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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE MEAT INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA - JANUARY 1968

The statistics on slaughterings and meat production included in this bulletin are based on a monthly collection from abattoirs and other major slaughtering establishments, and include estimates of animals slaughtered on farms and by country butchers. They relate only to slaughterings for human consumption and do not include animals condemned or those killed for boiling down. Until results of the annual census of all slaughtering establishments are known, monthly details from July 1967 are subject to amendment.

In addition to statistics on slaughterings and meat production, particulars are given in the following tables of bacon and ham and canned meat production, exports of fresh and frozen and processed meat and stocks of frozen meat.

Table 2 contains seasonally adjusted figures for total meat produced. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but also of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1967" issued on 18 July 1967.

SYMBOLS USED IN THIS BULLETIN

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.
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n.a. - Not available.

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

TABLE 1. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED : AUSTRALIA ('000)

Period	Cattle	Calves	CATTLE & CALVES	Sheep	Lambs	SHEEP & LAMBS	Pigs
Year - 1962-63	4,265.3	1,665.9	5,931.2	18,265.3	14,948.2	33,813.5	2,416.0
1963-64	4,647.7	1,789.5	6,437.2	18,776.3	14,572.2	33,348.5	2,304.8
1964-65	4,943.1	1,901.1	6,844.2	19,030.5	14,441.1	33,471.6	2,460.9
1965-66	4,611.7	1,711.8	6,323.5	20,933.0	13,626.8	34,559.7	2,768.5
1966-67	4,095.2	1,555.0	5,650.2	17,742.0	14,753.6	32,495.6	2,902.9
1966-67 December	297.7	78.4	376.1	1,469.6	1,371.0	2,840.6	269.7
January	290.9	70.2	361.1	1,443.8	1,199.0	2,642.8	206.8
February	315.9	57.9	373.8	1,506.9	1,156.9	2,663.8	228.4
March	330.1	65.2	395.3	1,556.1	1,248.0	2,804.1	253.0
April	337.3	79.3	416.6	1,429.1	1,121.1	2,550.3	240.9
May	408.9	101.5	510.3	1,611.6	1,198.0	2,809.6	251.4
June	389.6	119.4	509.0	1,494.1	1,146.8	2,641.0	234.0
1967-68p July	363.9	203.5	567.4	1,443.2	1,074.8	2,518.0	238.8
August	347.8	258.7	606.5	1,497.9	1,175.9	2,673.7	252.2
September	345.4	186.5	531.9	1,743.1	1,257.1	3,000.2	249.7
October	349.8	137.5	487.3	2,248.6	1,487.9	3,736.4	266.3
November	354.6	116.8	471.5	2,290.3	1,589.3	3,879.7	277.1
December	312.7	82.7	395.4	2,262.3	1,416.9	3,679.2	269.6
January	302.1	75.3	377.4	2,110.3	1,317.5	3,427.8	230.6

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION OF MEAT (a) : AUSTRALIA (Tons : Carcase weight)

Period	Beef	Veal	BEEF & VEAL	Mutton	Lamb	MUTTON & LAMB	Pigmeat	TOTAL MEAT	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
Year -									
1962-63	864,796	49,141	913,937	362,659	230,800	593,459	114,387	1,621,783	..
1963-64	932,735	52,763	985,498	360,684	225,042	585,726	111,283	1,682,507	..
1964-65	952,832	57,243	1,010,075	361,306	223,530	584,836	120,226	1,715,137	..
1965-66	880,723	50,661	931,384	389,531	209,297	598,828	133,143	1,663,355	..
1966-67	820,459	44,280	864,739	349,565	237,058	586,623	139,800	1,591,162	..
1966-67									
Dec.	59,707	2,530	62,237	29,965	22,316	52,281	12,343	126,861	136,000
Jan.	58,091	2,510	60,601	29,337	19,128	48,465	10,065	119,131	133,300
Feb.	63,215	2,234	65,449	29,535	18,614	48,149	11,120	124,718	131,400
Mar.	65,483	2,463	67,946	30,545	20,242	50,787	12,079	130,812	125,100
Apr.	67,256	2,815	70,071	27,795	18,048	45,843	11,830	127,744	124,500
May	81,579	3,514	85,093	31,513	19,598	51,111	12,410	148,614	134,900
June	78,017	3,485	81,502	28,471	18,300	46,771	11,176	139,449	127,700
1967-68p									
July	74,938	5,000	79,938	27,142	16,453	43,595	11,884	135,417	136,200
Aug.	72,884	5,875	78,759	28,166	18,040	46,206	12,306	137,271	133,900
Sept.	72,542	4,414	76,956	32,749	19,133	51,882	12,376	141,214	147,600
Oct.	72,260	3,957	76,217	41,743	22,741	64,484	13,151	153,852	159,800
Nov.	72,350	3,929	76,279	42,639	24,055	66,694	13,306	156,279	153,700
Dec.	62,501	3,072	65,573	42,372	21,352	63,724	12,348	141,645	157,200
Jan.	58,992	3,168	62,160	38,900	20,264	59,164	11,104	132,428	142,900

(a) Excludes offal. (b) See text on previous page.

TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons : Carcase weight)			
	Month of -		Seven months ended -		Month of -		Seven months ended -	
	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p
	CATTLE				BEEF			
New South Wales	90.1	86.3	562.1	588.9	15,562	16,565	108,088	117,574
Victoria	89.0	102.1	609.8	624.8	17,221	19,593	120,602	122,627
Queensland	69.1	56.1	754.9	758.5	15,151	12,508	160,231	168,256
South Australia	16.9	17.7	111.5	103.2	3,151	3,044	21,537	19,203
Western Australia	23.0	23.6	168.9	183.5	4,292	4,330	32,500	34,736
Tasmania	2.7	10.9	61.8	63.1	1,976	2,189	12,480	12,514
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	290.9	302.1	2,313.5	2,376.5	58,091	58,992	464,909	466,467
	CALVES				VEAL			
New South Wales	27.9	28.9	318.7	260.3	1,106	1,476	10,134	9,519
Victoria	9.7	17.9	469.9	477.9	333	652	2,670	10,264
Queensland	25.6	20.1	240.6	214.8	780	677	7,023	6,309
South Australia	5.0	5.8	46.6	52.9	211	249	1,708	1,960
Western Australia	1.5	1.6	10.3	12.7	62	82	422	544
Tasmania	0.5	0.7	45.1	41.9	16	27	798	803
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	70.2	75.3	1,131.6	1,060.9	2,510	3,168	29,769	29,415
	CATTLE AND CALVES				BEEF AND VEAL			
New South Wales	107.9	115.2	880.9	849.3	16,688	18,041	118,222	127,093
Victoria	98.8	120.0	1,079.7	1,102.7	17,554	20,245	130,272	132,891
Queensland	94.7	78.1	995.4	973.3	15,931	13,185	167,254	174,565
South Australia	21.9	23.5	158.1	156.1	3,362	3,293	23,245	21,163
Western Australia	24.5	25.4	179.1	196.3	4,354	4,412	32,922	35,330
Tasmania	10.2	11.6	106.9	105.0	1,992	2,216	13,278	13,337
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	361.1	377.4	3,445.1	3,437.4	60,601	62,160	494,678	515,882
	SHEEP				MUTTON			
New South Wales	333.0	503.1	2,368.7	3,219.2	6,159	8,751	43,849	57,917
Victoria	616.4	993.5	4,353.7	5,972.7	13,143	18,380	89,809	111,931
Queensland	113.3	119.0	940.2	1,115.7	2,118	2,174	17,096	20,337
South Australia	172.7	231.1	1,173.3	1,698.6	3,767	4,565	24,493	32,552
Western Australia	148.9	190.7	1,002.4	1,248.0	2,951	3,637	20,116	24,344
Tasmania	55.6	68.1	283.1	312.0	1,125	1,310	5,912	6,102
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	1,443.8	2,110.3	10,144.2	13,595.7	29,337	38,900	201,706	253,711
	LAMBS				LAMB			
New South Wales	439.3	518.1	3,151.0	3,472.3	7,141	8,302	52,117	55,554
Victoria	488.5	499.6	3,618.2	3,610.4	7,813	7,527	57,940	54,526
Queensland	30.9	41.2	200.8	279.0	456	615	2,957	4,091
South Australia	109.2	125.5	929.6	1,003.0	1,678	1,778	14,087	13,377
Western Australia	71.7	74.1	595.7	645.2	1,080	1,101	8,953	9,593
Tasmania	54.8	54.5	360.7	280.9	884	869	5,760	4,437
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	1,199.0	1,317.5	8,882.7	9,319.4	19,128	20,264	142,256	142,038

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TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED - continued

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED (*000)				MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons : Carcass weight)			
	Month of -		Seven months ended -		Month of -		Seven months ended -	
	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p
	SHEEP AND LAMBS				MUTTON AND LAMB			
New South Wales	772.3	1,021.2	5,519.6	6,691.5	13,300	17,053	95,966	113,471
Victoria	1,104.9	1,493.1	7,971.9	9,583.1	20,956	25,907	147,749	166,457
Queensland	144.2	160.2	1,141.0	1,394.7	2,574	2,789	20,053	24,428
South Australia	281.8	356.6	2,102.9	2,701.5	5,445	6,343	38,580	45,929
Western Australia	220.6	264.8	1,598.1	1,893.2	4,031	4,738	29,069	33,937
Tasmania	110.4	122.6	643.8	592.9	2,009	2,178	11,672	10,539
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	2,642.8	3,427.8	19,026.9	22,915.1	48,465	59,164	343,962	395,749
State	PIGS				PIGMEAT			
	Month of -		Seven months ended -		Month of -		Seven months ended -	
	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p
	PIGS				PIGMEAT			
New South Wales	59.9	69.7	489.8	527.0	2,756	3,124	21,834	23,643
Victoria	47.0	52.9	417.9	412.0	2,264	2,532	19,797	19,971
Queensland	48.5	54.7	377.9	430.0	2,416	2,715	18,707	21,703
South Australia	22.2	21.9	190.7	183.1	1,105	1,124	9,518	9,219
Western Australia	16.6	18.2	128.5	144.0	905	972	7,003	7,812
Tasmania	11.7	12.5	83.7	81.7	578	605	4,042	3,849
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	206.8	230.6	1,695.0	1,784.4	10,065	11,104	81,185	86,475

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 4. - TOTAL MEAT PRODUCED (a)

(Tons : Carcass weight)

State	Month of -		Seven months ended -	
	Month of -		Seven months ended -	
	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968p
New South Wales	32,744	38,218	236,022	264,207
Victoria	40,774	48,684	297,818	319,319
Queensland	20,921	18,689	206,014	220,696
South Australia	9,912	10,760	71,343	76,311
Western Australia	9,290	10,122	68,994	77,079
Tasmania	4,579	4,999	28,992	27,725
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	119,131	132,428	919,825	998,106

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 5. - PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM AND CANNED MEAT : AUSTRALIA

(Tons)

Period	Bacon and ham (a)	Canned meat (b)	Period	Bacon and ham (a)	Canned meat (b)
Year - 1962-63	41,661	42,535	1966-67p May	4,076	4,669
1963-64	41,538	44,599	June	4,066	4,261
1964-65	43,264	51,597	1967-68p July	3,592	4,611
1965-66	46,072	50,469	August	3,787	4,379
1966-67p	49,946	48,653	September	3,830	4,554
1966-67p December	6,115	4,082	October	4,132	4,429
January	3,214	2,674	November	4,597	4,144
February	3,641	3,216	December	5,911	3,135
March	4,268	3,271	January	3,288	2,590
April	3,792	2,961			

(a) Cured carcass weight of smoked, cooked and canned bacon and ham. (b) Canned weight. Includes bacon, ham and meat and vegetables; excludes rabbit, poultry and baby foods.

TABLE 6. - PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM AND CANNED MEATp

(Tons)

State	BACON AND HAM (a) (Cured carcass weight)				CANNED MEAT (b) (Canned weight)			
	Month of -		Seven months ended -		Month of -		Seven months ended -	
	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968	Jan. 1967	Jan. 1968
New South Wales	998	981	9,618	9,255	206	181	2,548	1,769
Victoria	678	687	5,885	5,716	2,077	1,753	18,983	18,832
Queensland	768	891	8,344	7,739	346	588	8,241	6,820
South Australia	281	268	2,646	2,453	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Western Australia	390	374	2,859	3,143	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Tasmania	99	87	751	831	..	..	..	..
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	3,214	3,288	30,103	29,137	2,674	2,590	30,273	27,842

(a) Smoked, cooked and canned. (b) Includes bacon, ham and meat and vegetables; excludes rabbit, poultry and baby foods. (c) Not available for publication.

TABLE 7. - EXPORTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT : AUSTRALIA

(Tons)

Period	Fresh and frozen (a)						Bacon and ham (b)	Canned meat (c)
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Total		
Year - 1962-63	257,368	3,404	61,045	25,274	215	347,306	71	22,220
1963-64	277,060	4,236	66,928	18,574	165	366,963	59	23,973
1964-65	303,566	12,464	72,752	24,166	365	413,313	134	26,978
1965-66	264,888	8,598	78,761	15,882	475	368,604	184	24,837
1966-67	251,041	7,095	79,179	14,805	921	353,041	226	21,210
1966-67 December	13,499	721	8,115	1,402	44	23,781	14	1,128
January	17,472	421	6,904	1,942	88	26,827	14	1,460
February	13,993	349	6,826	1,169	84	22,421	13	1,555
March	14,784	248	6,622	1,134	57	22,845	14	1,730
April	16,460	222	6,728	827	53	24,290	20	1,967
May	21,366	304	6,911	883	98	29,562	15	2,296
June	24,517	228	5,317	360	67	30,489	15	2,594
1967-68p July	17,689	307	5,438	453	85	23,972	12	1,080
August	27,435	427	5,201	338	89	33,490	15	1,535
September	20,035	456	4,329	459	58	25,337	20	1,659
October	25,535	731	8,483	778	36	35,563	13	2,881
November	22,014	434	12,762	1,108	39	36,357	32	1,529
December	17,768	263	9,859	1,715	53	29,658	27	1,703
January	20,185	179	11,237	1,444	38	33,083	19	1,212

(a) Includes boneless and carcass meat. (b) Cured carcass weight. (c) Canned weight.

TABLE 8. - STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT : AUSTRALIA (a) (Tons)

(Source : Australian Meat Board)

Stocks at	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Offal	Total
1966-67						
29 October	26,565	10,619	2,906	1,747	7,025	48,862
26 November	23,188	10,256	3,898	1,518	6,508	45,368
31 December	21,031	9,922	3,424	1,307	6,585	42,269
28 January:						
New South Wales	4,126	900	316	266	1,693	7,301
Victoria	5,246	6,103	2,527	221	2,221	16,318
Queensland	7,054	428	47	81	1,776	9,386
South Australia	570	490	31	85	56	1,232
Western Australia	1,796	1,707	407	257	377	4,544
Tasmania	819	646	71	306	123	1,965
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	19,669	10,274	3,399	1,216	6,268	40,826
1967-68						
28 October	25,927	11,493	2,427	1,622	8,948	50,417
25 November	26,255	14,058	3,123	1,418	8,681	53,535
30 December	22,199	20,019	2,788	1,227	8,642	54,875
27 January:						
New South Wales	4,125	2,509	219	326	3,014	10,193
Victoria	7,428	14,563	1,356	334	3,102	26,783
Queensland	6,915	707	116	96	1,295	9,129
South Australia	582	1,475	550	91	385	3,083
Western Australia	1,739	1,862	441	183	399	4,624
Tasmania	760	875	82	308	81	2,106
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	21,611	21,991	2,764	1,338	8,300	56,004

(a) Held in cold stores registered to handle meat for export, and includes meat passed for (i) export, (ii) canning and (iii) other purposes. Includes boneless and carcass meat. (b) Includes stocks held in Northern Territory.

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