18,362	7,417	95,723	(-) 673
1947-48	30,149	79	17,059	6,175	102,559	(+) 6,836
1948-49	30,642	84	17,745	6,637	108,735	(+) 6,176
1949-50	30,382	96	20,929	5,201	112,891	(+) 4,156
1950-51	29,816	84	16,083	10,944	115,596	(+) 2,705
1951-52	27,183	79	15,418	9,635	117,647	(+) 2,051
1952-53	31,778	84	21,034	5,235	123,072	(+) 5,425
1953-54	32,231	86	20,922	7,351	126,944	(+) 3,872
1954-55 (c)	32,804	97	22,374	6,678	130,849	(+) 3,905

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Balance figure. (c) Subject to revision.

(ii) Breeds of Sheep: A complete collection of particulars of sheep numbers classified according to breed was made for all States in Australia in 1939 and again in March, 1947, March, 1950 and March, 1953.

Details of the numbers and percentages of sheep classified according to breed at the beginning of 1939 and at 31st March, 1947, 1950 and 1953, are shown in the following table. Further details of breeds of sheep at 31st March, 1953, appear in Detailed Table No. 4.

BREEDS OF SHEEP : AUSTRALIA

Breed	Beginning of Year, 1939		31st March, 1947		31st March, 1950		31st March, 1953	
	Number	Per Cent.	Number	Per Cent.	Number	Per Cent.	Number	Per Cent.
Merino	'000 87,500	78.8	'000 66,961	70.0	'000 82,134	72.8	'000 90,714	73.7
Other Pure Breeds (a)	1,654	1.5	4,867	5.1	9,978	8.8	11,204	9.1
Merino Comebacks (b)	8,955	8.1	5,712	6.0	6,218	5.5	7,178	5.8
Crossbreds (c)	12,949	11.6	18,183	18.9	14,561	12.9	13,976	11.4
<u>TOTAL:</u>	111,058	100.0	95,723	100.0	112,891	100.0	123,072	100.0

(a) Other "recognized" breeds, see Detailed Table No. 4.

(b) Finer than half-bred.

(c) Half-bred Merino and coarser.

(iii) Lambings: Lambs marked during the season 1954 numbered approximately 32.8 million or 69.9 per cent. of ewes mated. Details for the seasons 1945 to 1955 are given in the following table:-

LAMBING RETURNS : AUSTRALIA (Excluding Northern Territory)						
Season	Number of Breeding Ewes(a)	Number of Ewes		Number of Lambs Marked	Number of Lambs marked expressed as proportion of -	
		Intended to mate (b)	Actually mated (c)		Breeding Ewes	Actual Matings
		'000	'000	'000	%	%
	46,685	40,918	38,542	20,683	44.3	53.7
1945	47,652	43,903	40,696	25,186	52.9	61.9
1946	47,672	43,014	42,308	30,149	63.2	71.3
1947	49,771	45,480	43,644	30,642	61.6	70.2
1948	50,855	45,854	44,036	30,382	59.7	69.0
1949						
	52,122	46,650	44,275	29,816	57.2	67.3
1950	52,794	46,838	44,059	27,183	51.5	61.7
1951	52,954	46,839	45,545	31,778	60.0	69.8
1952	55,351	49,353	47,602	32,231	58.2	67.7
1953	55,528	48,863	46,937	32,804	59.4	69.9
1954			(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)
1955	58,613	51,565				

(a) As at 31st March (commencement of season). (b) As stated by farmers at commencement of season. (c) As returned by farmers at end of season. (d) Not yet available.

3. CATTLE

(i) Total Cattle: The total number of cattle in Australia in March, 1955 was 15,823,000 the highest number yet recorded. This figure is 222,000 greater than the number in March, 1954 and compares with 12,862,000 recorded in 1939. In the year ended March, 1955, increases were recorded in all States except New South Wales, where there was a decrease of 93,000 (2.6 per cent.). The largest increases were in Queensland (152,000 or 2.1 per cent.), Victoria (73,000 or 3.1 per cent.), South Australia (33,000 or 6.7 per cent.) and Western Australia (31,000 or 3.7 per cent.).

(ii) Dairy Cattle: In 1943, when dairy cattle numbers were first recorded separately they amounted to almost 5 million. The numbers have fluctuated considerably since that year, 4,592,000 being recorded in 1947, 4,890,000 in 1950, 4,566,000 in 1952, 4,830,000 in March, 1954, and 4,886,000 in March, 1955. This latter figure represents an increase of 56,000 or 1.2 per cent. over the number for the previous year.

The number of dairy cows in March, 1955 at 3,236,000 was 25,000 (0.8 per cent.) greater than in the previous year and 26,000 (0.8 per cent.) greater than in 1939.

(iii) Beef Cattle: From March, 1943, when details of beef cattle were first recorded separately, the numbers remained fairly stable, until March, 1946, at about 9.3 million, but this was followed by a decline to 8.8 million at March, 1947. The numbers have since risen to reach a record figure of 10.9 million in March, 1955.

4. PIGS

The number of pigs in Australia increased from 1,156,000 in 1939 to a peak of 1,747,000 in March, 1944. Except for a slight increase in 1951 this was followed by a constant downward trend to 993,000 in 1953 which was the lowest figure recorded since 1929. There was a substantial increase in 1954 to 1,197,000, followed by a further increase (100,000 or 8.4 per cent.) to 1,297,000 in March, 1955.

5. HORSES

The number of horses in Australia has declined continuously since 1935. The number at March, 1955 (803,000) was the lowest recorded since 1875 and is only 31.8 per cent. of the 1919 record figure of 2,527,000.

6. DETAILED TABLES

The following tables show more detailed classifications and the State distribution of numbers and types of livestock in Australia.

NO. 1 : LIVESTOCK CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE AND/OR SEX : AUSTRALIA
31ST MARCH, 1951 TO 1955
(Thousands)

Classification	As at 31st March -				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
SHEEP -					
Rams (1 year and over)	1,473	1,507	1,560	1,610	1,647
Breeding Ewes (1 year and over) ..	52,794	52,954	55,351	55,528	58,614
Other Ewes (1 year and over) ..	6,760	7,451	7,038	8,430	7,847
Wethers (1 year and over) ..	31,516	34,032	34,305	36,069	37,645
Lambs and Hoggets (under 1 year) ..	23,053	21,703	24,818	25,307	23,096
Total Sheep and Lambs:	115,596	117,647	123,072	126,944	130,849
CATTLE -					
Dairy Cattle -					
Cows in Milk	2,253	2,098	2,223	2,263	2,338
Cows Dry	896	874	863	948	898
Total Dairy Cows:	3,149	2,972	3,086	3,211	3,236
Heifers for Dairying (1 year and over)	827	810	835	821	848
Calves (under 1 year)	720	680	715	685	690
Bulls (1 year and over)	106	104	110	113	112
Total Dairy Cattle:	4,802	4,566	4,746	4,830	4,886
Beef Cattle -					
Cows, including Heifers (1 year and over)	4,834	4,827	4,943	4,878	4,935
Calves (under 1 year)	2,123	1,980	1,989	2,253	2,236
Bulls (1 year and over)	162	165	171	173	168
Other (speyed cows, bullocks, steers)	3,308	3,355	3,398	3,467	3,598
Total Beef Cattle:	10,427	10,327	10,501	10,771	10,937
Total All Cattle:	15,229	14,893	15,247	15,601	15,823
PIGS -					
Boars	32	29	29	33	34
Breeding Sows	155	135	142	178	176
All Other	947	858	822	986	1,087
Total Pigs:	1,134	1,022	993	1,197	1,297
HORSES -					
Braught Horses (1 year and over)	396	338	296	256	217
Other Horses (1 year and over)	554	552	554	549	545
Colts (under 1 year)	49	47	45	45	41
Total Horses:	999	937	895	850	803

Note:

Numbers of livestock were first collected in all States under the foregoing headings in March, 1943. Long-term comparisons of totals, and of figures shown under headings in tables following, are available in the Official Year Book and the Primary Industries Bulletin.

NO. 2 : LIVESTOCK : STATES, 1939 AND 1952 TO 1955 (Thousands)

State or Territory	Beginning of Year 1939	As at 31st March				Percentage Increase (+) or Decrease (-) 1955 on -	
		1952	1953	1954	1955	1939	1954
		SHEEP					
New South Wales	48,877	53,676	57,461	59,639	59,200	(+ 21.1	(- 0.7
Victoria	17,007	21,537	21,368	21,438	22,330	(+ 31.3	(+ 4.2
Queensland	23,159	16,164	17,030	18,194	20,222	(- 12.7	(+ 11.1
South Australia	9,937	11,470	12,037	11,838	12,817	(+ 29.0	(+ 8.3
Western Australia	9,177	12,188	12,474	13,087	13,411	(+ 46.1	(+ 2.5
Tasmania	2,626	2,338	2,421	2,465	2,595	(- 1.2	(+ 5.3
Northern Territory	30	31	34	31	29	(- 3.3	(- 6.5
Aust. Cap. Terr.	245	243	247	252	245	-	(- 2.8
Australia:	111,058	117,647	123,072	126,944	130,849	(+ 17.8	(+ 3.1
DAIRY CATTLE							
New South Wales	(a)	1,205	1,244	1,238	1,219	(a)	(- 1.5
Victoria	(a)	1,439	1,477	1,541	1,600	(a)	(+ 3.8
Queensland	(a)	1,297	1,373	1,383	1,377	(a)	(- 0.4
South Australia	(a)	236	252	261	269	(a)	(+ 3.1
Western Australia	(a)	231	234	230	228	(a)	(- 0.9
Tasmania	(a)	155	162	174	190	(a)	(+ 9.2
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aust. Cap. Terr.	(a)	3	4	3	3	(a)	-
Australia:	(a)	4,566	4,746	4,830	4,886	(a)	(+ 1.2
BEEF CATTLE							
New South Wales	(a)	2,416	2,405	2,316	2,242	(a)	(- 3.2
Victoria	(a)	776	820	829	843	(a)	(+ 1.7
Queensland	(a)	5,138	5,378	5,703	5,861	(a)	(+ 2.8
South Australia	(a)	201	231	230	255	(a)	(+ 10.9
Western Australia	(a)	621	612	600	633	(a)	(+ 5.5
Tasmania	(a)	110	113	121	129	(a)	(+ 6.6
Northern Territory	(a)	1,058	936	966	969	(a)	(+ 0.3
Aust. Cap. Terr.	(a)	7	6	6	5	(a)	(- 16.7
Australia:	(a)	10,327	10,501	10,771	10,937	(a)	(+ 1.5
TOTAL CATTLE							
New South Wales	2,812	3,621	3,649	3,554	3,461	(+ 23.1	(- 2.6
Victoria	1,697	2,215	2,297	2,370	2,443	(+ 44.0	(+ 3.1
Queensland	6,097	6,435	6,751	7,086	7,238	(+ 18.7	(+ 2.1
South Australia	319	437	483	491	524	(+ 64.3	(+ 6.7
Western Australia	768	852	846	830	861	(+ 12.1	(+ 3.7
Tasmania	262	265	275	295	319	(+ 21.8	(+ 8.1
Northern Territory	900	1,058	936	966	969	(+ 7.7	(+ 0.3
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7	10	10	9	8	(+ 14.3	(- 11.1
Australia:	12,862	14,893	15,247	15,601	15,823	(+ 23.0	(+ 1.4
PIGS							
New South Wales	378	293	299	372	375	(- 0.8	(+ 0.8
Victoria	253	214	183	232	264	(+ 4.3	(+ 13.8
Queensland	325	316	336	384	407	(+ 25.2	(+ 6.0
South Australia	71	65	59	61	85	(+ 19.7	(+ 39.3
Western Australia	83	86	76	101	107	(+ 28.9	(+ 5.9
Tasmania	45	47	39	46	58	(+ 28.9	(+ 26.1
Northern Territory	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Aust. Cap. Terr.	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Australia:	1,156	1,022	993	1,197	1,297	(+ 12.2	(+ 8.4
HORSES							
New South Wales	531	311	298	280	258	(- 51.4	(- 7.9
Victoria	344	169	154	141	132	(- 61.6	(- 6.4
Queensland	445	289	282	273	267	(- 40.0	(- 2.2
South Australia	196	63	57	52	49	(- 75.0	(- 2.8
Western Australia	144	53	50	49	47	(- 67.4	(- 4.1
Tasmania	30	19	18	17	16	(- 46.7	(- 5.9
Northern Territory	33	32	35	37	33	-	(- 10.8
Aust. Cap. Terr.	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Australia:	1,724	937	895	850	803	(- 53.4	(- 5.5

(a) Not available separately.

NO. 3 : LIVESTOCK CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE AND/OR SEX : STATES, 31ST MARCH, 1955

(Thousands)

Classification	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Terr. (a)	Aust. Cap. Territory	Australia
CATTLE									
Dairy Cattle									
Cows in Milk	(b) 669	757	655	109	60	87	-	1	2,338
Cows, Dry	193	268	276	61	74	25	-	1	898
Heifers for Dairying (1 year and over)	203	300	227	47	40	31	-	(c)	848
Calves (under 1 year) ..	130	234	191	43	48	43	-	1	690
Bulls (1 year and over) ..	24	41	28	9	6	4	-	(c)	112
Total Dairy Cattle	1,219	1,600	1,377	269	228	190	-	3	4,886
Per cent.	24.9	32.7	28.2	5.5	4.7	3.9	-	0.1	100.0
Beef Cattle									
Cows, incl. Heifers (1 year and over)	(d) 1,085	353	2,615	119	277	51	432	3	4,935
Calves (under 1 year) ..	564	216	1,061	62	120	36	175	2	2,236
Bulls (1 year and over) ..	41	13	82	5	11	2	14	(c)	168
Other (spayed cows, bullocks, steers)	552	261	2,103	69	225	40	348	(c)	3,598
Total Beef Cattle	2,242	843	5,861	255	633	129	969	5	10,937
Per cent.	20.5	7.7	53.6	2.3	5.8	1.2	8.8	0.1	100.0
TOTAL ALL CATTLE	3,461	2,443	7,238	524	861	319	969	8	15,823
Per cent.	21.9	15.4	45.7	3.3	5.5	2.0	6.1	0.1	100.0
PIGS									
Boars	10	6	11	2	3	2	(c)	(c)	34
Breeding Sows	52	36	52	13	14	9	(c)	(c)	176
All Other	313	222	344	70	90	47	1	(c)	1,087
Total Pigs	375	264	407	85	107	58	1	(c)	1,297
Per cent.	28.9	20.4	31.4	6.5	8.2	4.5	0.1	-	100.0
HORSES									
Draught Horses (1 year and over) ..	64	59	54	14	9	10	7	(c)	217
Other Horses (1 year and over) ..	179	68	199	33	35	6	24	1	545
Foals (under 1 year) ..	15	5	14	2	3	-	2	(c)	41
Total Horses	258	132	267	49	47	16	33	1	803
Per cent.	32.1	16.4	33.3	6.1	5.9	2.0	4.1	0.1	100.0

Footnotes are shown at end of table; see next page.

NO. 3 : LIVESTOCK CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE AND/OR SEX : STATES, 31ST MARCH, 1955 (Continued).

(Thousands)

Classification	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Terr.(a)	Aust. Cap. Territory	Australia
SHEEP									
Rams (1 year and over) ..	782	259	235	163	177	29	1	1	1,647
Breeding Ewes, including Ewes intended for mating	27,635	10,084	7,948	5,887	5,901	1,077	11	71	58,614
Other Ewes (1 year and over) ..	3,789	1,013	1,113	784	936	177	2	33	7,847
Wethers (1 year and over) ..	15,768	6,543	7,278	3,390	3,905	647	10	104	37,645
Lambs and Hoggets (under 1 year) ..	11,226	4,431	3,648	2,593	2,492	665	5	36	25,096
TOTAL SHEEP AND LAMBS	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,595	29	245	130,849
Per cent.	45.2	17.1	15.5	9.8	10.2	2.0	-	0.2	100.0

(a) As at 31st December, 1954. Distribution into categories has been estimated. (b) Includes 91,000 Milking Cows not in registered dairies. (c) Less than 500 recorded. (d) Includes 46,000 cows (dry) used for milking but not in registered dairies.

NO. 4 : BREEDS OF SHEEP : STATES, 31ST MARCH, 1953

(Thousands)

Breed	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Terr.(a)	Aust. Cap. Territory	Australia
Merino ..	43,714	8,271	16,776	10,144	11,273	279	34	223	90,714
Other Recognized Breeds -									
Corriedale ..	2,782	3,801	45	698	359	466	-	13	8,164
Polwarth ..	162	994	1	24	2	485	-	(b)	1,668
Border Leicester ..	303	103	4	12	16	36	-	3	477
Romney Marsh ..	115	142	1	40	37	55	-	(b)	390
Dorset Horn ..	135	103	2	23	15	11	-	(b)	289
Southdown ..	37	42	1	4	22	23	-	-	129
English Leicester ..	3	6	-	(b)	7	8	-	-	24
Ryeland ..	2	14	-	1	1	7	-	-	25
Suffolk ..	(b)	4	(b)	7	1	4	-	-	16
Shropshire ..	1	3	-	(b)	2	1	-	-	7
Lincoln ..	(b)	6	(b)	1	-	1	-	-	8
Other ..	1	3	-	(b)	(b)	3	-	-	7
Total Other Recognized Breeds	3,541	5,221	54	810	462	1,100	-	16	11,204
Merino Comebacks (finer than half-bred)	4,142	2,251	50	209	185	338	-	3	7,178
Crossbreds (Half-bred Merino and coarser)	6,064	5,625	150	874	554	704	-	5	13,976
TOTAL:	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,037	12,474	2,421	34	247	123,072

(a) Assumed to be all of Merino Breed. (b) Less than 500.

NO. 5 : LAMBINGS : STATES, SEASONS 1950 TO 1955

Particulars		New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Aust. Cap. Territory	Australia (a)
<u>1950 Season</u>									
Ewes Mated	'000	19,370	8,614	6,858	4,329	4,267	774	63	44,275
Lambs Marked	'000	12,507	7,063	3,722	3,186	2,656	637	45	29,816
Percentage	%	64.6	82.0	54.3	73.6	62.2	82.3	70.6	67.3
<u>1951 Season</u>									
Ewes Mated	'000	18,904	8,909	6,200	4,543	4,605	839	59	44,059
Lambs Marked	'000	11,147	7,055	2,062	3,202	2,956	726	35	27,183
Percentage	%	59.0	79.2	33.3	70.5	64.2	86.5	58.9	61.7
<u>1952 Season</u>									
Ewes Mated	'000	19,703	9,132	6,108	4,989	4,662	895	56	45,545
Lambs Marked	'000	13,646	7,118	3,340	3,807	3,059	768	40	31,778
Percentage	%	69.3	78.0	54.7	76.3	65.6	85.9	70.9	69.8
<u>1953 Season</u>									
Ewes Mated	'000	20,660	9,256	6,926	4,966	4,817	916	61	47,602
Lambs Marked	'000	14,469	6,970	3,342	3,447	3,170	788	45	32,231
Percentage	%	70.0	75.3	48.3	69.4	65.8	86.0	73.5	67.7
<u>1954 Season</u>									
Ewes Mated	'000	19,818	8,857	7,032	5,242	4,961	968	58	46,937
Lambs Marked	'000	13,313	7,502	3,935	4,015	3,113	884	42	32,804
Percentage	%	67.2	84.7	56.0	76.6	62.7	91.4	71.9	69.9
<u>1955 Season - Intended Matings</u>									
Ewes Mated or intended to mate to -									
Merino, Corriedale or Polwarth									
Rams	'000	17,699	5,036	7,652	4,347	4,968	573	58	40,333
Percentage	%	79.9	54.2	100.0	75.1	88.2	56.9	95.1	78.2
Rams of other Breeds	'000	4,441	4,249	(b)	1,442	663	434	3	11,232
Percentage	%	20.1	45.8	-	24.9	11.8	43.1	4.9	21.8
Total Ewes Mated or intended to mate	'000	22,140	9,285	7,652	5,789	5,631	1,007	61	51,565

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(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

(b) Almost entirely Merino.

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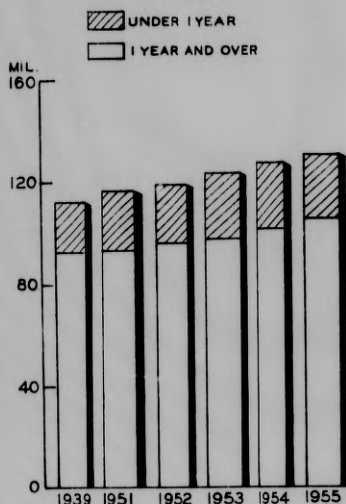
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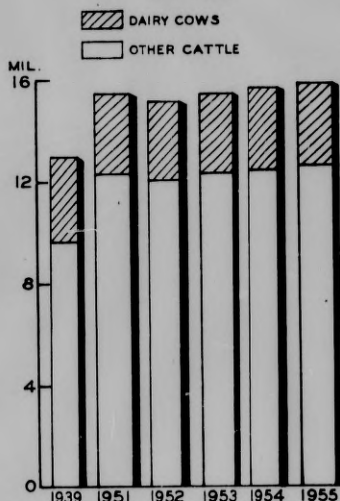
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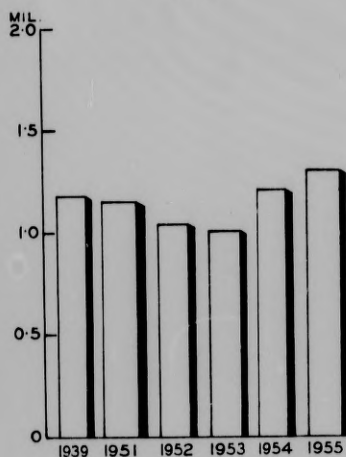
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