

CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS, AUSTRALIA JULY 1978

INQUIRIES

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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.

New South Wales statistics include the activities of Australian Capital Territory producers. The Queensland statistics are based on data collected by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries.

Information relating to other poultry slaughtered (other fowls, ducks and drakes, turkeys) has been restricted to an Australian series only but some State information for the current and previous months is available on request.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia from 1972-73 to 1976-77 are contained in the September 1977 issue of this bulletin.

In Tables 1 and 2 following, details relate to all eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries whether for sale or replacement of own flocks. The numbers relate to actual settings and hatchings for each month. There is not necessarily a relationship between the number of eggs set and the number of chicks hatched in any one month.

Related publications

Further details of production, stocks and exports of poultry meat and poultry slaughterings are published in *Meat Statistics* (7206.0) which is issued annually.

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

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| p | preliminary — figure or series subject to revision |
| n.a. | not available |
| n.p. | not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable) |

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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I. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF EGGS SET IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a)
(^{'000})

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year -							
1975-76	89,167	40,738	26,698	21,884	n.p.	n.p.	201,547
1976-77	98,247	42,615	29,756	22,506	n.p.	n.p.	216,904
1977-78p	105,245	47,882	34,679	24,182	n.p.	n.p.	238,522
1977-78p - July	9,159	3,837	2,870	2,031	n.p.	n.p.	20,178
1978-79p - July	9,706	4,288	2,947	2,165	n.p.	n.p.	21,335
EGG STRAINS							
Year -							
1975-76	13,719	11,480	6,802	4,585	3,346	874	40,804
1976-77	16,271	11,842	7,154	4,057	3,360	1,108	43,793
1977-78p	15,456	8,565	6,358	4,038	3,241	1,147	38,805
1977-78p - July	1,148	952	583	278	213	n.a.	(b)3,174
1978-79p - July	1,359	712	469	463	364	n.a.	(b)3,367

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Incomplete; excludes Tasmania.

TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a)
(^{'000})

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year -							
1975-76	68,222	33,219	20,925	17,789	n.p.	n.p.	158,088
1976-77	71,930	34,694	23,734	19,167	n.p.	n.p.	168,724
1977-78p	80,460	38,441	26,938	20,117	n.p.	n.p.	186,807
1977-78p - July	6,982	3,319	2,298	1,731	n.p.	n.p.	16,084
1978-79p - July	7,130	3,323	2,242	1,713	n.p.	n.p.	16,140
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS (Crossbred and other cockerels) (b)							
Year -							
1975-76	182	192	n.p.	52	n.p.	17	585
1976-77	179	173	n.p.	40	n.p.	13	515
1977-78p	163	157	n.p.	36	n.p.	21	468
1977-78p - July	12	7	n.p.	3	n.p.	n.p.	37
1978-79p - July	14	9	n.p.	3	n.p.	n.p.	37

For footnotes see end of Table 2, page 3.

TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a) - continued
(000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (b)							
Year -							
1975-76	4,648	4,012	2,601	1,833	1 200	370	14,664
1976-77	5,562	3,804	3,048	1,558	1,204	401	15,578
1977-78 p	5,560	2,975	2,402	1,431	1,175	394	13,937
1977-78p - July	402	302	248	103	94	36	1,185
1978-79 p - July	455	247	183	152	95	26	1,159
INTENDED FOR BREEDING							
	Egg Strains		Meat Strains				
	Pullets	Cockerels	Pullets	Cockerels			
Year -							
1975-76	476	99	2,510	727			
1976-77	468	101	2,515	745			
1977-78 p	417	131	2,626	755			
1977-78p - July	51	16	240	64			
1978-79p - July	44	8	243	73			

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Egg strain chickens reported as unsexed have been allocated half to chickens for chicken meat and half to chickens for egg production.

II. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 3. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)

	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED (<i>'000</i>)							
Year -							
1975-76	63,184	29,233	19,044	16,177	14,652	1,911	144,202
1976-77	67,059	31,435	21,166	17,251	15,746	2,453	155,109
1977-78 p	75,980	33,860	24,948	19,452	16,867	2,897	174,005
1977-78p - July	6,275	2,670	1,831	1,564	1,390	244	13,974
1978-79p - July	6,542	2,678	2,052	1,659	1,508	292	14,730
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (Tonnes)							
Year -							
1975-76	83,036	36,332	26,183	18,064	17,963	2,329	183,907
1976-77	85,416	39,785	28,702	19,243	19,373	3,060	195,579
1977-78p	96,599	42,643	34,038	21,892	20,742	3,651	219,565
1977-78p - July	8,073	3,272	2,431	1,780	1,661	297	17,514
1978-79p - July	8,417	3,378	2,708	1,888	1,931	370	18,693

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

TABLE 4. OTHER POULTRY SLAUGHTERED

	<i>Other fowls and turkeys</i>		<i>Ducks and drakes</i>	
	<i>No. slaughtered (<i>'000</i>)</i>	<i>Dressed weight (Tonnes)</i>	<i>No. slaughtered (<i>'000</i>)</i>	<i>Dressed weight (Tonnes)</i>
Year -				
1975-76	9,245	18,345	1,168	1,921
1976-77	9,806	20,611	1,166	1,878
1977-78p	10,634	22,270	1,692	2,797
1977-78p - July	896	1,965	148	257
1978-79p - July	829	1,856	154	250