

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.

Statistics for poultry slaughtered in Queensland are based on numbers slaughtered as collected by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries. From 1968-69, New South Wales slaughtering statistics include poultry slaughtering by producers in the Australian Capital Territory. Prior to that year, Australian Capital Territory slaughtering statistics were not collected.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia for 1966-67 to 1970-71 are contained in Table 8.

Symbols used in this bulletin

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.
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n.a. - Not available.

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)

('000 lb)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (c)	Australia
Year - 1966-67	94,888	40,246	30,447	10,363	16,634	2,581	195,159
1967-68	110,367	46,550	34,957	12,219	18,759	3,030	226,482
1968-69	115,299	46,166	40,816	12,269	22,653	3,507	240,709
1969-70	129,915	53,420	47,493	15,403	23,668	3,131	273,029
1970-71	163,013	64,747	52,821	21,452	28,492	3,516	334,041
1970-71 - January	12,510	5,532	4,191	1,812	2,913	311	27,276
February	13,322	5,829	4,032	1,785	2,146	287	27,402
March	16,143	6,629	4,306	2,305	2,344	342	32,069
April	13,852	6,168	4,503	1,891	2,475	287	29,175
May	14,895	(d)	(d)	1,880	2,388	298	29,719
June	14,710			1,668	2,390	242	30,118
1971-72p- July	14,022	(d)	(d)	2,224	3,043	402	r30,833
August	13,364			2,089	2,588	291	r28,154
September	14,721	(d)	(d)	2,282	2,563	312	r31,890
October	r13,448	(d)	(d)	2,150	3,074	359	r29,938
November	r13,201			1,994	2,855	335	r28,177
December	r14,155	r6,500	r4,259	2,403	2,627	282	r30,225
January	r13,118	(d)	(d)	2,190	2,718	413	r27,196
February	13,978			1,957	2,562	336	28,661

(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.

(b) Estimated. (c) Prior to 1968-69 includes dressed weight of geese slaughtered.

(d) Not available for publication.

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED							
('000)							
Year - 1966-67	32,113	13,570	10,635	3,682	6,332	753	67,085
1967-68	36,556	15,519	12,190	4,278	6,957	861	76,361
1968-69	34,838	13,832	12,952	4,415	8,137	1,001	75,174
1969-70	38,853	16,562	14,175	5,597	8,479	978	84,644
1970-71	49,192	19,854	15,689	7,894	10,175	1,103	103,907
1970-71 - January	3,811	1,708	1,214	701	1,000	94	8,529
February	3,942	1,746	1,212	652	817	97	8,465
March	4,867	2,022	1,306	820	832	114	9,961
April	4,141	1,837	1,373	696	897	92	9,036
May	4,436	1,771	1,295	682	872	99	9,155
June	4,449	1,916	1,409	627	901	87	9,389
1971-72p - July	4,273	r2,000	1,380	830	1,096	142	r9,721
August	3,916	r1,730	1,322	766	940	87	r8,760
September	4,406	r2,081	r1,293	848	960	107	r9,694
October	4,167	r1,933	r1,376	810	1,047	125	r9,457
November	4,017	1,669	r1,281	724	1,000	110	r8,802
December	4,457	r2,048	1,324	899	968	104	r9,801
January	4,032	r1,805	888	864	1,045	148	r8,783
February	4,204	r1,716	1,210	773	908	113	8,923

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)

('000 lb)

(c)							
Year - 1966-67	81,159	34,762	26,236	9,167	14,837	1,969	168,130
1967-68	96,035	41,386	29,841	10,962	16,862	2,264	197,350
1968-69	97,153	39,445	35,578	10,937	20,672	2,866	206,651
1969-70	107,819	45,059	41,752	13,879	21,357	2,566	232,432
1970-71	138,382	55,559	46,571	19,838	25,622	2,936	288,909
1970-71 - January	10,897	4,786	3,665	1,708	2,637	263	23,956
February	11,239	5,271	3,589	1,632	1,991	252	23,974
March	13,893	5,984	3,778	2,104	2,056	289	28,104
April	12,066	5,421	4,026	1,774	2,250	256	25,792
May	12,707	5,044	4,041	1,784	2,153	272	26,002
June	12,224	5,646	4,261	1,564	2,253	212	26,159
1971-72p - July	11,592	r5,688	4,232	2,087	2,840	374	r26,813
August	10,591	r4,794	3,868	1,900	2,435	197	r23,784
September	12,258	r6,513	r3,647	2,117	2,419	252	r27,206
October	11,566	r5,453	r3,931	1,971	2,675	316	r25,913
November	11,114	4,637	r3,747	1,748	2,523	265	r24,035
December	12,313	r5,634	3,805	2,260	2,439	238	r26,690
January	11,489	r5,168	2,365	2,069	2,590	396	r24,077
February	11,779	5,160	3,411	1,780	2,234	290	24,655

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland.
 (c) Estimated.

TABLE 3. - OTHER FOWLS (a) SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1966-67	2,249	911	922	192	357	129	4,760
1967-68	2,464	990	1,154	285	362	148	5,403
1968-69	2,763	1,327	1,102	282	419	131	6,025
1969-70	2,958	1,643	1,245	287	433	115	6,681
1970-71	3,255	1,908	1,461	341	499	119	7,581
1970-71 - January	216	148	131	26	60	13	594
February	249	136	119	36	32	8	580
March	301	138	136	47	56	7	684
April	228	182	120	24	47	9	610
May	301	199	114	17	39	8	679
June	322	145	123	20	30	9	649
1971-72 p - July	303	r 169	112	31	47	9	r 671
August	379	r 177	107	43	49	19	r 767
September	354	218	r 148	42	36	18	r 816
October	r 284	r 172	r 142	44	93	12	r 747
November	r 316	194	r 129	63	73	11	r 786
December	r 261	r 147	113	30	44	12	r 607
January	r 284	186	108	28	55	5	r 665
February	395	154	134	45	75	12	816

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)

('000 lb)

Year - 1966-67	7,953	2,969	3,607	667	1,304	440	16,940
1967-68	9,015	3,318	4,511	964	1,338	525	19,671
1968-69	9,951	4,667	4,314	987	1,508	447	21,875
1969-70	10,266	5,826	4,850	996	1,590	363	23,891
1970-71	11,557	6,820	5,439	1,163	1,930	390	27,300
1970-71 - January	704	598	497	88	240	45	2,171
February	836	468	404	123	111	26	1,968
March	1,061	478	508	159	203	23	2,432
April	781	649	451	85	193	27	2,187
May	1,103	677	368	58	161	26	2,393
June	1,219	510	468	66	111	31	2,404
1971-72 p - July	1,056	r 619	404	108	172	28	r2,387
August	1,447	r 630	366	168	135	58	r2,604
September	1,253	r 779	r 645	148	133	57	r3,015
October	r 988	r 635	r 545	156	381	38	r2,742
November	r1,109	696	r 532	217	312	37	r2,902
December	r 875	r 640	418	102	168	37	r2,240
January	r 989	r 627	402	103	179	15	r2,315
February	1,302	529	516	153	313	42	2,656

(a) Comprises hens, roosters, etc. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (c) Estimated.

TABLE 4. - DUCKS AND DRAKES SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (a)	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1966-67	306	253	73	59	49	35	775
1967-68	335	248	78	35	45	49	790
1968-69	535	272	114	35	)	(	1,010
1969-70	538	246	74	46	) (b)	(b)	968
1970-71	708	283	78	50	)	(	1,214
1970-71 - January	54	19	7	5	)	(	96
February	59	22	6	7	)	(	101
March	67	23	5	8	) (b)	(b)	115
April	52	22	5	6	)	(	91
May	59	20	6	6	)	(	100
June	75	19	6	5	)	(	108
1971-72p - July	67	r18	4	3	)	(	r93
August	70	r22	4	2	)	(	r99
September	86	r28	r3	3	)	(	121
October	80	26	4	4	) (b)	(b)	117
November	86	24	r5	5	)	(	r122
December	94	r38	6	4	)	(	r146
January	67	23	4	4	)	(	101
February	73	28	3	5	)	(	112

DRESSED WEIGHT (c)

('000 lb)

(d)							
Year - 1966-67	1,140	897	328	235	225	172	2,997
1967-68	1,259	883	353	138	225	241	3,099
1968-69	1,953	1,005	513	130	)	(	3,849
1969-70	1,948	880	313	187	) (b)	(b)	3,605
1970-71	2,647	1,016	282	222	)	(	4,560
1970-71 - January	199	79	25	22	)	(	365
February	230	87	26	29	)	(	403
March	268	91	17	36	)	(	459
April	195	89	20	29	) (b)	(b)	360
May	222	76	21	30	)	(	392
June	284	69	23	20	)	(	416
1971-72p - July	244	r58	14	11	)	(	r338
August	248	r74	12	10	)	(	r350
September	314	r93	r11	13	)	(	r437
October	301	86	r13	16	) (b)	(b)	r429
November	303	83	r14	18	)	(	r430
December	339	r124	20	17	)	(	r518
January	238	77	15	17	)	(	358
February	257	93	10	20	)	(	397

(a) Prior to 1968-69, includes turkeys and geese. (b) Not available for publication.
 (c) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (d) Estimated.

TABLE 5. - TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED							
('000)							
Year - 1966-67	441	166	31	28	28	(b)	694
1967-68	483	95	31	15	36	(b)	660
1968-69	683	114	52	21			916
1969-70	982	172	75	34	(c)	(c)	1,331
1970-71	1,119	146	69	23			1,440
1970-71 - January	75	(c)	..	..			84
February	103	..	2	..			107
March	98	7	..	1	(c)	(c)	113
April	79	1	1	..			82
May	95	(c)	(c)	1			102
June	99			2			110
1971-72p - July	107		(	2			r129
August	128			1			r144
September	97	(c)	(c)	..			r140
October	84			1	(c)	(c)	113
November	89			1			106
December	96	r15	r2	r3			r117
January	56	(c)	(c)	..			63
February	86			..			99

DRESSED WEIGHT (d)

('000 lb)

Year - 1966-67	4,636	1,618	(a) 276	295	268	(b)	7,093
1967-68	4,658	963	252	155	335	(b)	6,363
1968-69	6,243	1,048	411	215			8,335
1969-70	9,881	1,655	577	340	(c)	(c)	13,101
1970-71	10,426	1,353	529	229			13,272
1970-71 - January	710	(c)	3	1			784
February	1,017	3	13	..			1,057
March	922	75	3	6	(c)	(c)	1,074
April	810	10	6	2			836
May	864	(c)	(c)	9			932
June	983			18			1,139
1971-72p - July	1,130		(	18			r1,295
August	1,079			12			r1,216
September	895			4			r1,232
October	593	(c)	(c)	7	(c)	(c)	r 853
November	674			11			r 310
December	628	r102	r17	23			r 778
January	402	(c)	(c)	1			r 446
February	640			4			753

(a) Incomplete; prior to 1968-69 excludes particulars for Tasmania. (b) Included with ducks and drakes. (c) Not available for publication. (d) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (e) Estimated.

II. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

In Tables 6 and 7 following, details relate to all eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries whether for sale as day-old chicks or for replenishment of own flocks. The statistics represent actual settings and hatchings (excluding chicks destroyed) for each month shown. As the hatching period is normally three weeks, 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

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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
<u>MEAT STRAINS</u>							
Year - 1966-67	50,141	19,626	n.a.	6,215	(b)	1,227	(c) 77,209
1967-68	54,270	20,655	17,969	7,407	(b)	(b)	112,484
1968-69	51,667	20,120	18,381	6,546	(b)	(b)	109,832
1969-70	60,438	21,946	20,233	8,090	(b)	(b)	124,529
1970-71	76,536	29,401	23,127	11,891	(b)	(b)	158,953
1970-71 - January	6,188	2,283	1,819	986	(b)	(b)	12,626
February	5,793	2,208	1,787	940	(b)	(b)	11,963
March	6,458	2,780	2,074	1,047	(b)	(b)	13,945
April	6,320	2,263	1,854	1,043	(b)	(b)	13,154
May	6,427	2,447	1,948	1,033	(b)	(b)	13,764
June	5,961	2,416	1,962	1,076	(b)	(b)	12,899
1971-72p - July	6,591	2,743	1,944	1,216	(b)	(b)	14,092
August	6,381	2,574	1,934	1,095	(b)	(b)	13,604
September	6,665	2,923	2,050	1,413	(b)	(b)	14,796
October	5,501	2,716	1,132	1,251	(b)	(b)	12,042
November	5,456	2,607	1,738	1,138	(b)	(b)	12,409
December	6,424	2,683	1,962	1,160	(b)	(b)	13,612
January	6,166	3,268	1,812	1,198	(b)	(b)	13,943
February	6,067	3,165	1,654	978	(b)	(b)	13,222

EGG STRAINS

Year - 1966-67	19,847	12,206	n.a.	5,352	3,784	761	(c) 41,950
1967-68	19,510	12,578	8,823	5,060	3,256	1,024	50,251
1968-69	19,971	13,104	8,909	5,049	3,660	904	51,597
1969-70	22,447	14,440	9,925	5,971	3,665	1,206	57,654
1970-71	19,333	15,343	9,971	5,885	4,444	849	55,827
1970-71 - January	1,233	932	523	335	242	(b)	3,265
February	1,454	1,046	559	421	271	(b)	3,752
March	1,617	1,228	634	473	354	(b)	4,307
April	1,598	1,193	745	382	367	(b)	4,284
May	1,710	1,220	1,006	339	456	(b)	4,731
June	1,664	1,304	972	503	405	(b)	4,848
1971-72p - July	1,979	1,473	1,046	529	425	(b)	5,453
August	2,231	1,747	1,216	794	411	(b)	6,400
September	2,042	1,579	1,177	711	332	(b)	5,841
October	1,587	1,427	830	520	301	(b)	4,666
November	1,308	1,381	900	335	318	(b)	4,243
December	840	1,045	540	269	203	(b)	2,897
January	1,229	997	752	380	246	(b)	3,603
February	1,319	892	708	303	267	(b)	3,488

- (a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Not available for publication.
 (c) Incomplete; see individual States. (d) Incomplete; excludes Tasmania.

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

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	N.S.W	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS							
(Unsexed)							
Year - 1966-67	34,163	14,486	n.a.	4,383	(b)	833	(c) 53,865
1967-68	37,629	15,806	13,456	5,218	)	(	80,874
1968-69	35,563	15,546	13,765	5,053	(b)	(b)	79,538
1969-70	41,464	17,334	14,882	6,173	)	(	89,835
1970-71	54,462	22,105	16,548	9,101	)	(	114,999
1970-71 - January	4,642	1,738	1,328	765	)	(	9,509
February	4,173	1,678	1,180	737	(b)	(b)	8,713
March	4,993	2,109	1,452	888	)	(	10,524
April	4,277	1,903	1,429	709	)	(	9,512
May	4,339	1,862	1,357	777	)	(	9,514
June	4,681	1,817	1,447	808	)	(	9,917
1971-72p- July	4,625	2,068	1,512	950	)	(	10,407
August	4,717	2,027	1,458	833	)	(	10,205
September	4,770	2,391	1,473	1,042	)	(	10,909
October	4,259	2,114	1,199	1,082	(b)	(b)	9,844
November	4,374	1,977	956	806	)	(	9,282
December	4,622	1,969	1,436	841	)	(	9,935
January	4,307	2,386	1,354	984	)	(	10,104
February	3,965	2,087	1,278	779	)	(	9,230

INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS**(Crossbred and other Cockerels) (d)**

Year - 1966-67	1,743	1,509	n.a.	230	313	72	(c) 3,867
1967-68	1,545	1,567	759	134	105	43	4,153
1968-69	1,191	880	457	180	66	19	2,794
1969-70	1,846	1,462	431	373	58	7	4,177
1970-71	975	1,096	464	300	52	19	2,906
1970-71 - January	25	43	33	11	2	1	114
February	45	53	24	8	2	1	134
March	109	42	25	12	4	..	192
April	88	25	27	23	6	..	169
May	45	23	42	13	6	..	129
June	50	22	36	11	5	..	124
1971-72p - July	45	39	38	10	6	15	154
August	57	52	61	12	3	..	184
September	71	66	65	14	5	..	221
October	54	71	48	14	7	7	201
November	46	24	39	14	3	..	126
December	30	34	41	6	)	(	116
January	20	24	38	7	(b)	(b)	92
February	25	25	18	8	)	(	78

For footnotes see next page.

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - continued
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (d)							
Year - 1966-67	6,293	4,114	n.a.	1,925	1,253	273	(c)13,858
1967-68	6,093	4,251	2,862	1,904	1,143	371	16,624
1968-69	6,310	4,455	2,922	1,854	1,246	299	17,085
1969-70	7,110	4,977	3,169	2,136	1,314	408	19,115
1970-71	6,325	5,350	3,176	2,125	1,560	268	18,803
1970-71 - January	223	306	156	83	70	7	845
February	428	360	180	139	89	6	1,200
March	559	444	212	172	118	4	1,510
April	518	419	232	120	132	6	1,427
May	578	416	280	138	139	34	1,584
June	547	402	320	142	143	28	1,583
1971-72p- July	610	427	312	165	142	27	1,683
August	704	572	388	250	151	62	2,127
September	668	578	370	297	133	24	2,069
October	584	487	289	241	113	67	1,780
November	487	502	237	181	118	22	1,548
December	319	389	246	99	97	21	1,170
January	328	312	213	113	61	24	1,051
February	381	353	295	125	98	17	1,269

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Incomplete; see individual States. (d) 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			Production		Imports	Exports (including ships' stores)	Apparent consumption in Australia	
	Opening	Closing	Net change	Commer- cial	Self suppliers (a)			Total	Per head
- '000 lb -									
1966-67	13,236	22,154	(+)8,917	195,159	5,855	932	1,413	191,616	16.4
1967-68	22,154	31,261	(+)9,108	226,482	5,963	428	2,103	221,661	18.6
1968-69	31,261	34,522	(+)3,261	240,709	6,086	365	2,707	241,192	19.8
1969-70	34,522	22,376	(-)12,146	273,029	6,222	276	3,683	287,990	23.1
1970-71	22,376	40,880	(+)18,504	334,041	6,354	815	5,155	317,551	25.0

(a) Estimated.

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