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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS
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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. More detailed monthly information on poultry slaughterings is published annually in the bulletin *Meat Statistics* (Catalogue No. 7206.0, Previously Ref. No. 10.54).

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.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia from 1971-72 to 1975-76 are contained in the September 1976 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

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (Catalogue No. 1101.0, Previously Ref. No. 1.8) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

p — preliminary, subject to revision.

r — revised.

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

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1. 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							
1974-75	81,751	34,773	23,773	20,148	(b)	(b)	181,300
1975-76	89,167	40,738	26,698	21,884	(b)	(b)	201,547
1976-77p	98,240	42,615	29,899	22,506	(b)	(b)	217,005
1976-77p —							
July	7,367	3,584	2,545	1,981	(b)	(b)	17,477
1977-78p —							
July	9,159	3,837	2,868	2,031	(b)	(b)	20,176

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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF EGGS SET IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a) - continued

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
EGG STRAINS							
Year -							
1974-75	12,988	14,925	7,708	4,260	3,587	843	34,310
1975-76	13,719	11,480	6,802	4,585	3,346	874	40,804
1976-77p	16,296	11,842	7,157	4,057	3,375	1,108	43,835
1976-77p - July	1,467	868	634	330	208	(b)	3,507
1977-78p - July	1,148	952	583	269	213	(b)	3,165

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Not available for publication. (c) 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 -							
1974-75	62,026	27,306	18,928	16,089	(b)	(b)	140,139
1975-76	68,222	33,219	20,925	17,789	(b)	(b)	158,088
1976-77p	71,966	34,694	23,746	19,167	(b)	(b)	168,769
1976-77p - July	5,829	2,984	2,026	1,609	(b)	(b)	14,202
1977-78p - July	6,982	3,319	2,296	1,731	(b)	(b)	16,082
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS (Crossbred and other Cockerels) (c)							
Year -							
1974-75	237	316	(b)	65	(b)	13	856
1975-76	182	192	(b)	25	(b)	17	559
1976-77p	175	173	(b)	40	(b)	13	511
1976-77p - July	14	15	(b)	3	(b)	(b)	43
1977-78p - July	12	7	(b)	3	(b)	(b)	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) (c)							
Year -							
1974-75	4,483	5,004	2,763	1,723	1,321	340	15,634
1975-76	4,648	4,012	2,601	1,807	1,200	370	14,637
1976-77p	5,563	3,804	3,432	1,558	1,196	402	15,955
1976-77p - July	510	319	321	128	93	26	1,396
1977-78p - July	402	302	248	103	94	36	1,185

INTENDED FOR BREEDING - AUSTRALIA

	Egg Strains		Meat Strains	
	Pullets	Cockerels	Pullets	Cockerels
Year -				
1974-75	613	103	2,310	654
1975-76	476	99	2,510	727
1976-77p	473	98	2,520	743
1976-77p - July	59	18	232	57
1977-78p - July	51	16	240	64

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Egg strain chickens reported as 'unsexed' have been allocated half to chickens for chicken meat and half to chickens for egg production. The number of egg strain chickens reported as 'unsexed' in July 1977 was: N.S.W. - 3,000, Vic. - 3,000.

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 ('000)							
Year -							
1974-75	59,176	26,324	17,764	15,249	13,767	1,895	134,175
1975-76	63,184	29,233	19,044	16,177	14,652	1,911	144,202
1976-77p	65,561	30,740	21,175	17,251	15,803	2,451	152,981
1976-77p - July	5,644	2,694	1,962	1,422	1,449	229	13,401
1977-78p - July	6,275	2,670	1,835	1,541	1,394	244	13,959
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (tonnes)							
Year -							
1974-75	74,518	33,140	23,096	16,773	16,121	2,340	165,989
1975-76	83,036	36,332	26,183	18,064	17,963	2,329	183,907
1976-77p	83,317	38,635	28,719	19,243	19,484	3,050	192,448
1976-77p - July	7,246	3,506	2,668	1,585	1,817	286	17,109
1977-78p - July	8,073	3,272	2,422	1,746	1,665	297	17,476

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

TABLE 4. OTHER POULTRY SLAUGHTERED : AUSTRALIA

	<i>Other fowls and turkeys</i>		<i>Ducks and drakes</i>	
	<i>No. slaughtered ('000)</i>	<i>Dressed weight (tonnes)</i>	<i>No. slaughtered ('000)</i>	<i>Dressed weight (tonnes)</i>
Year -				
1974-75	10,491	21,315	1,283	2,136
1975-76	9,245	18,345	1,168	1,921
1976-77p	19,767	20,587	1,160	1,865
1976-77p - July	876	2,021	94	147
1977-78p - July	846	1,973	131	230