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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS, SEPTEMBER 1970

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, and the many very small producers, including producers in the Northern Territory, 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 slaughterings by producers in the Australian Capital Territory.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia and stocks of frozen poultry are contained in sections III and IV respectively.

Symbols used in this bulletin

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

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

I. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 1. - TOTAL DRESSED WEIGHT OF ALL POULTRY SLAUGHTERED (a)

('000 lb)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (c)	Australia
Year - 1965-66	68,730	34,370	27,305	7,496	12,234	1,867	152,002
1966-67	94,888	40,246	30,447	10,363	16,634	2,581	195,159
1967-68	110,967	46,550	34,957	12,219	18,759	3,030	226,482
1968-69	115,299	46,166	40,818	12,269	22,653	3,507	240,711
1969-70p	129,915	49,643	47,492	15,403	23,638	3,191	269,281
1969-70p - August	10,451	3,780	4,044	1,141	1,858	266	21,540
September	9,853	3,704	3,620	1,026	1,931	270	20,404
October	12,257	4,459	4,853	1,168	2,079	329	25,145
November	10,785	3,677	4,130	1,012	1,992	269	21,864
December	10,271	4,473	4,126	1,406	1,815	261	22,352
January	9,768	4,029	3,336	1,194	2,344	268	20,947
February	10,510	4,081	3,696	1,301	1,961	230	21,779
March	10,236	4,188	4,303	1,473	1,705	275	22,180
April	11,452	4,966	4,020	1,629	2,004	245	24,316
May	11,970	3,847	3,933	1,313	1,993	243	23,299
June	11,755	3,841	3,770	1,427	1,678	247	22,719
1970-71p - July	12,368	4,998	4,716	1,608	2,253	265	26,209
August	12,346	4,151	3,998	1,402	2,095	264	24,257
September	12,438	4,391	4,128	1,567	2,395	276	25,195

- (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.

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	23,553	12,039	9,272	2,716	4,426	545	52,551
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
1969-70p	38,853	15,332	14,175	5,597	8,503	957	83,418
1969-70p - August	3,150	1,079	1,192	373	648	79	6,522
September	2,883	1,089	1,093	371	709	83	6,228
October	3,638	1,329	1,398	424	746	89	7,625
November	3,084	1,092	1,201	381	675	77	6,510
December	3,130	1,392	1,229	562	639	76	7,027
January	2,990	1,265	935	439	838	92	6,559
February	3,212	1,285	1,126	475	694	79	6,871
March	3,135	1,280	1,305	523	621	81	6,945
April	3,452	1,561	1,222	592	743	68	7,638
May	3,529	1,299	1,211	472	742	78	7,331
June	3,539	1,278	1,141	525	626	85	7,193
1970-71p - July	3,662	1,528	1,419	552	837	83	8,081
August	3,767	1,213	1,196	521	749	85	7,533
September	3,864	1,314	1,245	564	815	78	7,879

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)
('000 lb)

			(c)				
Year - 1965-66	56,894	28,995	23,365	6,447	10,540	1,310	127,551
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
1969-70p	107,819	41,791	41,752	13,879	21,357	2,592	229,191
1969-70p - August	8,925	3,014	3,579	959	1,618	215	18,310
September	8,140	2,989	3,194	892	1,782	215	17,212
October	10,015	3,643	4,363	1,065	1,845	240	21,171
November	8,562	2,985	3,654	904	1,671	201	17,977
December	8,479	3,800	3,642	1,257	1,579	197	18,953
January	8,198	3,450	2,843	1,091	2,225	248	18,055
February	9,020	3,462	3,292	1,216	1,783	206	18,979
March	8,410	3,522	3,814	1,337	1,517	208	18,808
April	9,593	4,333	3,470	1,481	1,834	189	20,900
May	9,967	3,363	3,496	1,166	1,836	211	20,040
June	9,751	3,327	3,252	1,333	1,553	229	19,444
1970-71p - July	10,283	4,167	4,185	1,445	2,082	216	22,378
August	10,330	3,274	3,482	1,291	1,882	222	20,481
September	10,624	3,448	3,534	1,403	2,105	203	21,316

(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

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	2,068	1,013	860	197	346	117	4,601
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
1969-70p	2,958	1,532	1,245	287	416	117	6,555
1969-70p - August	195	131	91	21	49	13	500
September	215	116	88	32	34	13	497
October	293	113	106	21	35	9	577
November	225	117	110	24	37	16	529
December	271	156	105	19	29	12	593
January	245	132	111	22	29	6	544
February	230	127	91	18	37	7	511
March	288	142	110	29	40	13	623
April	250	131	124	27	35	9	576
May	258	119	94	29	32	10	541
June	237	106	109	18	27	6	502
1970-71p - July	285	173	110	33	36	7	642
August	299	158	114	20	42	11	643
September	263	150	132	30	44	16	634

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)
('000 lb)

Year	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)
Year - 1965-66	6,873	3,376	3,363	653	1,227	418	15,910
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	4,317	987	1,508	447	21,877
1969-70p	10,266	5,398	4,850	996	1,541	405	23,456
1969-70p - August	699	491	354	74	216	46	1,881
September	848	420	344	119	120	47	1,898
October	1,029	391	414	69	119	33	2,054
November	843	412	433	81	120	59	1,948
December	858	436	411	69	116	37	1,928
January	763	469	432	82	91	18	1,856
February	765	461	357	61	137	23	1,804
March	1,035	550	430	101	145	46	2,308
April	858	499	495	92	125	32	2,101
May	883	417	338	102	119	32	1,891
June	791	376	423	60	93	18	1,762
1970-71p - July	980	625	417	115	139	20	2,296
August	1,068	565	415	68	161	38	2,315
September	928	545	500	102	181	53	2,310

(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

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (a)	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	327	326	73	52	42	21	841
1966-67	306	253	73	59	49	35	775
1967-68	335	248	78	35	45	49	790
1968-69	535	272	114	35	(b)	(b)	1,010
1969-70p	538	229	74	46			946
1969-70p - August	46	14	8	2	(b)	(b)	73
September	54	14	7	1			79
October	55	25	4	1			88
November	55	27	6	3			97
December	50	30	10	7			102
January	38	21	8	(b)			78
February	40	20	5	6			76
March	39	19	4	(b)			74
April	40	18	6	6			75
May	33	13	5	3			60
June	42	13	5	3			69
1970-71p - July	43	16	7	1	(b)	(b)	72
August	47	17	7	1			74
September	53	22	9	2			90
DRESSED WEIGHT (c) ('000 lb)							
Year - 1965-66	1,218	1,329	(d) 329	209	195	139	3,419
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	(b)	(b)	3,849
1969-70p	1,948	822	313	187			3,542
1969-70p - August	166	53	34	7	(b)	(b)	273
September	195	53	27	4			294
October	196	86	17	3			313
November	196	96	23	13			354
December	173	111	40	26			379
January	136	70	31	(b)			288
February	144	68	20	22			279
March	145	66	17	(b)			283
April	151	67	26	27			299
May	125	48	23	13			235
June	150	47	18	12			251
1970-71p - July	149	54	24	6	(b)	(b)	249
August	173	57	23	5			267
September	193	75	33	7			328

(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

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	340	67	28	20	26	(b)	481
1966-67	441	166	31	28	28	(b)	694
1967-68	483	95	31	15	36	(b)	660
1968-69	683	114	52	21	(c)	(c)	916
1969-70p	982	169	75	34	(c)	(c)	1,329
1969-70p - August	63	24	10	10			109
September	67	27	7	1			104
October	109	32	7	4			169
November	122	18	2	2			162
December	85	14	4	6			124
January	67	5	4	(c)	(c)	(c)	76
February	67	11	3	..			83
March	62	5	5	(c)			76
April	84	7	4	2			101
May	97	2	11	2			113
June	94	7	11	2			115
1970-71p - July	107	17	13	5			146
August	78	30	11	3	(c)	(c)	127
September	83	39	9	6			149
DRESSED WEIGHT (d) ('000 lb)							
Year - 1965-66	3,745	670	(e) 248	187	272	(b)	5,122
1966-67	4,636	1,618	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	(c)	(c)	8,335
1969-70p	9,881	1,632	577	340	(c)	(c)	13,093
1969-70p - August	662	222	77	101			1,076
September	670	241	54	11			999
October	1,017	339	58	32			1,607
November	1,184	183	19	15			1,585
December	760	125	32	53			1,091
January	671	40	30	(c)	(c)	(c)	741
February	581	90	27	2			717
March	646	49	43	(c)			762
April	850	67	28	29			1,017
May	995	19	76	31			1,132
June	1,063	92	77	22			1,262
1970-71p - July	955	152	91	42			1,286
August	775	256	78	37	(c)	(c)	1,195
September	693	323	61	55			1,241

(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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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NEAT STRAINS							
Year - 1965-66	40,226	18,758	n.a.	5,089	(b)	953	(c) 65,026
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
1969-70p	60,438	21,946	20,233	8,090	(b)	(b)	124,508
1969-70p - August	4,689	1,629	1,754	558	(b)	(b)	9,670
September	4,714	1,863	1,528	629	(b)	(b)	9,798
October	4,814	1,951	1,432	732	(b)	(b)	10,175
November	4,732	1,961	1,478	662	(b)	(b)	9,895
December	4,860	2,107	1,777	814	(b)	(b)	10,522
January	5,029	1,733	1,667	686	(b)	(b)	10,212
February	4,686	1,622	1,605	604	(b)	(b)	9,548
March	5,431	1,780	1,775	706	(b)	(b)	10,811
April	5,479	2,069	1,903	802	(b)	(b)	11,554
May	5,115	1,826	1,730	561	(b)	(b)	10,431
June	6,000	1,583	1,853	705	(b)	(b)	11,511
1970-71p - July	6,363	2,214	2,072	821	(b)	(b)	12,928
August	6,648	2,255	2,041	828	(b)	(b)	13,077
September	6,493	2,233	1,989	838	(b)	(b)	12,917
EGG STRAINS							
Year - 1965-66	19,096	10,956	n.a.	4,464	3,362	1,067	(c) 38,945
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
1969-70p	22,447	14,440	9,925	5,971	3,665	789	51,231
1969-70p - August	2,351	1,889	1,181	815	418	121	6,776
September	2,388	1,824	1,093	734	390	162	6,551
October	2,146	1,375	852	633	265	146	5,410
November	1,431	913	512	441	172	45	3,513
December	1,096	651	305	246	117	40	2,455
January	1,493	774	478	264	(b)	(b)	3,184
February	1,663	836	551	315	(b)	(b)	3,587
March	1,784	1,101	793	374	(b)	(b)	4,355
April	1,706	1,103	1,047	411	(b)	(b)	4,684
May	1,839	1,123	817	455	(b)	(b)	4,598
June	2,140	1,238	909	520	(b)	(b)	5,303
1970-71p - July	2,170	1,683	1,120	639	496	(b)	(d) 6,108
August	2,225	1,637	1,243	803	503	(b)	(d) 6,412
September	2,054	1,689	1,011	717	404	(b)	(d) 5,875

- (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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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year - 1965-66	26,136	13,705	n.a.	3,501	(b)	582	(c) 43,924
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	(b)	(b)	80,874
1968-69	35,563	15,546	13,765	5,053	(b)	(b)	79,538
1969-70p	41,464	17,334	14,882	6,173	(b)	(b)	89,807
1969-70p - August	3,249	1,249	1,222	407	(b)	(b)	6,861
September	3,451	1,430	1,336	458	(b)	(b)	7,488
October	3,321	1,523	1,190	601	(b)	(b)	7,512
November	3,021	1,415	862	491	(b)	(b)	6,585
December	3,743	1,742	1,280	648	(b)	(b)	8,239
January	3,558	1,465	1,294	543	(b)	(b)	7,650
February	3,158	1,247	1,201	484	(b)	(b)	6,846
March	3,544	1,359	1,324	466	(b)	(b)	7,500
April	3,793	1,606	1,246	634	(b)	(b)	8,177
May	3,528	1,406	1,292	452	(b)	(b)	7,504
June	3,697	1,393	1,319	492	(b)	(b)	7,871
1970-71p - July	4,400	1,523	1,486	644	(b)	(b)	9,115
August	4,355	1,564	1,358	579	(b)	(b)	8,792
September	4,423	1,650	1,449	660	(b)	(b)	9,100

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

Year - 1965-66	3,109	2,135	n.a.	274	324	107	(c) 5,949
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
1969-70p	1,846	1,462	431	373	58	23	4,193
1969-70p - August	101	95	49	18	4	18	285
September	117	122	49	16	7	2	313
October	100	72	46	18	6	3	243
November	63	59	21	12	2	..	157
December	44	49	17	15	3	..	128
January	145	107	16	13	(b)	(b)	282
February	159	149	17	40	(b)	(b)	366
March	317	179	22	48	(b)	(b)	567
April	305	161	41	49	(b)	(b)	559
May	238	200	37	58	(b)	(b)	537
June	191	191	39	74	(b)	(b)	514
1970-71p - July	110	212	27	51	(b)	(b)	411
August	85	219	67	48	(b)	(b)	427
September	95	180	101	47	(b)	(b)	432

For footnotes see next page.

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

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (d)							
Year - 1965-66	5,934	3,710	n.a.	1,525	1,077	372	(c) 12,618
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
1969-70p	7,110	4,977	3,169	2,136	1,314	291	18,998
1969-70p - August	738	650	413	285	158	28	2,273
September	787	627	410	312	143	60	2,339
October	759	527	273	280	124	60	2,022
November	578	348	187	162	82	20	1,377
December	448	286	124	129	60	22	1,068
January	426	246	124	78	(b)	(b)	912
February	433	250	148	107			1,046
March	573	325	245	124			1,363
April	575	394	313	142			1,551
May	456	376	288	143			1,410
June	636	416	305	172			1,709
1970-71p - July	670	515	350	175	(b)	(b)	1,894
August	666	546	333	292			2,035
September	653	619	382	283			2,143

(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)

Year	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 -							lb	
1965-66	n.a.	13,236	n.a.	152,002	5,750	912	815	157,848	13.7
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	240,711	6,086	365	2,707	241,194	19.8
1969-70p	34,522	22,376	(-)12,146	269,281	6,222	276	3,683	284,242	22.8

(a) Estimated.

IV. STOCKS OF FROZEN POULTRY

Table 9 gives details of stocks of frozen poultry (dressed weight) as at 30 June 1969 and 1970;

TABLE 9. - STOCKS OF FROZEN POULTRY (a) AS AT 30 JUNE 1969 and 1970 : AUSTRALIA

(Dressed Weight)

Item	Year ended 30 June	
	1969	1970
	- '000 lb -	
Chickens (i.e. broilers, fryers and roasters)	29,818	14,556
Other fowls (i.e. hens, roosters, etc.)	1,697	1,671
Ducks and drakes	889	712
Turkeys	2,117	5,437
Total	34,522	22,376

(a) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

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