

MEAT STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA AUGUST 1979 (PRELIMINARY)



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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 the publication *Meat Statistics, Australia* (7205.0), expected to be released in October 1979.

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.

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 January 1979.

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, Australia (7206.0)

Chicken Hatchings and Poultry Slaughtering, Australia (7207.0)

6. All 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
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)	% change 1979 on 1978
Cattle -								
Bulls, bullocks and steers -								
1978 - June	125.3	109.3	139.9	18.3	37.3	13.8	n.p.	..
July p	117.8	95.8	139.7	17.1	34.6	11.7	n.p.	..
August p	135.8	96.8	134.4	24.1	39.2	10.6	n.p.	..
2 mths ended Aug.	253.6	192.5	274.1	41.2	73.8	22.3	n.p.	..
1979 - June p	77.1	52.9	130.3	15.3	34.1	9.4	n.p.	n.p.
July p	72.9	52.0	151.0	17.2	34.9	7.9	n.p.	n.p.
August p	92.0	57.9	144.0	18.3	37.4	6.7	n.p.	n.p.
2 mths ended Aug.	165.0	109.9	295.0	35.5	72.3	14.6	n.p.	n.p.
Cows and heifers -								
1978 - June	170.5	79.4	135.9	28.1	23.6	11.5	n.p.	..
July p	134.9	73.6	141.5	22.7	25.0	10.5	n.p.	..
August p	141.2	73.6	130.3	24.2	25.4	7.5	n.p.	..
2 mths ended Aug.	276.1	147.3	271.8	47.0	50.4	18.0	n.p.	..
1979 - June p	79.9	49.8	122.4	14.6	21.1	7.7	n.p.	n.p.
July p	58.7	51.2	105.8	16.3	20.1	5.5	n.p.	n.p.
August p	76.6	54.7	97.7	17.7	21.0	4.1	n.p.	n.p.
2 mths ended Aug.	135.3	105.9	203.5	34.0	41.1	9.6	n.p.	n.p.
Total cattle -								
1978 - June	295.9	188.7	275.9	46.4	60.9	25.4	914.0	..
July p	252.7	169.4	281.3	39.8	59.6	22.2	844.0	..
August p	277.1	170.4	264.6	48.3	64.6	18.2	862.3	..
2 mths ended Aug.	529.8	339.8	545.9	88.2	124.3	40.4	1,706.3	..
1979 - June p	157.0	102.6	252.7	29.9	55.2	17.1	636.4	-30.4
July p	131.7	103.2	256.8	33.5	55.1	13.3	614.2	-27.2
August p	168.6	112.7	241.8	36.1	58.4	10.9	646.6	-25.0
2 mths ended Aug.	300.3	215.9	498.6	69.6	113.5	24.2	1,260.8	-26.1
Calves -								
1978 - June	41.2	85.9	47.7	7.0	4.3	2.9	190.1	..
July p	34.9	184.7	43.3	11.2	5.3	9.9	290.0	..
August p	40.6	238.7	42.2	11.3	5.9	20.2	359.9	..
2 mths ended Aug.	75.5	423.4	85.4	22.5	11.2	30.1	649.9	..
1979 - June p	22.2	63.1	27.0	4.6	2.5	1.4	121.0	-36.3
July p	19.8	162.3	27.0	5.8	2.6	6.0	223.8	-22.8
August p	28.2	234.0	30.3	6.9	3.1	13.1	315.9	-12.2
2 mths ended Aug.	48.0	396.3	57.3	12.7	5.7	19.1	539.7	-16.9
Sheep -								
1978 - June	197.8	95.9	62.9	57.6	111.3	19.1	545.1	..
July p	181.6	110.1	55.9	79.3	130.0	16.7	573.8	..
August p	253.4	152.2	72.7	69.3	150.7	18.2	716.7	..
2 mths ended Aug.	435.0	262.3	128.7	148.6	280.7	34.8	1,290.6	..
1979 - June p	243.8	184.3	89.6	109.2	121.2	29.2	779.5	43.0
July p	219.8	189.2	77.9	123.3	107.5	17.9	736.1	28.3
August p	306.7	289.1	80.7	122.1	229.7	10.3	1,039.2	45.0
2 mths ended Aug.	526.5	478.3	158.6	245.4	337.2	28.2	1,775.4	37.5
Lambs -								
1978 - June	416.3	320.2	53.2	77.5	62.2	41.2	983.5	..
July p	425.5	351.1	47.9	70.4	56.3	33.9	998.9	..
August p	510.1	434.7	57.9	146.0	157.6	32.9	1,354.4	..
2 mths ended Aug.	935.5	785.8	105.9	216.4	214.0	66.9	2,353.3	..
1979 - June p	388.8	331.8	42.5	72.5	37.6	39.7	923.6	-6.1
July p	476.3	466.7	41.3	163.6	71.2	35.2	1,268.8	27.0
August p	569.3	686.1	50.0	264.3	229.0	38.5	1,853.2	36.8
2 mths ended Aug.	1,045.6	1,152.6	91.3	427.9	300.2	73.7	3,122.0	32.7
Pigs -								
1978 - June	99.2	88.0	60.2	34.3	24.8	8.0	317.4	..
July p	86.7	87.9	58.3	34.8	26.4	6.8	303.4	..
August p	96.5	90.5	68.5	35.7	28.6	7.8	330.3	..
2 mths ended Aug.	183.2	178.5	126.9	70.6	55.0	14.6	633.7	..
1979 - June p	81.1	76.9	57.4	34.6	32.7	7.9	292.7	7.8
July p	83.7	83.7	63.8	37.3	32.6	6.5	309.7	2.1
August p	93.2	84.5	69.3	41.3	36.8	6.5	313.7	1.0
2 mths ended Aug.	176.9	168.2	133.1	78.6	69.4	13.0	643.4	1.5

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 2. MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

								Australia (b)		
								Original	Seasonally adjusted	% change 1979 on 1978
		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.			
Beef -										
1978	June	55,750	36,847	59,927	8,821	11,356	5,000	181,559	165,600	..
	July p	48,362	34,445	61,195	7,730	11,133	4,391	170,539	163,400	..
	August p	54,187	34,064	57,508	9,555	12,356	3,755	174,703	166,300	..
	2 mths ended Aug.	102,549	68,509	118,703	17,285	23,489	8,146	345,242	..	..
1979	June p	30,882	20,378	55,595	6,003	10,692	3,486	130,992	124,000	-27.9
	July p	26,328	21,073	58,022	6,832	11,115	2,770	129,853	120,800	-23.9
	August p	33,907	23,302	54,273	7,449	11,306	2,107	135,583	129,000	-22.4
	2 mths ended Aug.	60,235	44,375	112,295	14,281	22,421	4,877	265,436	..	-23.1
Veal -										
1978	June	1,848	2,844	2,695	336	205	78	8,050	7,700	..
	July p	1,579	4,284	2,230	431	278	188	9,020	6,700	..
	August p	1,793	5,054	2,148	449	336	357	10,169	6,700	..
	2 mths ended Aug.	3,372	9,338	4,378	880	614	545	19,189	..	..
1979	June p	1,118	1,476	1,183	178	134	42	4,150	4,100	-48.5
	July p	1,026	3,325	1,378	263	118	119	6,246	4,600	-30.8
	August p	1,370	4,472	1,552	297	173	239	8,113	5,300	-20.2
	2 mths ended Aug.	2,396	7,797	2,930	560	291	358	14,359	..	-25.2
Mutton -										
1978	June	3,628	1,821	1,129	1,109	1,876	364	9,935	12,500	..
	July p	3,405	2,156	1,016	1,630	2,222	306	10,738	14,500	..
	August p	4,929	3,052	1,350	1,417	2,733	336	13,817	17,700	..
	2 mths ended Aug.	8,334	5,208	2,366	3,047	4,955	642	24,555	..	..
1979	June p	4,656	3,816	1,665	2,011	2,155	567	14,911	19,300	50.1
	July p	4,331	3,962	1,436	2,632	1,881	338	14,587	19,500	35.8
	August p	6,073	6,059	1,495	2,560	4,030	199	20,428	26,000	47.8
	2 mths ended Aug.	10,404	10,021	2,931	5,192	5,911	537	35,015	..	42.6
Lamb -										
1978	June	7,082	5,541	868	1,276	825	678	16,482	18,300	..
	July p	7,192	5,968	780	1,147	771	555	16,647	18,100	..
	August p	8,716	7,514	989	2,388	2,237	513	22,597	22,200	..
	2 mths ended Aug.	15,908	13,482	1,769	3,535	3,008	1,068	39,244	..	..
1979	June p	6,756	5,700	716	1,202	547	624	15,721	17,800	-4.6
	July p	8,338	7,889	700	2,583	989	546	21,319	22,700	28.1
	August p	9,938	11,375	856	4,134	3,043	584	30,170	29,800	33.5
	2 mths ended Aug.	18,276	19,264	1,556	6,717	4,032	1,130	51,489	..	31.2
Pigmeat -										
1978	June	5,050	4,908	3,455	1,985	1,406	451	17,389	16,900	..
	July p	4,393	4,941	3,358	2,057	1,506	365	16,725	16,200	..
	August p	4,852	5,038	3,977	2,118	1,600	423	18,122	16,500	..
	2 mths ended Aug.	9,245	9,979	7,335	4,175	3,106	788	34,847	..	..
1979	June p	4,264	4,370	3,606	2,123	1,350	436	16,248	16,100	-6.6
	July p	4,410	4,728	4,208	2,315	1,341	350	17,452	16,700	4.3
	August p	4,896	4,822	4,359	2,592	2,119	349	19,230	17,500	6.1
	2 mths ended Aug.	9,306	9,550	8,567	4,907	3,460	699	36,682	..	5.3
Total meat -										
1978	June	73,358	51,961	68,074	13,527	15,668	6,571	233,415	221,000	..
	July p	64,931	51,794	68,579	12,995	15,910	5,805	223,669	218,900	..
	August p	74,477	54,722	65,972	15,927	19,262	5,384	239,408	229,400	..
	2 mths ended Aug.	139,408	106,516	134,551	28,922	35,172	11,189	463,077	..	..
1979	June p	47,676	35,740	62,765	11,517	14,878	5,155	182,022	181,300	-22.0
	July p	44,433	40,977	65,744	14,625	15,444	4,123	189,457	184,300	-15.3
	August p	56,184	50,030	62,535	17,032	20,671	3,478	213,524	207,600	-10.8
	2 mths ended Aug.	100,617	91,007	128,279	31,657	36,115	7,601	402,981	..	-13.0

(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			
July 1978	6,903	79,495	419	627	3,539	4,595	2,995	851	71	20	2,546
July 1979 p	(e)3,628	(e)48,035	225	374	3,702	2,785	1,420	113	190	40	2,152

(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 and veal (b)</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pork</i>	<i>Total</i>
29 July 1979	94,402	8,180	2,977	5,421	110,980
28 July 1979 p	75,887	10,223	4,409	4,658	95,177

(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.