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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 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 November, 1959 was 116,400 tons. This was 12,600 tons (9.8 per cent.) below production in the previous month and 19,100 tons (14.1 per cent.) lower than production in November, 1958. Total meat production for the five months ended November, 1959, was 622,800 tons or approximately 20,900 tons (3.3 per cent.) less than that produced in the corresponding period of the previous year. In this five month period the production of beef and veal fell by 46,200 tons (11.7 per cent.), mutton and lamb rose by 27,900 tons (13.5 per cent.) and pigmeat fell by 2,600 tons (6.0 per cent.).

Further details of slaughtering 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	1,274.4	4,458.6	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 (a)	4,208.0	1,690.9	5,898.9	15,703.2	11,795.9	27,499.1	2,064.4
1958-59 (a) : November	344.8	143.0	487.8	1,315.0	1,668.0	2,983.0	176.4
December	331.4	130.4	461.8	1,485.1	1,383.2	2,868.3	193.6
January	284.4	118.3	402.7	1,443.6	871.1	2,314.7	151.7
February	316.4	97.7	414.1	1,565.6	777.4	2,343.0	165.8
March	329.0	98.1	427.1	1,452.7	764.2	2,216.9	178.8
April	365.9	114.4	480.3	1,280.5	780.5	2,061.0	179.8
May	392.6	116.9	509.5	1,237.5	755.8	1,993.3	164.4
June	397.1	120.3	517.4	1,229.0	791.0	2,020.0	148.2
1959-60 (a) : July	420.7	158.6	579.3	1,298.3	901.5	2,199.8	157.9
August	314.6	205.0	519.6	1,156.0	853.9	2,009.9	148.7
September	296.3	199.2	495.5	1,462.9	1,244.9	2,707.8	161.5
October	275.6	162.6	438.2	1,813.0	1,561.8	3,374.8	180.5
November	229.6	125.9	355.5	1,810.9	1,480.8	3,291.7	162.4

(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	733,084	58,372	269,780	151,696	101,615	1,314,547
1958-59 (b)	851,629	57,501	308,795	181,960	102,940	1,502,825
1958-59 (b) : November	69,373	4,814	26,498	25,921	8,864	135,470
December	66,619	4,403	29,600	21,337	8,920	130,879
January	56,308	4,365	28,374	13,334	7,695	110,076
February	63,243	3,995	30,032	11,890	8,506	117,666
March	66,327	3,934	27,586	11,682	8,988	118,517
April	73,134	4,457	24,882	11,871	9,173	123,517
May	79,309	4,445	24,774	11,769	8,198	128,495
June	80,963	4,444	24,957	12,229	7,341	129,934
1959-60 (b) : July	88,378	4,479	25,864	13,858	8,023	140,602
August	66,682	5,289	22,758	12,791	7,551	115,071
September	62,678	5,219	27,793	17,765	8,290	121,745
October	58,294	4,400	34,551	22,439	9,321	129,005
November	48,108	3,473	34,607	27,890	8,307	116,385

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

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

State	Month of -		Five Months Ended -		Month of -		Five Months Ended -	
	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959
CATTLE Slaughtered ('000)					BEEF Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	110.2	73.7	534.3	427.1	21,708	15,690	104,615	89,521
Victoria	63.9	64.0	327.6	323.2	12,613	12,878	64,403	64,707
Queensland	129.1	53.7	708.6	560.0	26,629	11,763	151,469	123,019
South Australia	16.9	13.3	78.0	69.7	3,416	2,590	15,180	13,723
Western Australia	15.4	14.0	91.8	100.6	3,001	2,835	19,127	21,383
Tasmania	6.5	8.1	36.6	41.6	1,404	1,711	7,816	8,903
AUSTRALIA: (b)	344.8	229.6	1,791.2	1,536.8	69,373	48,108	365,726	324,140
CALVES Slaughtered ('000)					VEAL Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	67.0	46.4	313.0	250.2	2,369	1,416	11,463	8,618
Victoria	34.8	32.6	328.0	339.5	1,152	739	8,588	7,277
Queensland	29.6	35.0	170.6	167.4	842	836	4,698	4,155
South Australia	7.1	7.5	41.3	41.2	294	340	1,559	1,672
Western Australia	2.7	2.3	13.5	12.2	109	91	533	479
Tasmania	1.7	2.0	27.3	30.1	39	47	570	631
AUSTRALIA: (b)	143.0	125.9	894.7	851.3	4,814	3,473	27,458	22,860
CATTLE AND CALVES Slaughtered ('000)					BEEF AND VEAL Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	177.2	120.1	847.3	687.3	24,077	17,106	116,078	98,139
Victoria	98.7	96.6	655.6	662.7	13,765	13,617	72,991	71,984
Queensland	158.7	88.7	879.2	727.4	27,471	12,599	156,167	127,174
South Australia	24.0	20.8	119.3	110.9	3,710	2,930	16,739	15,395
Western Australia	18.1	16.3	105.3	112.8	3,110	2,986	19,660	21,862
Tasmania	8.2	10.1	63.9	71.7	1,443	1,758	8,386	9,534
AUSTRALIA: (b)	487.8	355.5	2,685.9	2,388.1	74,187	51,581	393,184	347,000

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

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

State	Month of -		Five Months Ended -		Month of -		Five Months Ended -	
	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959
SHEEP Slaughtered ('000)					MUTTON Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	383.2	436.6	1,848.1	2,091.3	7,424	8,402	36,081	40,653
Victoria	498.6	759.6	2,102.2	2,920.4	10,805	15,496	43,045	59,613
Queensland	101.2	115.3	551.2	623.5	1,858	2,093	9,972	10,989
South Australia	129.3	267.4	663.1	958.8	2,554	4,462	13,368	16,928
Western Australia	174.0	189.3	683.7	755.5	3,298	3,270	13,076	13,480
Tasmania	24.2	39.2	133.1	173.2	477	814	2,637	3,545
AUSTRALIA: (b)	1,315.0	1,810.9	6,009.2	7,541.1	26,498	34,607	118,590	145,573
LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)					LAMB Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	411.1	431.2	1,826.2	2,059.8	6,429	6,935	29,368	33,172
Victoria	805.8	681.4	2,198.0	2,191.1	12,693	9,986	33,896	32,103
Queensland	17.7	19.3	100.6	116.8	265	312	1,533	1,714
South Australia	275.3	200.1	860.6	1,014.4	4,109	2,415	12,814	12,048
Western Australia	113.3	87.6	508.5	453.2	1,681	1,255	7,191	6,218
Tasmania	42.9	58.3	169.3	194.1	715	942	2,901	3,279
AUSTRALIA: (b)	1,668.0	1,480.8	5,672.7	6,042.9	25,921	21,890	87,848	88,743

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

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

State	Month of -		Five Months Ended -		Month of -		Five Months Ended -	
	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959
	SHEEP AND LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)				MUTTON AND LAMB Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	794.3	867.8	3,674.3	4,151.1	13,853	15,337	65,449	72,825
Victoria	1,304.4	1,441.0	4,300.2	5,111.5	23,498	25,482	76,941	91,716
Queensland	118.9	134.6	651.8	740.3	2,123	2,405	11,505	12,703
South Australia	404.6	467.5	1,523.7	1,973.2	6,663	6,877	26,182	28,976
Western Australia	287.3	276.9	1,197.2	1,208.7	4,979	4,525	20,267	19,638
Tasmania	67.1	97.5	302.4	367.3	1,192	1,756	5,538	6,824
AUSTRALIA: (b)	2,983.0	3,291.7	11,681.9	13,584.0	52,419	56,497	206,438	234,316

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 5 : PIGS SLAUGHTERED AND PIGMEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Subject to revision)

State	Month of -		Five Months Ended -		Month of -		Five Months Ended -	
	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959
	PIGS Slaughtered ('000)				PIGMEAT Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	56.1	44.0	269.1	237.1	2,556	2,044	12,378	10,769
Victoria	39.6	40.1	180.9	174.1	2,129	2,117	9,449	9,041
Queensland	38.1	34.3	220.0	209.2	1,971	1,779	11,502	11,278
South Australia	14.4	15.1	80.0	74.2	766	870	4,165	4,061
Western Australia	18.3	17.1	93.3	77.4	978	936	4,879	4,276
Tasmania	9.2	11.2	35.6	42.2	438	538	1,618	1,933
AUSTRALIA: (b)	176.4	162.4	882.1	811.0	8,864	8,307	44,119	41,492

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 6 : TOTAL ALL MEAT (a) (Tons)
(Subject to revision)

State	Month of -		Five Months Ended -	
	November, 1958	November, 1959	November, 1958	November, 1959
New South Wales	40,486	34,487	193,905	182,733
Victoria	39,392	41,216	159,381	172,741
Queensland	31,565	16,783	179,174	151,155
South Australia	11,139	10,677	47,086	48,452
Western Australia	9,067	8,447	44,806	45,836
Tasmania	3,073	4,052	15,542	18,291
AUSTRALIA: (b)	135,470	116,385	643,741	622,808

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) 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	1958-59 (c) : March	2,942	4,331
1955-56	37,474	70,522	April	3,168	4,003
1956-57	35,330	69,076	May	2,951	5,562
1957-58	36,667	83,566	June	3,003	5,524
1958-59 (c)	38,780	70,177	1959-60 (c) : July	2,981	5,803
1958-59 (c) : November	3,612	7,095	August	2,848	5,815
December	4,776	6,693	September	3,751	6,440
January	2,524	4,555	October	4,101	6,185
February	2,763	4,740	November	3,565	5,831

(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)
(Subject to revision)

State	Month of -		Five Months Ended -		Month of -		Five Months Ended -	
	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1959
BACON AND HAM Produced (a) (Tons, Cured bone-in Weight)					CANNED MEAT Produced (b) (Tons, Canned Weight)			
New South Wales	1,137	1,182	4,974	4,860	723	491	4,069	2,627
Victoria	751	731	3,755	3,570	3,899	4,039	16,839	15,751
Queensland	1,040	982	4,980	5,774	2,324	1,025	13,190	10,648
South Australia	312	301	1,399	1,451	149	276	621	1,048
Western Australia	280	269	1,202	1,249				
Tasmania	92	100	343	342	-	-	-	-
AUSTRALIA:	3,612	3,565	16,653	17,246	7,095	5,831	34,719	30,074

(a) Smoked, Cooked and Canned. (b) 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 : November	19,840	514	3,149	8,538	84	15	3,589
December	17,265	427	2,335	11,285	43	8	5,730
January	17,740	387	3,991	6,886	94	16	4,842
February	17,758	397	3,546	3,527	63	43	5,666
March	16,037	421	3,948	1,210	27	9	4,181
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	15,786	271	1,254	432	35	14	3,655
August	32,405	303	1,810	833	19	10	3,758
September	19,848	356	1,058	803	13	21	4,635
October	20,555	438	2,147	2,829	26	20	4,846
November	14,238	417	3,598	4,967	27	43	4,511

(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 29TH NOVEMBER, 1958						
New South Wales	3,853	806	959	374	1,051	7,043
Victoria	3,437	2,715	4,478	295	928	11,853
Queensland	19,921	203	16	182	1,725	22,047
South Australia	700	207	2,944	138	339	4,331
Western Australia	1,779	1,295	1,345	332	178	4,929
Tasmania	98	56	246	162	20	582
AUSTRALIA:	27,791	5,282	9,988	1,483	4,241	50,785
STOCKS HELD ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 1959						
New South Wales	2,293	361	279	326	519	3,778
Victoria	4,438	4,659	3,111	302	950	13,460
Queensland	10,612	152	15	86	553	11,418
South Australia	663	1,456	1,585	116	428	4,248
Western Australia	1,202	1,142	784	81	160	3,369
Tasmania	239	70	95	89	30	523
AUSTRALIA:	19,447	7,840	5,869	1,000	2,640	36,796

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