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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : MEAT PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION, AUSTRALIA.
YEAR END JUNE, 1952.

This bulletin contains preliminary details of meat production and utilization in Australia during the year ended June, 1952

PRODUCTION

Total production of meat (excluding offal which is not included with the carcasses) in Australia during the year ended June, 1952, is estimated at approximately 943,400 tons (bone-in weight). This is 67,700 tons or 6.7% less than output during 1950-51, and 38,900 tons or 4.0% less than the average annual production during the three pre-war years ended 1938-39. Meat production in 1951-52 was 113,400 tons, or 10.2% below the war-time peak of 1,056,800 tons attained in 1942-43.

The preliminary statistics indicate that production of beef and veal in 1951-52 totalled 584,700 tons, this being 66,800 tons or 10.3% less than in 1950-51, but 15,600 tons (2.7%) above the average for the last three pre-war years. Production of lamb in 1951-52, (estimated at 109,900 tons), represented a decline of 6,500 tons or 5.8% from production in 1950-51; it is now 11,700 tons or 10% below the pre-war level. However, it is estimated that mutton production rose by 5.7% from 161,800 tons in 1950-51 to 171,000 tons in 1951-52 but this was 30,400 tons (or 15.0%) below the pre-war average of 201,400 tons. Total pigmeat production showed a slight decline from the previous year, and is now about 1% below the pre-war level.

Meat production in 1951-52 fell sharply in Queensland as a result of the drought conditions prevailing, the estimated total for the year, 212,600 tons, being 57,800 tons (21.4%) lower than in 1950-51. In New South Wales and South Australia, also, falls were recorded - 7,400 tons (2.4%) and 7,800 tons (10.7%), respectively. There was a slight increase in each of the other States.

The following table shows details of meat production in 1951-52 in comparison with the average for the three years 1936-37 to 1938-39 and each year 1947-48 to 1951-52. Graphs illustrating the trends in production are attached.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (Excluding Offal) : AUSTRALIA.
Tons (Bone-in Weight)

Particulars	Average 1936-37 to 1938-39	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52(d)
Beef and Veal ..	549,089	561,997	577,326	606,522	651,513	584,702
Mutton ..	201,388	169,628	181,270	205,839	161,833	171,013
Lamb ..	117,589	129,652	139,113	152,294	112,420	109,893
Pigmeat -						
Pork (b) ..	45,364	27,361	37,240	34,995	(a) 34,134	35,141
Bacon and Ham (c)	32,510	45,909	41,586	40,603	(a) 37,297	34,369
Total as Pork	34,151	85,797	91,796	90,178	(a) 84,896	61,815
Total Meat						
(In terms of fresh)						
New South Wales	212,217	267,074	291,503	1,054,833	(a) 1,010,620	943,383
Victoria ..	212,323	290,433	322,599	333,182	(a) 310,177	306,814
Queensland ..	285,565	236,011	255,254	232,807	(a) 258,569	262,745
South Australia	244,521	266,089	246,012	255,705	(a) 270,325	212,508
Western Australia	64,700	70,052	76,542	79,062	(a) 77,167	69,366
Tasmania ..	53,335	61,632	65,392	64,413	(a) 62,342	63,068
Australia (d)	19,415	18,158	20,335	21,753	(a) 25,567	26,161
Australia (d)	982,217	947,074	991,503	1,054,833	(a) 1,010,620	943,383

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes allowances for trimmings from boner carcasses used as pork.

(c) Cured Weight.

(d) Includes estimates for production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

The detailed tables which follow show production of each class of meat by States (i) during the years 1947-48 to 1951-52 in comparison with average annual production during the three years ended 1938-39 and (ii) by months covering 1950-51 and 1951-52.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (excluding Offal) METRES

Tons (Dressed Weight)

Year	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	Austral. (a)
<u>Beef and Veal</u>							
Average 1938-39							
to 1938-39	181,057	122,758	199,340	26,074	27,743	10,222	569,089
1947-48	161,889	105,067	226,496	27,167	29,522	8,070	561,997
1948-49	160,339	110,016	202,518	29,580	32,763	9,793	577,326
1949-50	185,586	124,609	211,496	32,615	35,357	12,271	606,522
1950-51	192,760	136,604	232,399	36,372	33,969	14,103	651,513
1951-52 (b)	185,150	136,701	176,501	31,961	32,502	14,395	584,702
<u>Mutton</u>							
Average 1938-39							
to 1938-39	74,035	71,322	19,050	18,167	14,562	3,933	201,388
1947-48	58,992	51,731	17,240	17,518	15,286	4,251	165,638
1948-49	59,870	61,763	16,692	21,314	16,625	4,319	181,270
1949-50	62,018	81,270	16,021	23,388	15,553	4,819	205,839
1950-51	52,464	56,045	12,467	27,022	14,374	1,813	161,833
1951-52 (b)	54,763	63,105	12,521	19,671	15,616	4,722	171,013
<u>Lamb</u>							
Average 1938-39							
to 1938-39	29,849	65,605	1,072	12,107	6,365	2,196	117,589
1947-48	43,826	54,879	1,424	15,771	8,834	2,655	129,652
1948-49	54,468	52,975	1,748	18,138	8,247	3,255	139,173
1949-50	55,797	66,584	1,649	16,525	6,893	4,107	152,294
1950-51	39,299	47,007	1,100	12,590	7,176	3,828	112,220
1951-52 (b)	37,580	44,015	1,260	11,026	7,606	4,080	105,853
<u>Pork (c)</u>							
Average 1938-39							
to 1938-39	11,786	10,545	11,922	3,621	1,907	1,533	35,384
1947-48	6,428	7,138	7,134	2,954	2,234	1,391	27,361
1948-49	9,831	8,623	12,254	2,358	2,649	1,112	37,240
1949-50	10,260	6,415	12,911	2,009	1,793	1,208	34,958
1950-51 (b)	7,787	8,407	11,361	2,168	2,105	1,509	34,131
1951-52 (b)	10,536	8,591	8,695	2,603	2,502	1,952	35,121
<u>Bacon and Ham (Cured Weight)</u>							
Average 1938-39							
to 1938-39	10,396	7,556	8,759	2,920	1,838	1,021	32,510
1947-48	12,175	11,159	10,142	4,504	4,232	1,317	45,909
1948-49	13,302	10,204	9,412	3,788	3,756	1,122	41,582
1949-50	12,255	9,779	10,018	3,310	3,412	951	40,603
1950-51 (b)	12,623	7,727	9,602	2,952	3,441	952	37,297
1951-52 (b)	10,073	7,589	8,536	3,065	3,561	745	34,369
<u>Total Meat (In terms of fresh)</u>							
Average 1938-39							
to 1938-39	312,323	285,565	241,521	61,700	53,335	19,415	982,217
1947-48	290,133	236,011	265,089	70,052	61,632	18,158	942,074
1948-49	322,599	255,254	216,012	76,512	65,392	20,335	991,503
1949-50	333,282	292,807	255,705	79,049	64,413	23,753	1,054,833
1950-51 (b)	310,177	258,569	270,385	77,167	62,344	25,967	1,010,620
1951-52 (b)	302,814	262,715	212,588	69,166	63,068	26,161	943,383

(a) Includes estimates for production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Includes allowances for trimmings from boner carcasses.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF MEAT (excluding Offal) - AUSTRALIA.

Tons (Bone-in Weight)

Month	Beef and Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork (a)(b)	Bacon & Ham (Cured Weight) (a)	Total Meat (In terms of Fresh) (a)
1950-51						
July	57,958	12,353	6,775	2,566	2,619	83,213
August	58,118	12,220	8,410	2,334	3,006	85,290
September	55,482	12,360	11,208	2,231	2,909	85,736
October	51,975	12,781	16,199	2,277	2,959	87,256
November	50,308	14,315	15,047	2,781	3,623	87,418
December	46,932	14,900	14,128	3,786	4,725	85,491
January	42,907	16,799	8,935	2,662	2,808	75,122
February	47,265	16,166	7,231	3,045	2,860	77,596
March	52,761	14,228	6,593	3,380	3,045	81,207
April	57,827	13,382	6,485	3,100	2,980	84,846
May	67,418	12,107	6,285	3,242	3,371	93,636
June	62,560	10,182	5,124	2,670	2,592	84,469
Total Year:	651,513	161,833	112,420	34,134	37,297	1,010,600
1951-52 (a)						
July	62,638	10,275	4,573	2,657	3,088	84,343
August	63,070	10,780	6,040	2,817	3,129	86,982
September	52,403	10,969	7,748	2,683	2,624	77,372
October	45,559	12,555	12,855	2,593	3,021	77,670
November	44,506	16,027	15,473	2,950	3,545	83,788
December	38,780	16,994	11,857	3,414	3,316	75,155
January	40,585	17,416	9,730	2,796	2,367	73,746
February	45,175	18,283	8,354	3,292	2,630	78,586
March	42,205	15,961	7,715	3,194	2,545	72,672
April	40,452	13,640	7,439	3,354	2,616	68,523
May	52,264	14,420	6,991	3,157	2,744	80,764
June	57,065	13,893	7,058	2,224	2,604	83,782
Total Year:	584,702	171,013	105,853	35,141	34,369	943,383

(a) Subject to revision

(b) Includes allowances for trimmings from baconer carcasses used as pork.

DISCUSSION

Total Australian consumption of fresh and frozen meat in 1951-52 at 739,000 tons (bone-in weight) was 46,800 tons or 6.3 per cent greater than the average consumption of 692,200 tons during the three years 1936-37 to 1938-39. This increase was the net result of a rise of 24.3% in the Australian population and a fall of 15.4% in the average consumption per head (from 229.3 lb. bone-in weight to 193.9 lb.) over the period.

Compared with the previous year, total consumption of fresh and frozen meat during 1951-52 decreased slightly (by 7,000 tons or 0.9 per cent), but owing to the increase in population consumption per head decreased by 7.2 lb. or 3.6 per cent. Consumption per head in 1951-52 was, however, 22.8 lb. or 11.3 per cent greater than in 1946-47 when rationing restricted it to a level of 171.1 lb., the lowest recorded in recent years. In addition to the increase in total consumption of fresh and frozen meat, as compared with the average for the years 1936-37 to 1938-39, the quantities used for canning and curing also in 1951-52 were 66,100 tons greater. However, the quantity of meat used for canning and curing during 1951-52 was 4.5 per cent less than for the previous year.

Lower production combined with increased consumption has resulted in a marked decline in the quantity of fresh and frozen meat exported in 1950-51 and 1951-52. Total exports of fresh and frozen meat fell from 186,300 tons during 1949-50 to 111,200 tons in 1950-51 and to 66,300 tons during 1951-52. Exports in 1951-52 were 40.4 per cent less than in 1950-51 and 70.3% less than average exports of 221,400 tons for the three pre-war years. In post-war years exports of canned meat have, however, risen considerably, and to a certain extent, have offset the fall in exports of fresh and frozen meat.

The tables following show (i) the utilization of available meat supplies and (ii) the consumption per head of population of the various classes of meat consumed for each year 1947-48 to 1951-52 compared with the average of the three pre-war years 1936-37 to 1938-39.

Further particulars relating to meat consumption in Australia will be found in the "Report on Food Production and the Consumption of Foodstuffs and Nutrients in Australia" published by this Bureau.

PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION OF CARCASS MEAT - AUSTRALIA.
(000 Tons (bone-in weight))

Period	Production (a)	Exports as Fresh and Frozen Meat (b)	Used for -		Consumption as Fresh and frozen meat (c)	
			Canning	Curing	Total	Per Head
Average 1936-37 - 1938-39	982.2	223.4	18.0	48.6	692.2	1b.
1947-48	947.1	172.9	82.9	62.4	633.9	185.8
1948-49	991.5	197.8	69.1	56.6	702.8	201.8
1949-50	1,054.8	186.3	90.5	55.2	735.8	204.8
1950-51 (d)	1,010.6	111.2	88.3	50.7	766.0	201.1
1951-52 (d)	943.4	66.4	86.0	46.7	739.0	193.9

(a) Includes allowance for trimmings from baconer carcasses used for pork.

(b) Includes ships' stores.

(c) Includes allowance for change in stocks and imports.

(d) Subject to revision.

CONSUMPTION OF MEAT PER HEAD - AUSTRALIA.
(lb.)

Commodity	Consumption per annum					
	Average 1936-37 to 1938-39	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51 (a)	1951-52 (a)
Beef and Veal (b)	121.1	108.9	121.3	122.3	111.8	122.8
Mutton (b)	99.8	81.2	84.9	45.7	38.4	39.8
Lamb (b)	15.0	25.6	28.2	27.4	24.6	23.9
Pork (b)	10.4	7.1	7.6	7.4	6.5	7.4
Total (b)	229.3	185.8	201.8	204.8	201.1	193.9
Offal	8.4	9.0	8.4	9.6	8.8	4.1
Canned Meat (c)	(d)	2.9	2.1	3.5	3.2	2.5
Bacon and Ham (e)	10.2	12.0	10.2	9.6	8.4	7.1
Total in terms of Carcass Wt. (f)	253.0	216.8	228.1	232.9	226.5	216.4

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Carcass Weight.

(c) Canned Weight.

(d) Included under fresh meat at its carcass weight.

(e) Cured Weight.

(f) Including Offal.

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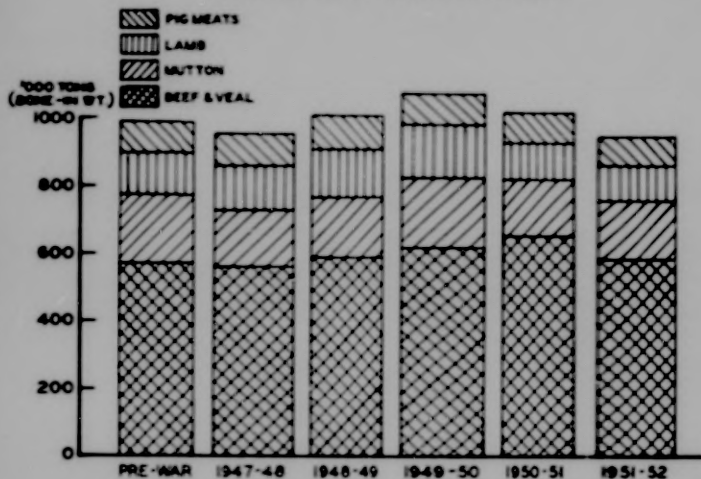
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MEAT PRODUCTION : AUSTRALIA

PRE-WAR (AV. 1936-37 TO 1938-39), 1947-48 TO 1951-52

PRODUCTION BY CLASSES OF MEAT



PRODUCTION BY STATES

