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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS, NOVEMBER 1970

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 1968-69, New South Wales slaughtering statistics include poultry slaughterings by producers in the Australian Capital Territory.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia for the years 1965-66 to 1969-70 are contained in Table 8. Details of stocks of frozen poultry by type as at 30 June 1969 and 1970, were published in the October 1970 issue of this bulletin, issued on 13 January 1971.

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

NOTE. 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 (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (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	18,759	3,030	226,482
1968-69	115,299	46,166	40,816	12,269	22,653	3,507	240,709
1969-70p	129,915	49,643	47,493	15,403	23,668	3,131	269,253
1969-70p - October	12,257	4,459	4,853	1,168	2,080	323	25,140
November	10,185	3,677	4,130	1,012	2,004	264	21,072
December	10,271	4,473	4,126	1,406	1,805	257	22,338
January	9,768	4,029	3,336	1,194	2,357	265	20,949
February	10,510	4,081	3,696	1,301	1,965	226	21,779
March	10,236	4,188	4,303	1,473	1,697	261	22,164
April	11,452	4,966	4,020	1,629	2,008	238	24,313
May	11,970	3,847	3,933	1,313	1,977	237	23,277
June	11,755	3,841	3,770	1,427	1,664	243	22,700
1970-71p - July	12,368	5,346	4,716	1,608	2,253	265	26,557
August	12,346	4,418	3,998	1,402	2,095	264	24,544
September	12,438	4,691	4,128	1,567	2,395	276	25,496
October	12,811	5,307	4,792	1,722	2,518	280	27,430
November	14,102	5,103	4,774	1,683	2,183	328	28,174

(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) Prior to 1968-69 includes dressed weight of geese slaughtered.

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('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	5,332	753	67,085
1967-68	36,556	15,519	12,190	4,278	6,957	861	76,361
1968-69	34,838	13,832	12,952	4,415	8,137	1,001	75,174
1969-70 p	38,853	15,332	14,175	5,597	8,479	978	83,414
1969-70p- October	3,638	1,329	1,398	424	746	91	7,626
November	3,084	1,092	1,201	381	677	79	6,514
December	3,130	1,392	1,229	562	635	77	7,025
January	2,990	1,265	935	439	842	94	6,565
February	3,212	1,285	1,126	475	690	81	6,869
March	3,135	1,280	1,305	523	616	83	6,942
April	3,452	1,561	1,222	592	740	69	7,636
May	3,529	1,299	1,211	472	737	80	7,328
June	3,539	1,278	1,141	525	619	87	7,189
1970-71p- July	3,662	1,645	1,419	552	837	83	8,198
August	3,767	1,307	1,196	521	749	85	7,626
September	3,864	1,415	1,245	564	815	78	7,980
October	3,951	1,727	1,402	630	873	87	8,670
November	4,097	1,566	1,378	641	732	84	8,498
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) ('000 lb)							
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	16,862	2,264	197,350
1968-69	97,153	39,445	35,578	10,937	20,672	2,866	206,651
1969-70 p	107,819	41,791	41,752	13,879	21,357	2,566	229,164
1969-70p- October	10,015	3,643	4,363	1,065	1,848	238	21,172
November	8,562	2,985	3,654	904	1,682	199	17,986
December	8,479	3,800	3,642	1,257	1,573	195	18,946
January	8,198	3,450	2,843	1,091	2,247	246	18,075
February	9,020	3,462	3,292	1,216	1,774	204	18,968
March	8,410	3,522	3,814	1,337	1,506	206	18,795
April	9,593	4,333	3,470	1,481	1,833	187	20,897
May	9,967	3,363	3,496	1,166	1,829	209	20,030
June	9,751	3,327	3,252	1,333	1,537	227	19,427
1970-71p- July	10,283	4,488	4,185	1,445	2,082	216	22,699
August	10,330	3,526	3,482	1,291	1,882	222	20,733
September	10,624	3,713	3,534	1,403	2,105	203	21,582
October	10,775	4,576	4,144	1,575	2,236	232	23,537
November	11,601	4,238	4,169	1,558	1,806	234	23,606

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland.

TABLE 3. - OTHER FOWLS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('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
1968-69	2,763	1,327	1,102	282	419	131	6,025
1969-70 p	2,958	1,532	1,245	287	433	115	6,570
1969-70 p - October	293	113	106	21	36	9	578
November	225	117	110	24	38	16	530
December	271	156	105	19	28	12	591
January	245	132	111	22	27	6	543
February	230	127	91	18	41	7	514
March	288	142	110	29	43	13	625
April	250	131	124	27	37	8	577
May	258	119	94	29	31	9	540
June	237	106	109	18	28	6	504
1970-71 p - July	285	182	110	33	36	7	652
August	299	167	114	20	42	11	652
September	263	158	132	30	44	16	643
October	248	159	132	36	34	5	616
November	294	171	123	30	70	12	700

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)
('000 lb)

Year -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
(c)							
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
1968-69	9,951	4,667	4,314	987	1,508	447	21,875
1969-70 p	10,266	5,398	4,850	996	1,590	363	23,463
1969-70 p - October	1,029	391	414	69	120	29	2,052
November	843	412	433	81	120	53	1,942
December	858	436	411	69	116	33	1,923
January	763	469	432	82	81	16	1,843
February	765	461	357	61	151	21	1,816
March	1,035	550	430	101	152	41	2,309
April	858	499	495	92	131	29	2,104
May	883	417	338	102	113	28	1,881
June	791	376	423	60	96	16	1,762
1970-71 p - July	980	660	417	115	139	20	2,332
August	1,068	597	415	68	161	38	2,347
September	928	576	500	102	181	53	2,341
October	904	584	504	119	137	17	2,265
November	1,089	624	479	102	247	38	2,579

(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. (a)	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	327	326	73	52	42	21	841
1966-67	306	253	73	59	49	35	775
1967-68	335	243	78	35	45	49	790
1968-69	535	272	114	35	) (b)	(b)	1,010
1969-70 p	538	229	74	46			946
1969-70 p - October	55	25	4	1	) (b)	(b)	89
November	55	27	6	3			99
December	50	30	10	7	) (b)	(b)	103
January	38	21	8	(b)			79
February	40	20	5	6	) (b)	(b)	76
March	39	19	4	(b)			73
April	40	18	6	6	) (b)	(b)	76
May	33	13	5	3			59
June	42	13	5	3	) (b)	(b)	69
1970-71 p - July	43	17	7	1			71
August	47	18	7	1	) (b)	(b)	75
September	53	24	9	2			92
October	61	20	6	1	) (b)	(b)	99
November	62	44	8	3			121
DRESSED WEIGHT (c) ('000 lb)							
Year - 1965-66	1,218	1,329	(d) 329	209	195	139	3,419
1966-67	1,140	897	329	235	225	172	2,997
1967-68	1,259	883	353	138	225	241	3,099
1968-69	1,953	1,005	513	130	) (b)	(b)	3,849
1969-70 p	1,948	822	313	187			3,546
1969-70 p - October	196	86	17	3	) (b)	(b)	316
November	196	96	23	13			357
December	173	111	40	26	) (b)	(b)	378
January	136	70	31	(b)			289
February	144	68	20	22	) (b)	(b)	278
March	145	66	17	(b)			280
April	151	67	26	27	) (b)	(b)	297
May	125	48	23	13			232
June	150	47	18	12	) (b)	(b)	249
1970-71 p - July	149	58	24	6			252
August	173	61	23	5	) (b)	(b)	268
September	193	80	33	7			332
October	228	67	23	4	) (b)	(b)	363
November	227	139	29	12			443

(a) Prior to 1968-69, includes 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 ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	340	67	28	20	26	) (b) (	481
1966-67	441	166	31	28	28		694
1967-68	483	95	31	15	36	) (c) (	660
1968-69	683	114	52	21			916
1969-70 P	982	169	75	34			1,329
1969-70p - October	109	32	7	4		) (	168
November	122	18	2	2			162
December	85	14	4	6		) (c) (	124
January	67	5	4	(c)			76
February	67	11	3		(c)	) (c) (	83
March	62	5	5	(c)			76
April	84	7	4	2		) (	100
May	97	2	11	2			113
June	94	7	11	2			115
1970-71p - July	107	17	13	5		) (	147
August	78	30	11	3			128
September	83	39	9	6	(c)	) (c) (	149
October	101	10	15	2			144
November	129	10	12	1			168

DRESSED WEIGHT (d)
('000 lb)

			(e)				
Year - 1965-66	3,745	670	248	187	272	) (b) (	5,122
1966-67	4,636	1,618	276	295	268		7,093
1967-68	4,658	963	252	155	335	) (c) (	6,363
1968-69	6,243	1,048	411	215	(c)		8,335
1969-70 p	9,881	1,632	577	340			13,078
1969-70p - October	1,017	339	58	32		) (	1,600
November	1,184	183	19	15			1,586
December	760	125	32	53		) (c) (	1,088
January	671	40	30	(c)			742
February	581	90	27	2	(c)	) (c) (	718
March	646	49	43	(c)			780
April	850	67	28	29		) (	1,015
May	995	19	76	31			1,133
June	1,063	92	77	22			1,262
1970-71p - July	955	139	91	42		) (	1,273
August	775	255	78	37			1,194
September	693	322	61	55	(c)	) (c) (	1,241
October	905	80	122	24			1,266
November	1,185	102	96	11			1,546

(a) Incomplete prior to 1968-69; 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 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

(1000)

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			112,484
1968-69	51,667	20,120	18,381	6,546	(b)	(b)	109,832
1969-70p	60,438	21,946	20,233	8,090			124,508
1969-70 p - October	4,814	1,951	1,432	732			10,175
November	4,732	1,961	1,478	662			9,895
December	4,860	2,107	1,777	814			10,622
January	5,029	1,733	1,667	686			10,272
February	4,686	1,622	1,605	604	(b)	(b)	9,548
March	5,431	1,780	1,775	706			10,811
April	5,479	2,069	1,903	802			11,554
May	5,115	1,826	1,730	561			10,431
June	6,000	1,583	1,853	705			11,511
1970-71p - July	6,363	2,214	2,072	821			12,928
August	6,648	2,255	2,041	828			13,077
September	6,493	2,233	1,989	838	(b)	(b)	12,917
October	6,337	2,941	1,832	1,163			13,780
November	6,819	2,644	1,879	940			13,720
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	3,764	761	(c) 41,950
1967-68	19,510	12,578	8,823	5,060	3,256	1,024	50,251
1968-69	19,971	13,104	8,909	5,049	3,660	904	51,597
1969-70 p	22,447	14,440	9,925	5,971	3,665	1,206	57,654
1969-70 p - October	2,146	1,375	852	633	265	223	5,494
November	1,431	913	512	441	172	68	3,537
December	1,096	651	305	246	117	61	2,476
January	1,493	774	478	264			3,184
February	1,663	836	551	315			3,587
March	1,784	1,101	793	374			4,389
April	1,706	1,103	1,047	411	(b)	(b)	4,684
May	1,839	1,123	817	455			4,598
June	2,140	1,238	909	520			5,301
1970-71p - July	2,170	1,683	1,120	639	496		(d) 6,108
August	2,225	1,637	1,243	803	503		(d) 6,412
September	2,054	1,689	1,011	717	404	(b)	(d) 5,875
October	1,693	1,359	966	603	376		(d) 4,997
November	1,170	1,153	711	487	343		(d) 3,864

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Not available for publication.
 (c) Incomplete; see individual States. (d) Incomplete; excludes Tasmania.

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							
(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
1968-69	35,563	15,546	13,765	5,053	(b)	(b)	79,538
1969-70p	41,464	17,334	14,882	6,173	(b)	(b)	89,807
1969-70p - October	3,321	1,523	1,190	601	(b)	(b)	7,512
November	3,021	1,415	862	491	(b)	(b)	6,565
December	3,743	1,742	1,280	648	(b)	(b)	8,239
January	3,558	1,465	1,294	543	(b)	(b)	7,650
February	3,158	1,247	1,201	484	(b)	(b)	6,846
March	3,544	1,359	1,324	466	(b)	(b)	7,500
April	3,793	1,606	1,246	634	(b)	(b)	8,177
May	3,528	1,406	1,292	452	(b)	(b)	7,504
June	3,697	1,393	1,319	492	(b)	(b)	7,871
1970-71p - July	4,400	1,523	1,486	644	(b)	(b)	9,115
August	4,355	1,564	1,358	579	(b)	(b)	8,792
September	4,423	1,650	1,449	660	(b)	(b)	9,100
October	4,734	2,025	1,514	875	(b)	(b)	10,210
November	4,441	2,032	1,211	736	(b)	(b)	9,448

INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS

(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
1968-69	1,191	880	457	180	66	19	2,794
1969-70p	1,846	1,462	431	373	58	7	4,177
1969-70p - October	100	72	46	18	6	3	243
November	63	59	21	12	2	..	157
December	44	49	17	15	3	..	128
January	145	107	16	13	(b)	(b)	282
February	159	149	17	40	(b)	(b)	356
March	317	179	22	48	(b)	(b)	557
April	305	161	41	49	(b)	(b)	559
May	238	200	37	58	(b)	(b)	537
June	191	191	39	74	(b)	(b)	514
1970-71p - July	110	212	27	51	(b)	(b)	411
August	85	219	67	48	(b)	(b)	427
September	95	180	101	47	(b)	(b)	432
October	152	131	32	55	(b)	(b)	383
November	109	58	31	12	(b)	(b)	216

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

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (d)							
Year - 1965-66	5,934	3,710	n.a.	1,525	1,077	372	(c) 12,619
1966-67	6,293	4,114	n.a.	1,525	1,253	213	(c) 13,858
1967-68	6,093	4,251	2,862	1,904	1,143	371	16,624
1968-69	6,310	4,455	2,922	1,854	1,246	299	17,085
1969-70 p	7,110	4,977	3,169	2,136	1,314	408	19,114
1969-70 p - October	759	527	273	280	124	81	2,044
November	578	348	187	162	82	27	1,384
December	448	286	124	129	60	30	1,077
January	426	246	124	78			912
February	483	250	148	107			1,046
March	573	325	245	124			1,363
April	575	394	313	142	(b)	(b)	1,551
May	456	376	288	143			1,410
June	636	416	305	172			1,709
1970-71 p - July	671	515	350	175			1,894
August	666	546	333	292			2,035
September	653	619	382	283	(b)	(b)	2,143
October	668	559	323	271			2,017
November	473	451	235	184	124	42	1,509

(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.

III. UTILISATION OF POULTRY MEAT

TABLE 8. - SUPPLY AND UTILISATION OF POULTRY MEAT: AUSTRALIA

(Dressed Weight)

	Stocks			Production		Imports	Exports (including ships' stores)	Apparent consumption in Australia	
	Opening	Closing	Net change	Commer- cial	Self suppliers (a)			Total	Per head
- '000 lb -									
1965-66	n.a.	13,236	n.a.	152,002	5,750	912	815	157,848	13.7
1966-67	13,236	22,154	(+)8,917	195,159	5,855	932	1,413	191,616	16.4
1967-68	22,154	31,261	(+)9,108	226,482	5,963	428	2,103	221,661	18.6
1968-69	31,261	34,522	(+)3,261	240,711	6,086	365	2,707	241,194	19.8
1969-70 p	34,522	22,376	(-)12,146	269,253	6,222	276	3,683	284,213	22.8

(a) Estimated.

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