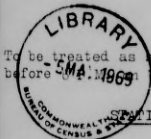


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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE MEAT INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA—FEBRUARY 1969

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 1968 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 - 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
1967-68	4,144.7	1,510.5	5,655.2	22,268.9	15,739.5	38,008.4	3,049.0
1967-68 January	298.7	76.2	374.9	2,136.2	1,332.2	3,468.4	230.8
February	338.7	72.9	411.6	2,111.8	1,333.6	3,445.4	243.3
March	364.6	83.1	447.7	2,060.8	1,343.0	3,403.7	261.0
April	344.2	89.0	433.3	1,472.5	1,234.6	2,707.1	257.2
May	386.6	96.2	482.8	1,547.3	1,271.2	2,818.5	271.7
June	360.9	113.4	474.3	1,341.2	1,152.7	2,494.0	253.0
1968-69p July	372.9	198.2	571.1	1,292.0	1,347.7	2,639.8	273.2
August	343.3	221.6	564.9	1,235.1	1,433.6	2,668.7	259.9
September	343.0	150.7	493.8	1,179.3	1,640.2	2,819.5	276.4
October	351.6	127.8	479.4	1,402.3	2,165.4	3,567.7	288.7
November	319.9	91.8	411.7	1,485.8	1,895.8	3,381.6	278.2
December	283.6	63.0	346.6	1,446.4	1,668.8	3,115.2	294.3
January	303.1	62.3	365.3	1,565.6	1,531.6	3,097.1	259.0
February	323.5	59.0	382.5	1,693.2	1,314.1	3,007.3	253.7

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 - 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	..
1967-68	842,774	46,868	889,642	412,269	241,754	654,023	147,386	1,691,051	..
1967-68 Jan.	58,568	3,237	61,805	39,266	20,484	59,750	11,082	132,637	142,900
Feb.	66,661	3,345	70,006	38,793	20,449	59,242	11,732	140,980	141,500
Mar.	71,980	3,469	75,449	37,425	20,681	58,106	12,703	146,258	140,900
Apr.	68,726	3,404	72,130	26,921	19,341	46,262	12,440	130,832	132,000
May	78,292	3,709	82,001	28,511	19,850	48,361	13,315	143,677	123,800
June	73,999	3,587	77,586	24,894	18,044	42,938	12,363	132,887	130,800
1968-69p July	79,354	5,163	84,517	24,841	21,298	46,139	13,264	143,920	137,300
Aug.	72,153	5,545	77,698	24,352	23,092	47,444	12,657	137,799	138,800
Sept.	73,052	3,996	77,048	23,921	26,723	50,644	13,468	141,160	151,800
Oct.	73,564	3,737	77,301	28,796	35,793	64,589	13,861	155,751	153,100
Nov.	66,235	2,980	69,215	30,478	31,360	61,838	13,412	144,465	147,900
Dec.	57,759	2,353	60,112	29,458	27,681	57,139	13,599	130,850	141,000
Jan.	61,180	2,632	63,812	31,332	24,867	56,199	12,508	132,519	139,600
Feb.	64,553	2,593	67,146	33,278	21,408	54,686	12,409	134,241	141,300

(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 -		Eight months ended -		Month of -		Eight months ended -	
	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p
	CATTLE				BEEF			
New South Wales	87.1	83.8	672.2	639.0	16,925	15,826	132,293	124,543
Victoria	115.8	91.4	728.4	641.7	21,996	18,367	142,295	127,833
Queensland	80.6	96.4	830.0	866.3	17,638	20,259	185,300	198,308
South Australia	15.3	16.2	117.9	112.1	2,645	3,092	21,677	21,971
Western Australia	25.1	22.3	210.9	233.5	4,463	4,213	39,768	45,427
Tasmania	11.5	11.6	73.3	83.5	2,251	2,223	14,610	16,959
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	338.7	323.5	2,688.4	2,641.0	66,661	64,553	549,777	547,850
	CALVES				VEAL			
New South Wales	26.4	24.7	283.4	285.9	1,552	1,272	10,961	11,610
Victoria	18.1	6.6	498.1	382.4	681	206	11,029	7,715
Queensland	20.2	22.5	230.3	215.7	746	877	6,876	6,877
South Australia	4.9	2.9	57.2	33.0	206	126	2,144	1,185
Western Australia	2.4	1.8	16.9	15.3	126	92	834	793
Tasmania	0.8	0.4	42.4	41.8	28	18	833	721
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	72.9	59.0	1,128.8	974.3	3,345	2,593	32,699	28,999
	CATTLE AND CALVES				BEEF AND VEAL			
New South Wales	113.6	108.6	955.6	924.8	18,477	17,098	145,254	136,241
Victoria	133.9	98.0	1,226.4	1,024.1	22,677	18,573	153,324	135,548
Queensland	100.8	118.9	1,060.3	1,082.0	18,384	21,136	192,176	205,185
South Australia	20.2	19.0	175.1	145.1	2,851	3,218	23,821	23,156
Western Australia	27.5	24.1	227.8	240.0	4,589	4,305	40,602	46,220
Tasmania	12.3	12.0	115.8	125.3	2,279	2,441	15,443	17,680
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	411.6	382.5	3,817.2	3,615.3	70,006	67,146	582,476	576,849
	SHEEP				MUTTON			
New South Wales	547.9	543.3	3,834.9	3,582.2	9,440	9,593	68,402	64,998
Victoria	930.6	569.4	7,058.3	3,514.2	17,340	12,396	132,778	76,991
Queensland	153.9	172.2	1,277.5	1,249.2	2,904	3,281	23,406	24,319
South Australia	204.8	128.3	1,895.0	1,025.1	4,020	2,612	36,033	21,966
Western Australia	203.0	221.3	1,366.9	1,504.2	3,752	4,223	25,968	29,583
Tasmania	66.9	52.0	380.6	386.6	1,251	1,053	7,307	7,906
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	2,111.8	1,693.2	15,847.0	11,299.8	38,793	33,278	294,518	226,456
	LAMBS				LAMB			
New South Wales	507.8	550.7	4,014.2	4,731.8	8,116	8,996	64,114	77,800
Victoria	512.2	462.8	4,114.3	5,213.8	7,700	7,755	62,735	87,667
Queensland	51.1	50.7	320.3	440.7	778	731	4,748	6,598
South Australia	113.0	94.6	1,132.3	1,005.8	1,597	1,520	15,035	15,969
Western Australia	94.9	90.0	800.3	1,078.5	1,372	1,321	11,567	15,621
Tasmania	50.5	58.8	323.8	479.5	819	977	5,112	7,789
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	1,333.6	1,314.1	10,738.0	12,997.2	20,449	21,408	163,838	212,222

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TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED - continued

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons : Carcass weight)			
	Month of -		Eight months ended -		Month of -		Eight months ended -	
	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p
	SHEEP AND LAMBS				MUTTON AND LAMB			
New South Wales	1,055.7	1,094.0	7,849.1	8,314.0	17,556	18,589	132,516	142,798
Victoria	1,442.8	1,032.2	11,172.6	8,728.0	25,040	20,151	195,513	164,658
Queensland	205.0	222.9	1,597.8	1,689.9	3,682	4,012	28,154	30,917
South Australia	317.8	222.9	3,027.3	2,030.9	5,617	4,132	51,068	37,935
Western Australia	297.9	311.2	2,167.2	2,582.8	5,124	5,544	37,535	45,204
Tasmania	117.4	110.8	704.5	866.1	2,070	2,030	12,419	15,695
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	3,445.4	3,007.3	26,585.0	24,297.0	59,242	54,686	458,356	438,678
	PIGS				PIGMEAT			
	Month of -		Eight months ended -		Month of -		Eight months ended -	
	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969p
	PIGS				PIGMEAT			
New South Wales	67.0	72.4	593.4	651.5	2,984	3,384	26,719	29,408
Victoria	54.5	56.2	465.0	504.6	2,602	2,705	22,062	24,094
Queensland	66.1	68.2	475.8	527.5	3,277	3,301	23,715	25,993
South Australia	22.2	23.8	205.8	223.5	1,143	1,211	10,376	11,195
Western Australia	18.9	20.1	163.9	176.3	1,023	1,073	8,835	9,452
Tasmania	13.6	12.1	95.0	91.8	667	602	4,547	4,671
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	243.3	253.7	2,006.1	2,183.4	11,732	12,409	96,565	105,178

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

TABLE 4. - TOTAL MEAT PRODUCED (a)

(Tons : Carcass weight)

State	Month of -		Eight months ended -	
	February 1968	February 1969p	February 1968	February 1969p
New South Wales	39,017	39,071	304,489	308,447
Victoria	50,319	41,429	370,899	324,300
Queensland	25,343	28,529	244,045	262,095
South Australia	9,611	8,561	85,265	72,286
Western Australia	10,736	10,922	86,972	100,876
Tasmania	5,016	5,073	32,409	38,046
<u>AUSTRALIA (b)</u>	140,980	134,241	1,137,397	1,120,705

(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 - 1963-64	41,538	44,599	1967-68p May	4,093	4,792
1964-65	43,366	51,597	June	3,898	3,796
1965-66	46,220	50,469	1968-69p July	4,182	4,042
1966-67	50,300	48,658	August	3,936	3,972
1967-68p	48,868	47,506	September	4,492	4,459
1967-68p January	3,312	2,564	October	4,426	4,670
February	3,829	3,537	November	4,683	3,612
March	4,137	4,085	December	6,019	3,044
April	3,596	3,631	January	3,604	4,402
			February	3,623	3,394

(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 -		Eight months ended -		Month of -		Eight months ended -	
	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969	Feb. 1968	Feb. 1969
New South Wales	1,174	1,059	10,581	10,161	291	195	2,056	1,988
Victoria	690	731	6,406	6,736	2,106	2,311	20,764	19,385
Queensland	1,223	1,088	8,994	10,912	1,056	802	7,876	7,680
South Australia	280	282	2,733	2,726	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Western Australia	365	360	3,508	3,490	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Tasmania	97	103	922	940	..	..	..	..
AUSTRALIA	3,829	3,623	33,144	34,965	3,537	3,394	31,202	29,595

(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 - 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	15,881	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
1967-68 - January	19,730	179	10,856	1,444	40	32,249	19	1,204
February	17,342	221	13,205	705	23	31,496	14	2,137
March	18,153	328	10,691	445	18	29,635	14	1,573
April	15,611	345	8,087	752	34	24,829	15	1,194
May	24,498	339	9,613	563	56	35,069	24	2,200
June	21,432	289	5,432	352	27	27,532	15	1,769
1968-69p - July	23,327	319	5,782	313	26	29,767	14	1,674
August	27,345	239	3,858	487	22	31,951	12	2,139
September	23,188	620	4,187	1,087	21	29,103	14	1,120
October	24,181	555	5,216	4,597	28	34,577	22	1,368
November	10,367	131	4,959	5,839	62	21,358	21	975
December	18,216	378	6,373	5,847	127	30,941	31	1,460
January	19,628	255	6,118	4,338	116	30,455	17	2,513
February	19,233	177	7,348	2,108	178	29,044	10	856

(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
1967-68						
25 November	26,255	14,058	3,123	1,418	8 681	53,535
30 December	22,199	20,019	2,788	1,227	8,642	54,875
27 January	21,611	21,991	2,764	1,338	8,300	56,004
24 February —						
New South Wales	3,909	2,800	248	310	2,861	10,128
Victoria	7,983	13,642	1,351	337	2,950	26,263
Queensland	7,852	866	112	206	1,436	10,472
South Australia	556	1,334	478	95	251	2,714
Western Australia	1,974	2,293	396	187	308	5,158
Tasmania	779	957	88	316	230	2,370
Northern Territory	62	..	..	..	24	86
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	23,115	21,892	2,673	1,451	8,060	57,191
1968-69						
30 November	34,313	8,712	6,335	1,696	5,229	56,285
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 —						
New South Wales	4,319	1,454	260	336	1,270	7,639
Victoria	7,390	4,619	2,988	172	2,136	17,305
Queensland	9,391	797	113	424	2,113	12,838
South Australia	652	203	58	90	171	1,174
Western Australia	1,497	1,912	225	267	348	4,249
Tasmania	811	438	69	..	57	1,375
Northern Territory	110	33	4	6	13	166
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	24,170	9,456	3,717	1,295	6,108	44,746

(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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