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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE MEAT INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA - MAY 1968

The statistics on slaughtering 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 slaughtering 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 slaughtering 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, 1968" issued on 21 May 1968.

SYMBOLS USED IN THIS BULLETIN

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.
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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	18,865.3	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 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
February	342.4	71.7	414.0	2,087.5	1,314.9	3,402.4	243.1
March	368.3	82.1	450.4	2,037.6	1,327.9	3,365.5	260.8
April	347.4	88.0	435.4	1,460.6	1,218.8	2,679.4	257.0
May	389.9	95.2	485.1	1,534.6	1,255.3	2,790.0	271.5

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 -									
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									
Apr.	67,256	2,815	70,071	27,795	18,048	45,843	11,830	127,744	126,800
May	81,579	3,514	85,093	31,513	19,598	51,111	12,410	148,614	131,100
June	78,017	3,485	81,502	28,471	18,300	46,771	11,176	139,449	128,400
1967-68p									
July	74,938	5,000	79,938	27,142	16,453	43,595	11,884	135,417	136,800
Aug.	72,884	5,875	78,759	28,166	18,040	46,206	12,306	137,271	134,500
Sept.	72,542	4,414	76,956	32,749	19,133	51,882	12,376	141,214	149,100
Oct.	72,260	3,957	76,217	41,861	22,741	64,602	13,151	153,970	159,100
Nov.	72,350	3,929	76,279	42,639	24,055	66,694	13,306	156,279	154,100
Dec.	62,501	3,072	65,573	42,372	21,352	63,724	12,348	141,645	154,300
Jan.	58,992	3,168	62,160	38,900	20,264	59,164	11,104	132,428	142,700
Feb.	67,115	3,259	70,374	38,454	20,224	58,678	11,756	140,808	141,400
Mar.	72,429	3,383	75,812	37,137	20,454	57,591	12,727	146,130	140,800
Apr.	69,079	3,321	72,400	26,863	19,116	45,979	12,476	130,855	132,000
May	78,668	3,633	82,301	28,439	19,623	48,062	13,340	143,703	123,800

(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 -		Eleven months ended -		Month of -		Eleven months ended -	
	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May
	1967	1968p	1967	1968p	1967	1968p	1967	1968p
	CATTLE				BEEF			
New South Wales	96.7	99.9	915.9	954.1	18,677	19,158	175,931	187,369
Victoria	106.6	88.0	995.6	1,038.7	20,329	16,429	194,218	199,916
Queensland	146.6	144.3	1,196.5	1,212.1	30,986	32,081	255,943	268,623
South Australia	15.0	9.9	173.7	157.9	2,869	1,806	33,319	28,759
Western Australia	21.8	25.4	252.1	274.9	4,192	4,684	47,868	51,169
Tasmania	13.6	14.8	109.1	112.1	2,577	2,817	21,686	21,908
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	408.9	389.9	3,705.6	3,824.4	81,579	78,668	742,442	773,758
	CALVES				VEAL			
New South Wales	29.0	32.5	418.2	377.5	1,432	1,808	14,765	15,975
Victoria	39.5	30.7	561.3	579.4	941	698	12,031	13,060
Queensland	23.3	23.6	321.9	299.8	832	870	9,932	9,445
South Australia	7.0	5.3	69.7	74.9	226	153	2,514	2,723
Western Australia	1.3	1.7	15.7	19.9	46	63	628	842
Tasmania	1.2	1.2	48.1	45.3	33	30	899	906
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	101.5	95.2	1,435.6	1,397.8	3,514	3,633	40,795	43,011
	CATTLE AND CALVES				BEEF AND VEAL			
New South Wales	125.7	132.4	1,334.1	1,331.6	20,109	20,966	190,696	203,344
Victoria	146.1	118.8	1,556.8	1,618.0	21,270	17,127	206,249	212,976
Queensland	169.9	167.9	1,518.4	1,511.9	31,818	32,951	265,875	278,068
South Australia	22.0	15.1	243.4	232.8	3,095	1,959	35,833	31,482
Western Australia	23.1	27.1	267.7	294.8	4,238	4,747	48,496	52,011
Tasmania	14.8	16.0	157.2	157.3	2,610	2,847	22,585	22,814
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	510.3	485.1	5,141.2	5,222.2	85,093	82,301	783,237	816,769
	SHEEP				MUTTON			
New South Wales	453.2	549.7	4,016.6	5,347.0	8,703	9,474	74,424	94,811
Victoria	621.5	427.9	6,714.4	8,617.6	12,371	8,272	137,835	160,895
Queensland	205.3	187.9	1,597.3	1,769.0	3,717	3,367	29,030	32,419
South Australia	151.3	128.5	1,809.5	2,389.9	3,246	2,681	38,062	46,463
Western Australia	116.6	182.4	1,561.1	1,996.6	2,259	3,564	30,612	38,706
Tasmania	58.8	53.2	508.0	548.0	1,122	994	10,366	10,580
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	1,611.6	1,534.6	16,247.9	20,715.9	31,513	28,439	321,094	384,722
	LAMBS				LAMB			
New South Wales	526.5	553.8	5,053.3	5,583.7	9,052	8,921	83,506	89,455
Victoria	436.8	405.3	5,455.3	5,463.7	6,971	6,212	88,016	82,627
Queensland	41.6	60.6	352.7	480.5	627	877	5,194	7,089
South Australia	84.9	88.4	1,297.2	1,411.6	1,278	1,286	19,722	19,270
Western Australia	56.3	84.3	838.8	966.6	845	1,291	12,577	14,525
Tasmania	46.8	58.4	564.6	484.6	737	962	8,999	7,759
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	1,198.0	1,255.3	13,606.8	14,436.5	19,598	19,623	218,758	221,455

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TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED - continued

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons : Carcass weight)			
	Month of -		Eleven months ended -		Month of -		Eleven months ended -	
	May 1967	May 1968p	May 1967	May 1968p	May 1967	May 1968p	May 1967	May 1968p
	SHEEP AND LAMBS				MUTTON AND LAMB			
New South Wales	979.7	1,103.5	9,069.9	10,930.7	17,755	18,395	157,930	184,266
Victoria	1,058.3	833.3	12,169.7	14,081.3	19,342	14,484	225,851	243,522
Queensland	246.8	248.5	1,950.1	2,249.5	4,344	4,244	34,224	39,508
South Australia	236.3	216.8	3,106.7	3,801.5	4,524	3,967	57,784	65,733
Western Australia	172.9	266.7	2,399.9	2,963.2	3,104	4,855	43,189	53,231
Tasmania	105.6	111.6	1,072.6	1,032.7	1,859	1,956	19,365	18,339
<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	2,809.6	2,790.0	29,854.6	35,152.4	51,111	48,062	539,852	606,177
State	PIGS				PIGMEAT			
	74.9	82.7	778.3	826.5	3,519	3,773	35,046	37,142
	61.7	62.6	643.6	645.5	2,902	3,061	30,593	31,290
	56.3	64.4	611.7	694.0	2,971	3,271	30,576	34,950
	26.5	27.4	290.6	284.6	1,376	1,437	14,648	14,497
	18.4	21.4	196.4	222.6	1,001	1,189	10,652	12,096
	12.9	12.1	138.3	133.5	604	571	6,676	6,370
	<u>AUSTRALIA</u> (b)	251.4	271.5	2,668.9	2,816.7	12,410	13,340	128,624

(a) Excludes offal.

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 4. - TOTAL MEAT PRODUCED (a)

(Tons : Carcass weight)

State	Month of -		Eleven months ended -	
	May 1967	May 1968p	May 1967	May 1968p
New South Wales	41,383	43,134	383,672	424,752
Victoria	43,514	34,672	462,693	487,788
Queensland	39,133	40,466	330,675	352,526
South Australia	8,995	7,363	108,265	111,712
Western Australia	8,343	10,791	102,337	117,338
Tasmania	5,073	5,374	48,626	47,523
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	148,614	143,703	1,451,713	1,559,720

(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	1967-68p August	3,787	4,379
1963-64	41,538	44,599	September	3,830	4,554
1964-65	43,366	51,597	October	4,132	4,429
1965-66	46,220	50,469	November	4,597	4,144
1966-67p	50,092	48,652	December	5,911	3,135
			January	3,288	2,591
1966-67p April	3,799	2,961	February	3,804	3,590
May	4,086	4,669	March	4,107	4,137
June	4,082	4,261	April	3,574	3,693
1967-68p July	3,518	4,607	May	4,073	4,853

(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 MEAT (p)

(Tons)

State	BACON AND HAM (a) (Cured carcass weight)				CANNED MEAT (b) (Canned weight)			
	Month of -		Eleven months ended -		Month of -		Eleven months ended -	
	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
New South Wales	1,196	1,159	14,202	13,681	560	461	4,216	3,081
Victoria	772	751	9,053	8,515	3,029	3,164	27,307	29,054
Queensland	1,284	1,343	13,251	12,810	1,018	1,174	12,137	11,277
South Australia	325	301	4,072	3,656	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Western Australia	411	431	4,284	4,759	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Tasmania	98	88	1,148	1,200	..	..	..	..
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	4,086	4,073	46,010	44,621	4,669	4,853	44,390	44,112

(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 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	1,075
August	27,435	427	5,201	338	89	33,490	15	1,534
September	20,062	456	4,329	459	58	25,364	20	1,659
October	25,503	730	8,484	777	36	35,530	13	2,820
November	21,778	423	12,662	1,107	39	36,009	32	1,523
December	18,073	263	9,713	1,683	48	29,780	27	1,688
January	19,717	178	10,856	1,444	40	32,235	19	1,206
February	17,335	221	13,206	703	23	31,488	14	2,138
March	18,138	327	10,691	445	18	29,619	14	1,582
April	15,575	345	8,167	752	34	24,873	15	1,201
May	24,805	353	9,614	564	56	35,392	24	2,202

(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
1967						
25 February	21,664	9,857	3,090	1,209	5,797	41,617
25 March	18,633	9,073	2,305	1,109	6,078	37,198
29 April	24,045	7,989	1,799	1,217	6,919	41,969
27 May :						
New South Wales	4,046	1,151	213	403	2,440	8,253
Victoria	5,524	5,530	1,154	249	2,287	14,744
Queensland	13,884	655	46	80	2,045	16,710
South Australia	302	190	20	96	101	709
Western Australia	1,337	812	133	123	247	2,652
Tasmania	672	493	67	513	104	1,849
Northern Territory	595	..	..	..	45	640
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	26,360	8,831	1,633	1,464	7,269	45,557
1968						
24 February	23,115	21,892	2,673	1,451	8,060	57,191
30 March	27,510	21,274	2,785	1,549	7,506	60,624
27 April	26,992	17,086	2,317	1,737	7,258	55,390
25 May :						
New South Wales	4,248	2,047	205	500	2,294	9,294
Victoria	5,258	8,259	1,014	385	2,170	17,086
Queensland	14,038	1,057	124	149	2,278	17,646
South Australia	258	406	351	135	216	1,366
Western Australia	1,537	1,739	277	34	311	3,898
Tasmania	720	623	70	515	250	2,178
Northern Territory	548	..	..	..	45	593
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	26,607	14,131	2,041	1,718	7,564	52,061

(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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