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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : BEE-FARMING, AUSTRALIA, 1966-67

In the following statement bee-farming statistics for 1966-67 for each State are confined to apiarists with five or more hives, except in New South Wales where details relate to beekeepers with six or more hives.

Prior to 1966-67, statistics for States other than Queensland related to beekeepers with five or more hives. In Queensland details were confined to beekeepers on rural holdings with five or more hives and to beekeepers not on rural holdings with ten or more hives.

It should be noted that the effects of seasonal conditions and the flow of nectar, which cause the production of honey to fluctuate considerably from year to year, have an important bearing on year-to-year comparisons.

SYMBOLS USED IN THIS BULLETIN

p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.

.. - 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

Year	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
1962-63	5,834	303	151	454	32,679	3,296	107.7	426	184
1963-64	5,608	340	111	450	45,647	5,778	134.4	581	250
1964-65	5,768	326	131	457	42,080	4,866	129.0	549	253
1965-66	5,546	310	135	446	39,985	4,103	128.9	519	224
1966-67p-									
N.S.W.	1,938	103	57	160	10,580	1,230	103.2	137	66
Vic.	1,158	72	24	96	7,160	1,045	99.0	88	44
Qld	875	38	19	57	3,461	346	90.0	52	23
S.A.	784	57	16	73	6,588	642	115.0	93	43
W.A.	467	41	10	51	6,882	440	168.6	99	44
Tas.	223	7	3	10	385	50	59.0	7	3
A.C.T.	30	1	1	1	100	12	113.8	1	1
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	5,475	319	129	448	35,158	3,765	110.2	477	224

(a) See comments on coverage (in terms of beekeepers included) above.

TABLE 2. HONEY PRODUCTION : AUSTRALIA
('000 lb)

State	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67 p	Percentage change, 1966-67 on 1965-66
						%
New South Wales	14,087	15,135	13,701	7,343	10,580	44.1
Victoria	4,818	9,460	9,180	9,608	7,160	-25.5
Queensland	2,941	2,053	3,794	1,472	3,461	135.1
South Australia	4,147	9,722	6,527	9,929	6,588	-33.7
Western Australia	6,099	8,510	8,066	10,923	6,882	-37.0
Tasmania	547	632	715	630	385	-38.8
Aust. Cap. Territory	40	135	97	80	100	26.1
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	32,679	45,647	42,080	39,985	35,158	-12.1

TABLE 3. - EXPORTS OF HONEY : AUSTRALIA (a)

(Australian produce only)

Particulars	1964-65		1965-66		1966-67	
	'000 lb	\$A'000	'000 lb	\$A'000	'000 lb	\$A'000
Country of destination -						
United Kingdom	7,958	756	13,229	1,203	10,358	1,060
Denmark	422	36	346	29	484	42
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	2,464	206	838	71	361	32
Japan	1,670	202	484	77	213	44
Rhodesia	66	12	149	22	179	20
Saudi Arabia	69	14	50	12	152	44
Malaysia (b)	162	40	198	48	143	41
Arabia, South	215	40	135	27	125	31
Singapore (c)	..	..	74	19	105	28
Kenya	113	22	90	18	87	16
Pakistan	60	12	108	24	63	11
Hong Kong	33	8	46	7	31	7
Other Countries	478	84	487	89	749	142
State of final shipment -						
New South Wales	910	124	640	91	405	83
Victoria	4,193	418	6,052	556	1,635	181
Queensland	1,652	174	809	99	1,873	222
South Australia	948	98	1,534	152	1,743	196
Western Australia	5,883	600	7,008	724	7,208	813
Tasmania	124	18	191	24	186	23
TOTAL	13,710	1,432	16,234	1,646	13,050	1,518

(a) Imports of honey amounted to 27,993 lb, valued at \$9,426, in 1964-65; 29,523 lb, valued at \$8,416, in 1965-66 and 46,657 lb, valued at \$13,560, in 1966-67.

(b) Includes Singapore from 1 July 1964 to 30 September 1965. (c) Included with Malaysia from 1 July 1964 to 30 September 1965.

TABLE 4. - EXPORTS OF BEESWAX : AUSTRALIA (a)

(Australian produce only)

Particulars	1964-65		1965-66		1966-67	
	'000 lb	\$A'000	'000 lb	\$A'000	'000 lb	\$A'000
Country of destination -						
United Kingdom	209	92	119	51	379	190
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	18	8	58	26	101	47
Japan	5	2	1	..	62	32
Netherlands	11	4	25	11	44	24
Belgium-Luxembourg	5	2	10	4	7	3
Other Countries	10	4	25	12	5	3
State of final shipment -						
New South Wales	2	2	2	3	93	49
Victoria	69	30	86	33	160	78
Queensland	75	32	50	24	102	49
South Australia	40	18	21	9	86	43
Western Australia	70	30	77	34	157	80
Tasmania	2	1	2	1	..	..
TOTAL	258	112	238	104	598	299

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

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