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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE MEAT INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA - MARCH 1970

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 1969 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 revised 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 number 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. The revision of this seasonally adjusted series is the result of the annual re-analysis, details of which will be given in the forthcoming issue of "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators" (Reference No. 1.(C)) together with details of the methods used.

SYMBOLS USED IN THIS BULLETIN

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.
 .. - Nil or less than half the final digit shown or not applicable.

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	Hogs
Year - 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
1967-68	4,145.7	1,510.5	5,656.2	22,268.9	15,739.5	38,008.4	3,049.0
1968-69	4,295.1	1,313.2	5,608.3	18,234.4	18,478.0	36,712.4	3,310.2
1968-69 - February	323.5	58.3	381.8	1,707.1	1,319.0	3,026.1	253.4
March	369.6	63.5	433.0	1,786.9	1,344.1	3,131.1	285.4
April	392.6	75.5	468.1	1,628.8	1,302.6	2,931.5	290.5
May	451.6	82.8	534.4	1,745.1	1,404.8	3,149.9	287.3
June	445.8	98.6	544.4	1,643.6	1,421.6	3,065.2	273.6
1969-70(p)- July	485.6	197.0	682.5	1,804.3	1,616.1	3,420.4	316.8
August	409.7	211.1	620.9	1,695.6	1,580.7	3,276.3	292.9
September	384.3	143.6	527.8	1,684.5	1,747.0	3,431.5	298.4
October	391.6	112.7	504.3	1,821.1	2,132.4	3,953.5	346.4
November	314.7	62.0	376.7	1,726.5	1,903.7	3,630.2	299.8
December	324.8	52.0	376.7	1,849.1	1,733.6	3,582.6	326.0
January	336.4	45.2	381.7	1,886.8	1,567.7	3,454.5	253.7
February	366.5	37.4	404.0	2,024.4	1,456.9	3,481.3	266.4
March	372.7	40.6	413.3	1,914.6	1,457.8	3,372.4	278.7

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

Period	Beef	Veal	BEEF & VEAL	Mutton	Lamb	MUTTON & LAMB	Pigmeat	TOTAL MEAT	
								Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
Year -									
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	..
1967-68	842,774	46,868	889,642	412,269	241,754	654,023	147,386	1,691,051	..
1968-69	879,182	40,866	920,048	366,046	303,309	669,355	159,599	1,749,002	..
1968-69 -									
February	64,351	2,502	66,853	33,998	21,620	55,618	12,289	134,760	142,900
March	74,016	2,807	76,823	35,218	21,935	57,153	13,768	147,744	147,000
April	77,879	2,964	80,843	32,178	21,350	53,528	13,887	148,258	153,200
May	90,850	3,125	93,975	34,627	23,222	57,849	13,997	165,821	154,800
June	90,463	3,252	93,715	32,909	23,599	56,508	13,158	163,381	162,700
1969-70(p)-									
July	100,561	4,724	105,285	36,386	26,471	62,857	15,391	183,533	170,500
August	83,293	4,933	88,226	34,009	25,320	59,329	14,360	161,915	167,900
September	77,734	3,879	81,613	34,162	27,713	61,875	14,383	157,871	160,600
October	79,575	3,570	83,145	37,571	34,144	71,714	16,730	171,589	156,200
November	65,201	2,234	67,435	35,321	30,626	65,953	14,421	147,809	152,700
December	69,229	2,007	71,236	38,044	27,775	65,819	15,044	152,099	155,400
January	68,635	1,892	70,527	37,652	25,099	62,751	12,479	145,757	160,200
February	74,731	1,820	76,551	39,896	23,418	63,314	13,117	152,982	162,600
March	75,348	1,943	77,291	37,601	23,336	60,937	13,611	151,839	158,100

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

TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons : Carcass weight)			
	Month of -		Min. month's ended -		Month of -		Line months ended -	
	March 1969	March 1970(p)	March 1969	March 1970(p)	March 1969	March 1970(p)	March 1969	March 1970(p)
	CATTLE				BEEF			
New South Wales	92.3	93.7	729.2	928.5	17,905	19,042	142,127	190,264
Victoria	89.2	113.1	737.7	920.3	17,693	22,095	146,366	189,531
Queensland	136.8	108.3	995.4	935.7	28,517	23,541	225,161	198,385
South Australia	14.4	17.9	125.1	152.5	2,757	3,236	24,517	29,217
Western Australia	22.9	24.1	256.0	284.3	4,244	4,248	49,184	52,873
Tasmania	11.5	11.5	94.3	100.9	2,392	2,402	19,318	21,621
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	369.6	372.7	3,005.2	3,386.3	74,016	75,348	619,990	694,307
	CALVES				VEAL			
New South Wales	23.6	12.5	307.1	204.5	1,297	854	12,722	9,272
Victoria	8.2	8.6	417.4	398.7	191	280	8,231	6,971
Queensland	27.1	14.2	238.9	214.1	1,134	591	7,890	7,890
South Australia	2.6	3.4	35.0	34.0	108	143	1,270	1,391
Western Australia	1.4	1.6	15.5	19.9	55	66	684	947
Tasmania	0.5	0.3	42.0	30.3	18	9	714	531
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	63.5	40.6	1,056.3	901.6	2,807	1,943	31,525	27,002
	CATTLE AND CALVES				BEEF AND VEAL			
New South Wales	116.0	106.3	1,036.3	1,133.0	19,202	17,896	154,849	199,556
Victoria	97.4	121.7	1,155.1	1,318.9	17,884	22,375	154,597	196,502
Queensland	163.9	122.5	1,234.3	1,149.8	29,651	24,132	233,051	206,275
South Australia	17.1	21.2	160.1	186.6	2,865	3,379	25,787	30,608
Western Australia	24.3	25.8	271.6	304.3	4,299	4,314	49,868	53,820
Tasmania	12.0	11.8	136.3	131.2	2,410	2,411	20,032	22,152
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	433.0	413.3	4,061.4	4,287.9	76,823	77,291	651,515	721,309
	SHEEP				MUTTON			
New South Wales	595.7	451.8	4,198.9	4,179.3	10,502	8,290	76,221	79,313
Victoria	577.4	750.8	4,238.6	6,074.5	12,797	15,865	93,934	131,866
Queensland	202.8	179.8	1,440.4	1,658.5	3,588	3,286	27,692	30,076
South Australia	119.7	221.5	1,122.1	1,671.1	2,608	4,539	24,378	36,086
Western Australia	231.2	245.2	1,739.2	2,362.0	4,557	4,512	34,546	43,769
Tasmania	53.3	54.9	433.2	455.7	1,046	1,097	8,756	9,419
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	1,786.9	1,914.6	13,217.0	16,406.9	35,218	37,601	266,332	330,647
	LAMBS				LAMB			
New South Wales	587.5	534.8	5,369.8	5,550.9	9,597	8,871	88,592	92,348
Victoria	453.6	588.2	5,620.9	5,924.6	7,636	9,355	94,620	95,526
Queensland	56.4	57.3	510.8	476.1	808	829	7,586	7,099
South Australia	96.7	137.7	1,095.0	1,538.1	1,532	2,163	17,774	24,028
Western Australia	95.0	74.4	1,173.3	1,101.1	1,402	1,046	17,212	15,260
Tasmania	48.4	50.8	525.4	497.7	796	808	8,470	7,945
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	1,344.1	1,457.8	14,349.0	15,195.8	21,935	23,336	235,138	243,902

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TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED - continued

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons : Carcass weight)			
	Month of -		Nine months ended -		Month of -		Nine months ended -	
	March 1969	March 1970(p)	March 1969	March 1970(p)	March 1969	March 1970(p)	March 1969	March 1970(p)
	SHEEP AND LAMBS				MUTTON AND LAMB			
New South Wales	1,183.1	986.5	5,568.7	9,730.3	20,099	17,161	164,813	171,861
Victoria	1,031.1	1,319.0	9,959.6	11,999.1	20,433	25,220	168,554	227,392
Queensland	259.2	237.1	1,951.2	2,134.6	4,396	4,115	35,278	37,175
South Australia	216.4	359.2	2,217.0	3,209.2	4,200	6,702	42,152	60,114
Western Australia	326.2	319.6	2,912.4	3,463.1	5,959	5,558	51,758	59,049
Tasmania	101.7	105.7	953.6	953.4	1,842	1,245	17,226	17,364
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	3,131.1	3,372.4	27,565.9	31,602.7	57,153	60,937	501,470	571,949
	PIGS				PIGMEAT			
New South Wales	90.0	76.8	745.6	777.8	4,148	3,547	34,101	35,392
Victoria	64.7	73.5	567.0	693.6	3,068	3,616	26,093	33,079
Queensland	70.9	58.3	604.1	561.1	3,475	2,896	29,696	27,727
South Australia	25.1	29.6	233.3	235.4	1,273	1,490	11,711	11,462
Western Australia	21.4	25.4	196.0	229.8	1,144	1,337	10,481	12,230
Tasmania	12.1	13.6	103.3	115.6	600	674	5,250	5,691
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	285.4	278.7	2,458.3	2,679.1	13,768	13,611	118,557	129,536

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

TABLE 4. - TOTAL MEAT PRODUCED (a)

(Tons : Carcass weight)

State	Month of -		Nine months ended -	
	March 1969	March 1970(p)	March 1969	March 1970(p)
New South Wales	43,449	40,604	353,763	407,209
Victoria	41,395	51,211	370,044	456,973
Queensland	37,522	31,143	293,025	271,177
South Australia	8,338	11,571	79,650	105,184
Western Australia	11,402	11,209	112,107	125,099
Tasmania	4,852	5,030	42,508	45,207
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	147,744	151,839	1,271,542	1,425,394

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

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

(Tons)

Period	N.S.A.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
BACON AND HAM (a)							
Year - 1964-65	13,923	9,366	11,086	3,822	3,998	1,171	43,366
1965-66	15,055	9,357	12,342	4,106	4,298	1,062	46,220
1966-67	15,366	9,955	14,670	4,403	4,624	1,242	50,300
1967-68	15,134	9,340	14,103	4,110	5,128	1,281	49,096
1968-69 (p)	14,748	9,872	15,103	3,998	5,417	1,394	50,618
1960-69 (p) -							
February	1,059	731	1,066	282	378	103	3,644
March	1,156	774	1,185	339	446	114	4,014
April	1,130	793	1,061	302	417	110	3,818
May	1,142	766	991	331	427	103	3,730
June	1,131	778	1,059	300	456	92	3,816
1969-70 (a) -							
July	1,227	973	1,242	303	386	100	4,231
August	1,169	734	1,305	348	421	92	4,199
September	1,305	804	1,318	370	505	103	4,405
October	1,440	890	1,302	431	526	124	4,713
November	1,528	954	1,322	459	543	135	4,941
December	2,162	1,337	1,426	650	564	226	6,365
January	1,099	733	833	348	433	116	3,561
February	1,152	757	855	338	428	106	3,636
March	1,140	803	976	461	451	101	3,932
CANNED MEAT (b)							
Year - 1964-65	5,986	30,550	14,131	(c)	(c)	..	51,597
1965-66	5,480	32,104	12,104				50,469
1966-67	4,579	26,259	13,397				45,022
1967-68	5,457	31,263	12,288				47,748
1968-69 (p)	3,860	27,345	11,747				43,681
1968-69 (p) -							
February	195	2,311	802	(c)	(c)	..	3,394
March	401	2,090	955				3,486
April	518	1,635	1,016				3,202
May	590	2,133	958				3,710
June	365	2,097	1,139				3,673
1969-70 (p) -							
July	316	2,881	1,313	(c)	(c)	..	4,587
August	164	2,444	1,159				3,813
September	222	2,810	1,014				4,077
October	214	3,462	1,041				4,782
November	249	2,723	781				3,823
December	179	2,793	329				3,336
January	197	2,067	326				2,641
February	279	1,837	354				2,586
March	272	1,760	605				2,707

(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. (c) Not available for publication.

TABLE 6. - 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 - 1964-65	303,566	12,464	72,752	24,166	365	413,313	134	26,978
1965-66	264,888	8,598	78,761	15,881	475	368,603	184	24,837
1966-67	251,040	7,093	79,178	14,804	920	353,035	226	21,210
1967-68	247,510	4,306	103,713	9,078	553	365,160	219	20,378
1968-69	248,208	3,745	74,805	29,020	1,187	356,965	186	16,353
1968-69 - February	19,288	178	7,487	2,111	178	29,242	10	862
March	15,595	239	7,514	1,465	197	25,010	10	1,028
April	14,788	222	8,694	907	65	24,676	8	962
May	24,260	338	7,645	1,059	110	33,412	10	1,177
June	27,988	265	6,980	970	235	36,438	16	1,378
1969-70 (c) - July	37,727	588	11,966	2,480	513	53,274	14	2,871
August	37,763	577	9,943	1,803	368	50,454	11	933
September	26,754	654	8,220	2,855	568	39,051	12	1,107
October	11,927	518	7,805	4,948	1,101	26,299	22	862
November	23,972	315	9,338	6,581	1,171	41,377	39	1,341
December	24,354	472	10,651	6,366	629	42,472	20	802
January	27,549	488	11,937	4,463	124	44,561	17	2,020
February	25,216	235	14,008	3,901	78	43,438	10	1,008
March	23,444	370	13,477	1,630	132	39,053	7	1,309

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

TABLE 7. - STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT : AUSTRALIA (a) (Tons)

(Source : Australian Meat Board)

Stocks at	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Fork	Offal	Total
1968-69						
28 December	30,029	9,238	6,312	1,343	5,711	52,633
25 January	21,578	9,893	4,759	1,398	5,466	43,094
22 February	23,850	9,463	3,786	1,562	6,136	44,797
29 March -						
New South Wales	5,220	2,087	215	446	1,273	9,241
Victoria	7,814	5,962	2,685	224	2,492	19,177
Queensland	15,096	1,419	116	534	2,366	19,531
South Australia	334	245	56	96	118	849
Western Australia	1,409	1,677	188	203	1,030	4,507
Tasmania	795	561	42	503	142	2,043
Northern Territory	98	4	33	6	12	153
AUSTRALIA	30,766	11,955	3,335	2,012	7,433	55,501
1969-70						
27 December	36,869	15,961	5,342	1,891	6,117	66,180
31 January	30,237	15,341	4,144	1,664	5,957	57,343
28 February	32,462	15,442	3,539	1,930	6,459	59,832
28 March -						
New South Wales	7,140	2,047	767	221	1,517	11,692
Victoria	10,047	7,995	2,367	425	2,241	23,075
Queensland	14,738	1,021	47	519	2,185	18,510
South Australia	748	1,446	163	77	302	2,736
Western Australia	2,433	3,279	275	319	385	6,691
Tasmania	714	660	59	563	118	2,114
Northern Territory	121	15	136
AUSTRALIA	35,941	16,448	3,678	2,124	6,763	64,954

(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.

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NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning 490211 extension 382 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Bureau of Census and Statistics.