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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS, DECEMBER 1968

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

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.  
.. - Nil or less than half the final digit shown,  
or not applicable.  
n.a. - Not available.

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<br>(b) | S.A.   | W.A.   | Tas.<br>(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 - November | 10,113  | 4,418  | 2,987      | 1,003  | 1,974  | 330         | 20,825    |
| 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    |

(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<br>( '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 - November            | 3,480  | 1,483  | 1,038  | 347   | 715   | 85   | 7,148     |
| 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                         | 2,618  | 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     |

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 - November | 8,687  | 3,919  | 2,542  | 890    | 1,716  | 229   | 17,983  |
| 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  |

(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<br>( '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                           | 2,464  | 990   | 1,154 | 285  | 362   | 148  | 5,403     |
| 1967-68 - November                | 220    | 93    | 99    | 27   | 46    | 19   | 504       |
| 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       |
| DRESSED WEIGHT (b)<br>( '000 lb ) |        |       |       |      |       |      |           |
| (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 - November                | 783    | 319   | 386   | 98   | 174   | 64   | 1,024     |
| 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     |

(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.<br>(a) | Australia |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-----|------|------|-------------|-----------|
| NUMBER SLAUGHTERED<br>( '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 - November                | 31     | 24    | 9   | 2    | 2    | 7           | 75        |
| 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    | (b)  | (b)         | 63        |
| August                            | 27     | 12    | 9   | 1    |      |             | 51        |
| September                         | 43     | 18    | 8   | 1    |      |             | 71        |
| October                           | 45     | 25    | 10  | 2    |      |             | 83        |
| November                          | 49     | 44    | 10  | 4    |      |             | 112       |
| December                          | 58     | 47    | 11  | 4    |      |             | 128       |
| DRESSED WEIGHT (c)<br>( '000 lb ) |        |       |     |      |      |             |           |
| Year - 1965-66                    | 1,218  | 1,329 | 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 - November                | 109    | 86    | 43  | 6    | 11   | 36          | 291       |
| 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    | (b)  | (b)         | 248       |
| August                            | 101    | 45    | 41  | 5    |      |             | 201       |
| September                         | 156    | 69    | 35  | 4    |      |             | 270       |
| October                           | 159    | 90    | 45  | 7    |      |             | 310       |
| November                          | 171    | 161   | 44  | 15   |      |             | 413       |
| December                          | 203    | 175   | 49  | 16   |      |             | 476       |

(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<br>( '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 - November               | 58     | 10    | 2   | 1    | 10   | (b)  | 81           |
| December                         | 47     | 7     | 6   | 1    | 7    | (b)  | 68           |
| January                          | 23     | 4     | ..  | ..   | 2    | (b)  | 29           |
| February                         | 40     | 5     | 1   | ..   | 2    | (b)  | 48           |
| March                            | 26     | 4     | 1   | ..   | 4    | (b)  | 35           |
| April                            | 39     | 6     | 2   | 2    | 1    | (b)  | 50           |
| May                              | 36     | 3     | 2   | 2    | 1    | (b)  | 43           |
| June                             | 39     | 5     | 2   | 2    | 1    | (b)  | 49           |
| 1968-69p - July                  | 44     | 13    | 3   | 2    |      | (c)  | 66           |
| August                           | 51     | 19    | 4   | 1    |      | (c)  | 76           |
| September                        | 57     | 10    | 4   | 2    | (c)  | (c)  | 76           |
| October                          | 83     | 13    | 5   | 1    |      | (c)  | 115          |
| November                         | 99     | 21    | 9   | 3    |      | (c)  | 138          |
| December                         | 82     | 13    | 5   | 3    |      | (c)  | 114          |
| DRESSED WEIGHT (d)<br>( '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 - November               | 534    | 94    | 16  | 8    | 73   | (b)  | 725          |
| December                         | 395    | 69    | 45  | 13   | 63   | (b)  | 585          |
| January                          | 199    | 33    | 3   | 3    | 16   | (b)  | 254          |
| February                         | 378    | 53    | 8   | 1    | 19   | (b)  | 459          |
| March                            | 207    | 45    | 8   | 3    | 38   | (b)  | 301          |
| April                            | 311    | 60    | 13  | 16   | 10   | (b)  | 410          |
| May                              | 341    | 41    | 14  | 16   | 12   | (b)  | 424          |
| June                             | 412    | 62    | 13  | 17   | 8    | (b)  | 512          |
| 1968-69p - July                  | 436    | 120   | 20  | 22   |      | (c)  | 637          |
| August                           | 474    | 151   | 33  | 10   |      | (c)  | 675          |
| September                        | 501    | 94    | 31  | 27   | (c)  | (c)  | 688          |
| October                          | 706    | 118   | 37  | 6    |      | (c)  | 994          |
| November                         | 849    | 198   | 75  | 21   |      | (c)  | 1,209        |
| December                         | 615    | 113   | 39  | 23   |      | (c)  | 881          |

(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.   | Qld    | 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 - November | 5,087  | 2,080  | 1,276  | 644   | (b)   | (b)   | ( 10,014  |
| 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   |       |       | ( 9,503   |
| April              | 3,951  | 1,122  | 1,549  | 670   |       |       | ( 8,479   |
| May                | 4,365  | 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   | (b)   | (b)   | ( 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   |       |       | ( 9,068   |
| November           | 4,077  | 1,603  | 2,029  | 476   |       |       | ( 9,293   |
| December           | 4,306  | 1,639  | 1,482  | 633   |       |       | ( 9,103   |
| 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 - November | 1,008  | 701    | 413    | 309   | 230   | 52    | 2,713     |
| 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     |

- (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<br>(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 - November                                                             | 3,469  | 1,539  | 798    | 413   | (b)  | (b)  | 6,908     |
| December                                                                       | 3,308  | 1,404  | 1,136  | 444   |      |      | 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     |
| INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS<br>(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 - November                                                             | 133    | 98     | 41     | 10    | 3    | 2    | 287       |
| 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       |

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TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - continued  
( '000)

| Period                                                     | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas. | Australia  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------------|
| INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS<br>(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 - November                                         | 436    | 253   | 151   | 143   | 83    | 23   | 1,089      |
| 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        |

(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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