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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : MILKING MACHINES ON RURAL HOLDINGS : AUSTRALIA, MARCH, 1954

The following statement shows statistics of milking machines on rural holdings in Australia in March, 1954, with comparative figures for previous years. The data relate to the number of cows that can be milked simultaneously, that is, the cow capacity of installed milking machines.

The number of milking stands (units) on rural holdings in Australia at March, 1954 totalled 189,542. This figure was approximately double the number recorded in 1943 when these details were first collected. The largest proportional increases over the eleven years occurred in South Australia and Tasmania where numbers were more than three times as great as in 1943. The smallest relative increase over this period occurred in Queensland where numbers increased by 69 per cent. The Australian increase during the year ended March, 1954 was 9,689 or 5.4 per cent., the largest proportional increases occurring in Tasmania (7.9 per cent), Victoria (7.5 per cent) and South Australia (7.1 per cent).

Of the total number of milking stands (units) on rural holdings in March, 1954, 70,845 (37.4 per cent) were in Victoria, 47,324 (25.0 per cent) in Queensland and 39,917 (21.1 per cent) in New South Wales.

MILKING MACHINES ON RURAL HOLDINGS : NUMBER OF STANDS (UNITS) (a)

March	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	A.C.T.	AUST. (b)
1943	18,365	31,842	27,970	4,245	5,026	2,325	23	89,796
1944	22,108	34,382	31,249	4,842	5,790	2,480	27	100,878
1945	25,177	36,234	33,152	5,605	6,655	2,700	38	109,561
1946	27,157	38,639	35,007	6,038	7,116	2,807	42	116,806
1947	28,861	41,798	36,866	7,308	7,530	3,317	40	125,720
1948	29,921	45,933	39,183	8,248	8,012	3,436	41	134,774
1949	31,305	50,474	41,112	9,365	8,729	3,891	40	144,916
1950	33,738	54,180	43,105	10,447	9,048	4,653	47	155,210
1951	35,517	60,339	44,228	11,021	9,329	5,297	57	165,788
1952	36,327	63,066	45,048	11,629	9,436	6,147	59	171,712
1953	38,260	65,932	46,071	12,642	9,913	6,968	67	179,853
1954 (c)	39,917	70,845	47,324	13,534	10,338	7,515	69	189,542
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Proportional Increase Since -								
1943(c)	117.4	122.5	69.2	218.8	105.7	223.2	200.0	111.1
1953(c)	4.3	7.5	2.7	7.1	4.3	7.9	3.0	5.4

(a) The number of stands indicates the number of cows that can be milked simultaneously i.e., the cow capacity of installed milking machines.

(b) Excludes Northern Territory.

(c) Subject to revision.

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