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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS, JANUARY 1969

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 December 1968, New South Wales slaughtering statistics include poultry slaughterings by producers in the Australian Capital Territory.

As no allowance has been made for interstate movement of dressed poultry, or changes in stocks held, figures for individual States should not be taken as necessarily representing the level of consumption in the States concerned.

Symbols used in this bulletin

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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	18,444	3,030	226,167
1967-68 - December	9,186	3,841	3,345	1,078	1,601	258	19,309
January	10,044	3,785	2,450	951	1,329	239	18,798
February	9,588	4,314	2,131	992	1,354	194	18,573
March	8,350	4,071	3,104	965	1,184	230	17,904
April	7,868	3,510	3,001	1,070	1,308	227	16,984
May	11,012	4,512	3,858	1,214	1,584	278	22,458
June	9,250	3,707	2,745	1,086	1,522	248	18,558
1968-69p- July	10,029	3,377	3,161	1,224	2,017	274	20,081
August	9,349	3,609	3,360	954	1,668	267	19,208
September	9,479	3,963	3,429	794	1,684	261	19,610
October	10,759	3,718	3,552	1,015	1,907	384	21,335
November	10,202	4,091	4,023	942	1,573	367	21,197
December	9,401	4,343	3,228	1,012	1,849	307	20,141
January	9,722	3,993	2,855	887	1,756	311	19,524

(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) Includes, prior to July 1968, 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	6,817	861	76,221
1967-68- December	3,188	1,291	1,140	376	554	75	6,624
January	3,350	1,267	864	364	489	75	6,409
February	3,179	1,456	729	378	497	61	6,300
March	2,818	1,388	1,118	336	405	60	6,125
April	2,513	1,169	1,063	374	492	77	5,688
May	3,379	1,499	1,368	417	584	95	7,341
June	2,992	1,150	930	347	584	82	6,085
1968-69p- July	2,968	1,027	1,120	407	731	85	6,338
August	2,943	1,088	1,208	324	623	86	6,271
September	2,828	1,156	1,067	267	588	74	5,979
October	3,175	1,080	1,104	344	664	86	6,453
November	2,981	1,174	1,277	321	545	101	6,397
December	2,809	1,262	999	379	643	74	6,165
January	2,955	1,224	908	351	650	88	6,175

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	16,547	2,264	197,035
1967-68 - December	8,004	3,346	2,790	971	1,421	195	16,727
January	8,956	3,423	2,116	872	1,160	194	16,721
February	8,319	3,920	1,784	888	1,200	153	16,264
March	7,222	3,666	2,737	873	1,016	150	15,664
April	6,745	3,082	2,602	953	1,157	191	14,730
May	9,554	4,117	3,349	1,110	1,409	255	19,795
June	7,980	3,288	2,277	998	1,373	211	16,127
1968-69p- July	8,570	2,911	2,743	1,149	1,851	221	17,445
August	7,937	3,094	2,957	830	1,567	242	16,627
September	7,935	3,442	3,000	656	1,571	207	16,810
October	8,995	3,081	3,105	884	1,674	258	17,998
November	8,255	3,355	3,590	802	1,353	302	17,658
December	7,826	3,643	2,809	888	1,641	215	17,022
January	8,351	3,507	2,553	839	1,575	263	17,087

(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	2,404	990	1,154	285	362	148	5,403
1967-68 - December	188	94	117	24	27	13	463
January	224	79	78	19	35	9	444
February	231	77	80	26	30	11	455
March	215	77	87	19	30	14	442
April	183	84	91	23	28	8	417
May	260	90	120	22	38	6	536
June	205	90	111	19	30	7	461
1968-69p - July	264	91	94	13	40	7	509
August	230	89	84	30	27	6	465
September	234	99	93	30	25	10	491
October	253	111	93	31	35	30	553
November	256	104	80	29	37	15	521
December	202	114	85	25	36	13	475
January	248	117	66	12	47	10	501

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)
('000 lb)

Year -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
(c)							
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
1967-68 - December	654	319	456	82	93	46	1,650
January	808	260	303	66	127	40	1,604
February	794	263	311	86	106	35	1,595
March	828	258	340	69	105	48	1,648
April	687	288	354	81	111	31	1,552
May	994	291	469	73	135	19	1,981
June	743	300	433	63	118	23	1,679
1968-69p - July	872	306	367	45	135	26	1,751
August	837	319	329	108	88	22	1,704
September	886	359	363	106	92	36	1,843
October	898	430	365	118	128	95	2,035
November	926	377	314	103	146	51	1,917
December	757	412	332	85	133	43	1,761
January	682	403	259	41	171	39	1,796

(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
1967-68 - December	35	30	12	4	4	3	88
January	23	20	6	3	5	1	58
February	26	23	6	4	6	2	67
March	24	29	4	5	5	7	74
April	30	21	7	5	6	1	70
May	31	17	6	3	6	1	63
June	29	15	5	2	5	2	58
1968-69p- July	39	11	7	2	)	(	63
August	27	12	9	1	)	(	51
September	43	18	8	1	)	(	71
October	45	25	10	2	)	(b)	83
November	49	44	10	4	)	(b)	112
December	58	47	11	4	)	(	128
January	56	21	7	2	)	(	91
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
1967-68 - December	133	107	54	13	24	17	348
January	81	69	29	10	25	5	219
February	97	78	27	17	29	6	254
March	93	102	19	20	24	32	290
April	125	80	32	20	29	5	291
May	123	63	26	15	28	3	258
June	115	57	22	8	22	14	239
1968-69p - July	151	40	32	8	)	(	248
August	101	45	41	5	)	(	201
September	156	69	35	4	)	(	270
October	159	90	45	7	)	(b)	310
November	171	161	44	15	)	(b)	413
December	203	175	49	16	)	(	476
January	201	75	31	7	)	(	332

(a) Includes, prior to July 1968, 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					
1967-68 - December	47	7	6	1	7)	(68				
January	23	4	2)	(29			
February	40	5	1	..	2)	(48		
March	26	4	1	..	4)	(b)	35	
April	39	6	2	2	1)	(50
May	36	3	2	2	1						)	(	43
June	39	5	2	2	1	)						(	49
1968-69p - July	44	13	3	2)		(66
August	51	19	4	1				76				
September	57	10	4	2)		(c)	76				
October	83	13	5	1				115				
November	99	21	9	3)		(c)	138				
December	82	13	5	3		114						
January	37	1	2	..	)	(	39			
DRESSED WEIGHT (d) ('000 lb)												
Year - 1965-66	3,745	670	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					
1967-68 - December	395	69	45	13	63)	(585				
January	199	33	3	3	16)	(254			
February	378	53	8	1	19)	(459		
March	207	45	8	3	38)	(b)	301	
April	311	60	13	16	10)	(410
May	341	41	14	16	12						)	(	424
June	412	62	13	17	8	)						(	512
1968-69p - July	436	120	20	22)		(637
August	474	151	33	10				675				
September	501	94	31	27)		(c)	688				
October	706	118	37	6				994				
November	849	198	75	21)		(c)	1,209				
December	615	113	39	23		881						
January	287	8	12	..	)	(	309			

(a) Incomplete prior to July 1968; 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 to 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.	Wld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT 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
1967-68 - December	4,311	1,736	1,584	542	)	(	9,003
January	4,424	1,897	1,431	678	)	(	9,384
February	4,011	1,953	1,467	669	)	(	9,166
March	4,717	1,614	1,476	627	) (b)	(b)	9,503
April	3,951	1,122	1,549	670	)	(	8,479
May	4,305	1,692	1,518	649	)	(	9,495
June	4,171	1,431	1,901	526	)	(	8,952
1968-69p - July	4,586	1,479	1,580	470	)	(	9,163
August	4,459	1,836	1,633	507	)	(	9,432
September	4,524	1,691	1,521	510	)	(	9,247
October	4,070	1,841	1,422	569	) (b)	(b)	9,068
November	4,077	1,603	2,029	476	)	(	9,293
December	4,306	1,639	1,482	633	)	(	9,103
January	4,138	1,665	1,383	533	)	(	8,929
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
1967-68 - December	626	441	236	122	73	1	1,499
January	923	486	326	236	111	..	2,082
February	1,345	561	466	194	184	7	2,757
March	1,517	895	551	270	227	13	3,473
April	1,608	879	716	273	269	59	3,804
May	1,563	1,043	784	254	309	99	4,052
June	1,640	1,056	899	430	330	119	4,474
1968-69p - July	2,175	1,474	1,102	766	507	176	6,199
August	2,197	1,766	1,112	852	453	220	6,599
September	2,216	1,549	896	585	322	153	5,720
October	1,510	1,144	647	390	299	120	4,110
November	951	762	404	268	201	88	2,673
December	714	640	236	193	124	17	1,924
January	1,097	663	327	315	151	5	2,557

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Not available for publication.

(c) Incomplete; see individual States.

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
1967-68 - December	3,308	1,404	1,136	444	(b)	(b)	6,863
January	3,010	1,362	1,183	468			6,660
February	2,900	1,579	988	428			6,550
March	2,951	1,224	1,110	444			6,436
April	3,007	1,264	1,090	494			6,655
May	2,842	921	1,265	522			6,485
June	2,932	1,156	1,535	384			6,755
1968-69p-July	3,158	1,296	1,154	356	(b)	(b)	6,745
August	3,142	1,077	1,246	365			6,578
September	3,036	1,432	1,241	377			6,817
October	3,062	1,418	1,091	429			6,851
November	2,799	1,241	1,562	380			6,775
December	3,135	1,319	1,032	467			6,737
January	2,959	1,241	1,061	448			6,580
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
1967-68 - December	106	56	24	8	(b)	..	(c)194
January	77	65	17	4	(b)	..	(c)163
February	94	81	43	5	(b)	..	(c)223
March	104	73	36	6	(b)	..	(c)219
April	95	160	63	3	8	3	332
May	105	105	69	4	10	7	299
June	87	105	63	5	7	..	268
1968-69p-July	111	97	77	12	9	4	309
August	143	120	71	15	11	8	368
September	163	112	69	18	9	8	378
October	133	76	55	31	9	5	310
November	85	67	15	20	4	2	194
December	52	68	8	15	2	2	147
January	67	45	12	10	(b)	(b)	135

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
1967-68 - December	261	180	105	54	55	4	659
January	225	151	73	60	31	..	540
February	321	165	136	69	34	2	727
March	467	250	177	77	68	5	1,044
April	490	325	230	100	83	20	1,248
May	496	294	255	98	99	33	1,276
June	486	330	269	105	99	40	1,329
1968-69p- July	568	427	341	179	137	48	1,699
August	689	584	349	308	167	77	2,174
September	706	577	319	312	135	49	2,098
October	691	446	245	198	108	45	1,733
November	422	275	143	103	90	29	1,063
December	239	205	94	76	62	6	682
January	256	214	78	90	51	2	690

(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.

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