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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : BEE-FARMING, AUSTRALIA, 1969-70

In the following statement, bee-farming statistics for each State are confined to apiarists with five or more hives except in New South Wales and Queensland. In New South Wales, since 1966-67, details relate to bee-keepers with six or more hives. In Queensland, prior to 1966-67, details relate to bee-keepers on rural holdings with five or more hives and to bee-keepers not on rural holdings with ten or more hives.

SYMBOLS USED IN THIS BULLETIN

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision
n.a. - Not available.
.. Nil or less than half the final digit shown.

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

TABLE 1. - BEE-FARMING, AUSTRALIA

	Number of apiarists (a)	Beehives			Honey produced			Beeswax produced	
		Pro-ductive	Unpro-ductive	Total	Quan-tity	Gross value	Average production per produc-tive hive	Quan-tity	Gross value
		'000	'000	'000	'000 lb	\$'000	lb	'000 lb	\$'000
1965-66	5,546	310	135	445	39,985	4,103	128.9	519	224
1966-67	5,475	319	129	448	35,158	3,765	110.2	477	224
1967-68	5,902	360	111	472	43,958	4,259	122.0	609	367
1968-69	5,470	301	157	458	29,081	2,782	96.6	425	263
1969-70p -									
N.S.W.	1,805	138	47	185	18,731	1,648	136.2	254	148
Vic.	1,256	77	25	102	8,220	1,208	106.3	103	77
Qld	992	39	21	60	3,144	238	79.7	49	18
S.A.	798	68	11	79	10,638	944	157.2	157	88
W.A.	410	37	8	45	7,409	600	199.4	99	58
Tas.	220	8	2	10	821	123	103.4	13	7
A.C.T.	37	1	..	1	109	11	125.2	1	1
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	5,518	368	114	482	49,072	4,772	133.4	676	397

(a) See comments on coverage (in terms of bee-keepers included) above.

TABLE 2. - HONEY PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA
('000 lb)

	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70 p	Percentage change, 1969-70 on 1968-69
New South Wales	7,343	10,580	21,014	10,654	18,731	75.8
Victoria	9,608	7,160	7,580	3,638	8,220	125.9
Queensland	1,472	3,461	4,116	1,718	3,144	83.0
South Australia	9,929	6,588	6,844	5,770	10,638	84.4
Western Australia	10,923	6,882	3,410	6,553	7,409	13.1
Tasmania	630	385	841	671	821	22.4
Aust. Cap. Territory	80	100	153	78	109	39.7
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	39,985	35,158	43,958	29,081	49,072	68.7

TABLE 3. - NUMBER OF APIARISTS, AUSTRALIA, 1969-70

BY NUMBER OF BEEHIVES KEPT

Number of hives	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
5-9	(a) 200	257	357	150	102	80	1,146
10-19	430	274	240	136	88	64	1,232
20-29	236	130	102	69	45	15	597
30-39	129	81	70	42	24	19	365
40-49	122	67	36	57	15	5	302
50-59	93	49	34	36	18	7	237
60-69	49	33	13	35	4	2	136
70-79	43	24	20	15	10	2	114
80-89	38	28	6	16	5	1	94
90-99	40	22	5	17	2	2	88
100-124	75	66	23	41	10	3	218
125-149	23	19	6	16	8	5	77
150-174	43	40	4	19	7	5	118
175-199	19	13	3	20	5	1	61
200-249	40	37	19	26	16	2	140
250-299	31	31	7	18	4	1	92
300-349	45	19	8	32	4	1	109
350-399	24	11	4	5	4	..	48
400-499	43	14	5	19	11	1	93
500-599	27	18	7	14	10	..	76
600-799	22	14	10	9	11	} 4	138
800 and over	33	9	13	6	7		
TOTAL	1,805	1,256	992	798	410	220	(b)5,518

(a) 6 to 9 hives. (b) Includes 37 apiarists in the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 4. - NUMBER OF PRODUCTIVE HIVES, AUSTRALIA, 1969-70

BY NUMBER OF BEEHIVES KEPT

Number of hives	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
5-9	(a) 566	802	1,135	421	316	329	3,569
10-19	2,209	2,044	1,567	944	524	492	7,780
20-29	2,254	1,657	1,189	893	560	244	6,797
30-39	2,170	1,537	1,275	870	322	538	6,712
40-49	2,687	1,545	664	1,756	279	167	7,098
50-59	2,817	1,510	965	1,229	555	306	7,382
60-69	1,629	1,289	320	1,557	140	100	5,035
70-79	1,554	1,243	746	849	582	109	5,083
80-89	2,161	1,644	406	1,101	338	65	5,715
90-99	2,802	1,613	264	1,359	157	141	6,336
100-124	4,785	4,814	1,476	3,588	625	213	15,501
125-149	2,054	2,038	455	1,407	641	585	7,180
150-174	4,682	4,886	360	2,522	710	619	13,779
175-199	2,797	1,737	175	3,398	835	150	9,092
200-249	6,697	5,543	3,150	5,248	2,799	330	23,767
250-299	6,884	5,783	1,177	4,593	990	200	19,627
300-349	11,379	5,013	2,242	8,908	1,170	250	28,962
350-399	7,341	2,962	1,310	1,810	1,350	..	14,773
400-499	15,131	6,063	1,810	7,344	4,396	314	35,058
500-599	12,545	7,892	3,125	6,708	4,848	..	35,118
600-799	12,404	8,082	4,466	5,190	6,270	} 2,790	102,710
800 and over	30,005	7,600	11,172	5,982	8,749		
TOTAL	137,553	77,297	39,449	67,677	37,156	7,942	(b)367,943

(a) 6 to 9 hives. (b) Includes 869 productive hives in the Australian Capital Territory

TABLE 5. - TOTAL NUMBER OF BEEHIVES, AUSTRALIA, 1969-70

BY NUMBER OF BEEHIVES KEPT

Number of hives	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
5-9	(a) 1,495	1,633	2,318	948	669	556	7,619
10-19	5,854	3,733	3,097	1,778	1,197	802	16,461
20-29	5,304	3,012	2,441	1,599	1,030	356	13,742
30-39	4,226	2,641	2,303	1,368	805	657	12,000
40-49	5,247	2,898	1,548	2,499	623	221	13,036
50-59	4,772	2,499	1,793	1,857	944	373	12,238
60-69	3,026	2,092	809	2,193	250	125	8,495
70-79	3,092	1,802	1,457	1,107	717	147	8,322
80-89	3,114	2,290	486	1,319	418	83	7,710
90-99	3,734	2,035	465	1,568	185	180	8,167
100-124	7,911	6,872	2,513	4,379	1,041	317	23,033
125-149	3,100	2,555	812	2,185	1,077	657	10,386
150-174	6,286	6,243	634	2,996	1,070	793	18,022
175-199	3,534	2,354	553	3,669	924	178	11,212
200-249	8,441	7,558	4,123	5,571	3,345	440	29,478
250-299	8,324	8,083	1,858	4,964	1,010	250	24,489
300-349	13,793	6,024	2,485	9,902	1,220	300	33,724
350-399	8,605	4,047	1,475	1,870	1,485	..	17,542
400-499	18,108	7,006	2,170	8,117	4,576	454	40,431
500-599	14,047	9,565	3,710	7,109	5,236	..	39,667
600-799	14,547	9,008	6,499	5,752	7,022	} 3,320	125,344
800 and over	38,085	8,150	16,518	6,211	10,232		
TOTAL	184,705	102,100	60,067	78,961	45,076	10,209	(b) 482,324

(a) 6 to 9 hives. (b) Includes 1,206 hives in the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 6. - PRODUCTION OF HONEY, AUSTRALIA, 1969-70

BY NUMBER OF BEEHIVES KEPT

('000 lb)

Number of hives	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
5-9	(a) 19	32	39	18	10	13	131
10-19	93	94	59	47	24	20	337
20-29	118	77	60	54	20	14	343
30-39	135	83	44	52	19	39	372
40-49	144	79	33	142	14	8	420
50-59	182	97	50	115	65	20	529
60-69	114	91	21	158	6	5	395
70-79	122	91	34	83	65	2	397
80-89	137	126	18	119	17	4	421
90-99	244	105	27	119	5	18	518
100-124	408	442	76	427	44	11	1,408
125-149	155	150	21	138	53	68	585
150-174	446	346	18	379	110	35	1,334
175-199	302	138	8	425	78	22	973
200-249	757	491	257	816	476	25	2,822
250-299	1,030	741	36	628	111	25	2,571
300-349	1,618	530	186	1,437	278	16	4,065
350-399	1,018	365	87	390	331	..	2,191
400-499	2,241	884	296	1,478	1,207	38	6,144
500-599	2,410	993	217	1,453	964	..	6,037
600-799	2,004	1,140	390	1,211	1,640	} 438	16,970
800 and over	5,035	1,128	1,167	946	1,871		
TOTAL	18,731	8,220	3,144	10,533	7,409	821	(b) 49,072

(a) 6 to 9 hives. (b) Includes 109,000 lb in the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 7. - EXPORTS OF HONEY, AUSTRALIA (a)
(Australian produce only)

	1967-68		1968-69		1969-70	
	'000 lb	\$A'000	'000 lb	\$A'000	'000 lb	\$A'000
Country of destination -						
Denmark	)	27	1,307	101	602	54
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	(	28	514	50	673	66
Japan	)	65	802	106	409	59
Malaysia	)	53	301	85	272	78
Mozambique	n.a.	12	218	22	275	32
Pakistan	)	8	225	28	376	41
Saudi Arabia	)	68	242	76	101	33
United Kingdom	)	700	7,361	746	10,542	1,079
Other countries	)	235	1,275	265	1,444	329
State of final shipment -						
New South Wales	)	284	2,362	306	2,815	392
Victoria	(	254	2,155	247	3,188	359
Queensland	)	236	2,397	278	1,508	159
South Australia	n.a.	95	1,626	169	2,214	234
Western Australia	)	309	3,531	456	4,748	597
Tasmania	)	20	174	23	222	30
TOTAL	n.a.	1,196	12,246	1,479	14,695	1,772

(a) Imports of honey amounted to 43,105 lb, valued at \$12,526 in 1967-68; 79,279 lb, valued at \$21,104 in 1968-69 and 181,176 lb, valued at \$36,438 in 1969-70.

TABLE 8. - EXPORTS OF BEESWAX, AUSTRALIA (a)
(Australian produce only)

	1967-68		1968-69		1969-70	
	'000 lb	\$A'000	'000 lb	\$A'000	'000 lb	\$A'000
Country of destination -						
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	65	46	16	10	..	..
Japan	57	38	49	33	29	19
United Kingdom	318	214	235	155	215	143
Other countries	30	23	1	1	6	4
State of final shipment -						
New South Wales	145	100	36	24	5	3
Victoria	143	96	88	59	62	41
Queensland	77	53	80	54	44	29
South Australia	52	34	24	16	58	37
Western Australia	54	38	73	47	81	54
TOTAL	471	321	301	200	250	166

(a) Imports of beeswax are not recorded separately, but are considered to be negligible.

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