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The information included in this bulletin is restricted to preliminary estimates of livestock slaughtering, meat production, exports of fresh, frozen and processed meat and stocks of frozen meat.

The statistics on slaughtering and meat production 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.

Care should be taken when using this information as the figures only relate to slaughtering for human consumption and do not include animals condemned or those killed for boiling down. Also, definitions of livestock categories may differ between States and within States, particularly with regard to calves.

Details of seasonally adjusted figures for the components of total meat production are published in

Table 2. The seasonally adjusted figures shown have been calculated using revised factors and are not comparable with series published prior to March 1977. Information on the methods used in seasonally adjusting these series is contained in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1977* (1308.0).

Related Publications

More detailed information on slaughtering, production, exports, prices, values etc. is provided in the following publications:

Meat Statistics (7205.0) quarterly
Meat Statistics (7206.0) annually.

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

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

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

							Australia (a)	
							No.	% change 1977-78 on 1976-77
		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	
Cattle -								
Bulls, bullocks and steers	Feb. 1978 p	116.7	103.2	80.1	24.7	33.2	14.0	
Cows and heifers	Feb. 1978 p	144.6	100.8	75.6	34.9	31.3	12.5	
Total Cattle	Feb. 1978 p	261.3	204.0	155.7	59.6	64.6	26.5	776.7
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977		1,829.2	1,571.0	1,394.1	358.1	558.4	167.4	5,951.1
- 1978 p		2,129.8	1,640.9	1,562.9	445.2	532.2	187.3	6,581.1
Calves -								
February 1978 p		48.8	27.6	36.1	8.2	4.4	1.4	127.4
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977		341.5	974.2	340.7	50.6	50.3	66.6	1,831.9
- 1978 p		376.3	892.2	356.3	64.8	47.9	60.2	1,805.8
Sheep -								
February 1978 p		357.9	507.5	72.2	204.4	210.9	39.8	1,393.3
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977		2,588.0	3,748.6	549.5	1,373.3	3,063.7	298.3	11,623.6
- 1978 p		2,702.9	3,313.4	519.7	1,392.9	2,026.7	241.3	10,198.8
Lambs -								
February 1978 p		366.2	435.2	46.7	124.4	39.7	72.1	1,095.7
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977		3,408.0	3,889.6	420.2	1,076.0	1,549.6	341.7	10,786.7
- 1978 p		3,417.8	4,047.7	418.2	1,126.9	1,242.6	434.3	10,788.6
Pigs -								
February 1978 p		84.8	71.8	55.2	28.1	21.8	6.9	271.1
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977		665.6	627.1	457.8	223.5	230.3	66.9	2,290.9
- 1978 p		722.7	667.6	483.9	243.7	214.2	60.2	2,415.2

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. p - preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 2. MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes - Carcase weight)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)		
							Original	Seasonally adjusted (c)	% change 1977-78 on 1976-77
Beef -									
February 1978 p	49,384	40,854	33,548	10,864	11,722	5,405	152,721	162,700	
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977	353,903	309,325	304,228	66,141	104,125	32,624	1,183,795		11.8
- 1978 p	413,080	332,658	341,712	82,723	98,668	38,363	1,323,942		
Veal -									
February 1978 p	2,181	1,859	1,999	505	254	58	6,899	8,800	
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977	14,275	27,936	17,626	2,155	2,935	1,419	66,684		3.8
- 1978 p	16,966	27,241	17,320	3,338	2,741	1,260	69,188		
Mutton -									
February 1978 p	6,832	9,857	1,304	3,786	3,672	706	26,166	23,100	
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977	49,960	72,326	10,062	25,701	53,540	5,405	217,032		-9.8
- 1978 p	52,981	66,366	9,547	26,759	35,734	4,425	195,844		
Lamb -									
February 1978 p	6,208	7,310	737	2,032	562	1,043	18,078	20,700	
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977	57,410	63,979	6,814	16,542	20,600	5,306	172,295		3.1
- 1978 p	59,131	68,279	6,979	17,835	17,116	6,538	177,548		
Pigmeat -									
February 1978 p	4,186	4,009	3,141	1,593	1,234	348	14,627	16,500	
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977	32,111	33,597	25,704	12,542	13,195	3,285	121,249		6.6
- 1978 p	35,900	36,287	27,304	13,675	12,051	2,980	129,223		
Total Meat -									
February 1978 p	68,791	63,889	40,729	18,780	17,444	7,560	218,491	231,800	
8 mths ended Feb. - 1977	507,659	507,163	364,434	123,081	194,395	48,039	1,761,055		7.7
- 1978 p	578,058	530,831	402,862	144,330	166,310	53,566	1,895,745		

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) See text on page 1. p - preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT (a): AUSTRALIA
(Tonnes)

	Fresh, chilled or frozen										Pork	Bacon and ham (c)	Canned meat (d)
	Beef (b)		Veal (b)		Mutton (b)		Lamb (b)						
	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out					
Month of December													
1976	484	32,811	151	478	6,839	5,512	6,594	461	60	66	2,172		
1977 p	700	50,762	218	593	5,693	4,544	2,889	2,002	104	29	2,093		

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Factors can be applied to beef, veal, mutton and lamb bone-out figures to derive bone-in carcase weight which, when added to bone-in figures, shows total exports in carcase weight. The factor for beef and veal is 1.5 and that for mutton and lamb 2.0 (Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation). (c) Cured carcase weight of smoked or cooked bacon and ham. Includes stated net weight of packs of canned bacon and ham. (d) Canned weight. Excludes canned bacon and ham. p - preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 4. STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT (a): AUSTRALIA
(Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation)
(Tonnes)

Stocks at	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Total
29 January 1977	74,585	21,512	8,659	2,274	107,030
28 January 1978	86,364	22,561	5,792	5,533	120,250

(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 carcase meat. p - preliminary, subject to revision.