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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 census of all slaughtering establishments (conducted annually) are known, monthly details are subject to amendment.

The total bone-in weight of meat produced in Australia during April, 1960 was 113,500 tons. This was 8,700 tons (7.1 per cent.) below production in the previous month and 9,900 tons (8.0 per cent.) lower than production in April, 1959. Total meat production for the ten months ended April, 1960, was 1,185,400 tons or approximately 56,800 tons (4.6 per cent.) less than that produced in the corresponding period of the previous year. In this ten month period the production of beef and veal fell by 113,800 tons (15.4 per cent.), mutton and lamb rose by 58,600 tons (14.0 per cent.) and pigmeat fell by 1,600 tons (1.9 per cent.).

Further details of slaughterings and meat production are given in the following tables together with information on exports of fresh and processed meats, stocks of frozen meats, bacon and ham production and canned meat production.

TABLE 1 : LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED : AUSTRALIA ('000)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Cattle and Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Year : 1954-55	3,154.1	1,330.4	4,484.5	12,305.8	9,927.8	22,233.6	1,939.3
1955-56	3,184.2	1,427.4	4,611.6	11,377.5	9,382.1	20,759.6	1,816.7
1956-57	3,393.2	1,559.2	4,952.4	11,128.2	9,118.5	20,246.7	1,730.0
1957-58	3,565.8	1,773.0	5,338.8	14,354.7	10,354.4	24,709.1	2,066.3
1958-59	4,191.1	1,681.2	5,872.3	15,756.5	11,795.4	27,551.9	2,077.0
1958-59 : April	364.4	113.6	478.0	1,285.0	780.4	2,065.4	180.9
May	391.2	116.1	507.3	1,241.9	755.7	1,997.6	165.5
June	395.7	119.4	515.1	1,233.5	790.8	2,024.3	149.2
1959-60 (a) : July	419.5	157.9	577.4	1,303.8	900.5	2,204.3	158.9
August	313.4	204.3	517.7	1,161.5	853.0	2,014.5	149.7
September	297.2	198.5	495.7	1,468.4	1,243.9	2,712.3	162.5
October	274.4	161.9	436.3	1,818.5	1,560.9	3,379.4	181.5
November	228.4	125.2	353.6	1,816.4	1,482.1	3,298.5	163.4
December	223.7	99.3	323.0	1,886.0	1,293.5	3,179.5	193.6
January	229.5	89.7	319.2	1,840.5	1,046.8	2,887.3	153.1
February	244.0	73.5	317.5	1,752.4	1,026.6	2,779.0	165.0
March	296.2	86.5	382.7	1,689.3	1,136.5	2,825.8	194.1
April	293.5	99.7	393.2	1,488.9	1,004.9	2,493.8	170.4

(a) Subject to revision.

TABLE 2 : PRODUCTION OF MEAT (a) : AUSTRALIA, TONS (Bone-in weight)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Total Meat
Year : 1954-55	679,133	40,776	240,530	147,634	99,408	1,207,481
1955-56	708,595	42,462	234,428	145,703	93,908	1,225,096
1956-57	765,642	48,944	223,910	142,876	88,699	1,270,071
1957-58	733,004	58,372	269,780	151,696	101,615	1,314,547
1958-59	849,264	57,119	310,381	181,945	101,886	1,500,595
1958-59 : April	72,983	4,409	25,039	11,872	9,080	123,383
May	79,221	4,403	24,952	11,770	8,108	128,454
June	80,906	4,412	25,166	12,228	7,258	129,970
1959-60 (b) : July	88,128	4,464	26,070	13,840	7,976	140,478
August	66,480	5,230	22,953	12,774	7,502	114,989
September	62,414	5,216	27,965	17,748	8,241	121,584
October	57,968	4,400	34,696	22,432	9,268	128,764
November	47,829	3,473	34,751	21,875	8,273	116,201
December	45,980	3,032	35,502	19,219	9,010	112,743
January	47,307	2,877	33,945	15,624	7,741	107,494
February	49,835	2,487	31,924	14,843	8,420	107,509
March	61,028	2,920	31,049	17,255	9,894	122,146
April	59,254	3,307	27,315	15,048	8,566	113,470

(a) Excluding Offal. (b) Subject to revision.

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TABLE 3 : CATTLE SLAUGHTERED AND BEEF AND VEAL PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Ten Months Ended -		Month of -		Ten Months Ended -	
	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)
CATTLE Slaughtered ('000)				BEEF Produced (Tons)				
New South Wales	104.3	83.4	1,057.6	822.6	20,407	16,592	207,096	170,572
Victoria	77.8	70.0	713.5	663.1	15,301	13,318	141,110	130,648
Queensland	136.6	101.3	1,199.7	916.8	28,098	21,648	253,147	200,326
South Australia	18.5	14.0	164.3	134.3	3,698	2,713	32,340	26,041
Western Australia	15.6	13.0	167.8	169.7	2,966	2,460	33,571	34,682
Tasmania	8.9	9.0	74.3	84.8	1,919	1,919	16,022	18,183
AUSTRALIA:(c)	364.4	293.5	3,404.2	2,819.8	72,983	59,254	689,137	586,223
CALVES Slaughtered ('000)				VEAL Produced (Tons)				
New South Wales	43.7	38.3	537.0	435.9	1,918	1,568	20,953	15,145
Victoria	31.4	25.8	451.2	430.9	1,271	633	13,661	9,669
Queensland	27.0	24.5	320.5	293.9	806	699	8,844	7,718
South Australia	7.5	7.7	75.8	75.2	277	291	3,018	3,169
Western Australia	2.5	2.0	26.4	23.2	87	72	1,020	890
Tasmania	1.4	1.3	33.5	36.2	44	40	756	816
AUSTRALIA:(c)	113.6	99.7	1,445.7	1,296.5	4,409	3,307	48,304	37,456
CATTLE AND CALVES Slaughtered ('000)				BEEF AND VEAL Produced (Tons)				
New South Wales	148.0	121.7	1,594.6	1,258.5	22,325	18,160	228,049	185,717
Victoria	109.2	95.8	1,164.7	1,094.0	16,572	13,951	154,771	140,317
Queensland	163.6	125.8	1,520.2	1,210.7	28,904	22,347	261,991	208,044
South Australia	26.0	21.7	240.1	209.5	3,975	3,004	35,358	29,210
Western Australia	18.1	15.0	194.2	192.9	3,053	2,532	34,591	35,572
Tasmania	10.3	10.3	107.8	121.0	1,963	1,959	16,778	18,999
AUSTRALIA:(c)	478.0	393.2	4,849.9	4,116.3	77,392	62,561	737,441	623,679

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 4 : SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTERED AND MUTTON AND LAMB PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Ten Months Ended -		Month of -		Ten Months Ended -	
	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)
SHEEP Slaughtered ('000)				MUTTON Produced (Tons)				
New South Wales	399.0	457.5	3,879.8	4,389.1	7,453	8,025	73,979	82,067
Victoria	441.2	534.5	5,060.9	6,667.3	9,213	10,397	103,506	131,497
Queensland	131.8	137.2	1,160.7	1,285.5	2,402	2,382	21,580	23,317
South Australia	142.0	158.2	1,485.3	1,891.6	2,808	2,855	29,193	33,070
Western Australia	132.4	148.0	1,358.0	1,536.4	2,389	2,573	25,230	26,992
Tasmania	35.1	50.1	301.7	420.7	703	1,013	6,086	8,527
AUSTRALIA:(c)	1,285.0	1,488.9	13,281.1	16,225.7	25,039	27,315	260,263	306,170
LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)				LAMB Produced (Tons)				
New South Wales	334.3	414.2	3,530.3	4,257.1	5,286	6,438	56,292	67,181
Victoria	272.1	370.7	4,030.3	4,217.6	4,053	5,470	61,717	61,914
Queensland	22.8	25.5	195.6	240.7	316	360	2,859	3,444
South Australia	65.8	90.2	1,258.0	1,505.8	930	1,201	18,562	18,335
Western Australia	42.9	48.9	735.8	730.4	562	665	10,237	10,081
Tasmania	39.7	52.5	471.0	569.2	680	868	7,839	9,264
AUSTRALIA:(c)	780.4	1,004.9	10,248.9	11,548.7	11,872	15,048	157,947	170,658

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 4 : SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTERED AND MUTTON AND LAMB PRODUCED (a) (Continued)

State	Month of -		Ten Months Ended -		Month of -		Ten Months Ended -	
	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)
	<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)</u>				<u>MUTTON AND LAMB Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	733.3	871.7	7,410.1	8,646.2	12,739	14,463	130,271	149,248
Victoria	713.3	905.2	9,091.2	10,884.9	13,266	15,867	165,223	193,411
Queensland	154.6	162.7	1,356.3	1,526.2	2,718	2,742	24,439	26,761
South Australia	207.8	248.4	2,743.3	3,397.4	3,738	4,056	47,755	51,405
Western Australia	175.3	196.9	2,093.8	2,266.8	2,951	3,238	35,467	37,073
Tasmania	74.8	102.6	772.7	989.9	1,383	1,881	13,925	17,791
AUSTRALIA: (c)	2,065.4	2,493.8	23,530.0	27,774.4	36,911	42,363	418,210	476,828

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 5 : PIGS SLAUGHTERED AND PIGMEAT PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Ten Months Ended -		Month of -		Ten Months Ended -	
	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)	April, 1959	April, 1960(b)
	<u>PIGS Slaughtered ('000)</u>				<u>PIGMEAT Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	49.9	47.4	511.9	475.5	2,296	2,181	23,055	21,905
Victoria	40.4	38.3	390.1	383.4	2,132	1,939	20,191	19,644
Queensland	50.9	47.3	441.8	441.2	2,622	2,438	22,248	22,646
South Australia	14.1	13.9	151.7	143.3	761	771	7,968	7,848
Western Australia	13.5	12.8	170.5	146.3	712	711	8,642	8,061
Tasmania	11.5	10.2	90.5	97.1	531	484	4,170	4,544
AUSTRALIA: (c)	180.9	170.4	1,762.3	1,692.2	9,080	8,546	86,520	84,871

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 6 : TOTAL ALL MEAT (a) (Tons)

State	Month of -		Ten Months Ended -	
	April, 1959	April, 1960 (b)	April, 1959	April, 1960 (b)
New South Wales	37,360	34,804	381,375	356,870
Victoria	31,970	31,757	340,185	353,372
Queensland	34,244	27,527	308,678	257,451
South Australia	8,474	7,831	91,081	88,463
Western Australia	6,716	6,481	78,700	80,706
Tasmania	3,877	4,324	34,873	41,334
AUSTRALIA: (c)	123,383	113,470	1,242,171	1,185,378

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 7 : 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 : 1954-55	38,371		73,837	1959-60(c): July
1955-56	37,474	70,522	August	2,850	5,815
1956-57	35,330	69,076	September	3,752	6,440
1957-58	36,667	83,566	October	4,106	6,185
1958-59	38,671	(c)70,177	November	3,570	5,831
1958-59 : April	3,159	(c)4,003	December	4,639	5,974
May	2,942	(c)5,562	January	2,455	4,041
June	2,993	(c)5,524	February	2,762	4,395
			March	3,115	4,479
			April	2,848	6,247

(a) Cured (bone-in) weight of smoked, cooked and canned Bacon and Ham.

(b) Canned weight. Includes canned Bacon and Ham, excludes canned Offal.

(c) Subject to revision.

TABLE 8 : PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM AND CANNED MEAT : STATES (Tons)

State	Month of -		Ten Months Ended -		Month of -		Ten Months Ended -	
	April, 1959	April, 1960(a)	April, 1959	April, 1960(a)	April, 1959(a)	April, 1960(a)	April, 1959(a)	April, 1960(a)
	BACON AND HAM Produced (b)				CANNED MEAT Produced (c)			
	(Tons, Cured bone-in Weight)				(Tons, Canned Weight)			
New South Wales	891	877	9,935	9,939	708	409	6,812	4,837
Victoria	760	679	7,461	7,161	1,639	4,163	30,493	32,645
Queensland	935	760	9,480	9,909	1,594	1,577	20,644	15,724
South Australia	243	226	2,598	2,754	62	98	1,142	2,004
Western Australia	242	228	2,490	2,550				
Tasmania	88	78	772	767	-	-	-	-
AUSTRALIA:	3,159	2,848	32,736	33,080	4,003	6,247	59,091	55,210

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Smoked, cooked and canned. (c) Includes canned bacon and ham.

TABLE 9 : OVERSEA EXPORTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEATS : AUSTRALIA (Tons)

Period	Fresh and Frozen					Bacon and Ham (a)	Canned Meat (b)
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork		
Year : 1954-55	121,327	2,065	15,094	42,403	2,908	748	62,998
1955-56	141,991	2,093	15,472	36,440	1,104	448	58,300
1956-57	147,882	1,514	10,273	23,778	642	334	50,086
1957-58	123,485	2,410	18,870	28,729	960	258	58,854
1958-59	222,945	4,877	33,326	40,711	835	205	56,719
1958-59 : April	15,458	266	3,165	483	35	11	3,489
May	17,026	303	1,968	521	32	5	2,989
June	22,004	281	2,807	352	27	16	3,982
1959-60 (c) : July	15,785	270	1,254	432	35	14	3,655
August	31,982	303	1,811	846	19	10	3,712
September	19,786	341	1,039	802	13	21	4,625
October	20,524	438	2,029	2,708	26	20	4,725
November	14,145	414	3,638	4,792	26	45	4,386
December	13,946	221	3,637	5,940	49	15	5,695
January	10,489	244	4,088	4,044	33	6	4,821
February	9,532	272	4,260	3,254	24	7	3,895
March	9,286	92	3,008	1,059	36	7	3,465
April	9,941	91	2,866	1,119	38	5	2,115

(a) Cured weight. (b) Canned weight. (c) Subject to revision.

TABLE 10 : STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT (Tons)
(As recorded by Australian Meat Board).

State	Beef and Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Offal	Total
STOCKS HELD ON 2ND MAY, 1959						
New South Wales	2,866	654	229	204	854	4,807
Victoria	4,795	5,260	1,227	391	612	12,285
Queensland	12,675	143	7	94	1,245	14,164
South Australia	1,306	489	165	70	289	2,319
Western Australia	1,145	1,076	216	147	136	2,720
Tasmania	181	223	50	349	29	832
AUSTRALIA:	22,968	7,845	1,894	1,255	3,165	37,127
STOCKS HELD ON 30TH APRIL, 1960						
New South Wales	3,881	927	328	377	685	6,198
Victoria	5,159	6,855	1,976	756	1,405	16,151
Queensland	9,598	289	15	134	839	10,875
South Australia	461	1,363	360	74	284	2,542
Western Australia	288	647	71	80	82	1,168
Tasmania	287	477	154	161	65	1,144
AUSTRALIA:	19,674	10,558	2,904	1,582	3,360	38,078

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