

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

RURAL STATISTICS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 1962-63 SEASON

1. RURAL HOLDINGS AND LAND UTILIZATION

1. Rural Holdings - At 31st March, 1963, there were 217 rural holdings in the A.C.T. with an average area of 1,732 acres. Of the total area of rural holdings (375,947 acres), 97.4 per cent. (366,094 acres) was used for grazing and 1.7 per cent. (6,455 acres) for crops in 1962-63. The following table gives further details of rural holdings and land use by district in 1962-63. (The map on page 8 shows, inter alia, the boundaries of these districts).

TABLE 1. - A.C.T. RURAL HOLDINGS(a): NUMBER AND AREA, BY DISTRICT, 1962-63 SEASON

District	Number of Holdings	Total Area of Holdings	Area used for Crops (b)	Land Lying Fallow during Season	Area under Sown Grasses and Clovers	Other Land used for Grazing	Balance of Holdings (c)
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Belconnen	21	21,128	892	423	8,156	11,560	97
Booth & Mt. Clear	14	91,586	141	..	1,709	89,682	54
Canberra City	56	16,227	1,463	298	7,331	6,961	174
Coree & Stromlo	17	35,055	315	230	17,586	15,686	1,238
Gungahlin & Kowen	21	32,521	594	125	7,562	24,240	..
Hall	16	11,474	355	3	3,649	7,464	3
Lanyon	17	32,197	1,111	96	13,946	16,944	100
Paddy's River	20	68,949	464	130	9,765	58,386	204
Tennent & Rendezvous Creek	14	45,646	131	..	418	45,096	1
Woden	21	21,164	989	170	9,116	10,837	52
Total	217	375,947	6,455	1,475	79,238	286,856	1,923

(a) A rural holding is defined as a piece of land of one acre or more in extent used for agricultural purposes or the raising of livestock. (b) Excludes sown grasses and clovers cut for hay or seed. (c) Land not being used for agricultural or pastoral purposes.

II. AGRICULTURE

2. Principal Crops - The total area of principal crops in 1962-63 (7,502 acres) was 12.3 per cent. greater than that in 1961-62 (6,682 acres). In 1962-63, cereal crops for grain (wheat and oats) covered 3,069 acres or 40.9 per cent. of the total area of principal crops. Table 2, below, shows further details of the areas of principal crops.

TABLE 2. - AREA OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T.
(acres)

Crop	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
Cereals for Grain -					
Wheat	1,415	1,750	1,061	1,414	2,406
Oats	1,051	230	529	866	663
Hay -					
Wheaten	158	24	22	127	35
Oaten	1,942	754	642	302	464
Lucerne	1,464	1,267	1,557	1,477	1,552
Grass & Clover	1,564	1,014	1,711	576	467
Total Hay	5,128	3,059	3,932	2,442	2,518
Green Fodder	667	968	1,247	1,197	1,106
Vegetables -					
Potatoes	90	67	36	30	43
Other	101	90	100	102	99
Orchards -					
Apples-bearing	72	40	43	44	38
Other Fruits	17	17	12	21	17
All other Crops(a)	33	898	672	566	612
TOTAL AREA UNDER CROPS	8,574	7,119	7,632	6,682	7,502

(a) Mainly sown grasses harvested for seed.

The production of wheat in 1962-63 (70,413 bushels) was 119.4 per cent. greater than that in 1961-62 (32,100 bushels) and was the highest since 1949-50 when 91,641 bushels were produced. Further particulars of the production of principal crops are shown in the following table.

TABLE 3. - PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T.

Crop	Unit	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
Cereals for Grain -						
Wheat	bush.	39,816	46,821	30,219	32,100	70,413
Oats	"	27,945	5,703	11,058	16,212	16,974
Hay -						
Wheaten	ton	240	44	47	265	60
Oaten	"	3,619	1,119	1,571	419	853
Lucerne	"	3,827	4,054	4,702	4,095	4,351
Grass & Clover	"	2,445	1,346	2,035	546	717
Total Hay	"	10,131	6,563	8,355	5,325	5,981
Apples	bush.	7,263	2,727	1,331	3,925	3,864

The average yields per acre of wheat and oats in 1962-63 were, respectively, 29.1 per cent. and 36.9 per cent. higher than in 1961-62. The following table shows further details of the yields per acre of principal crops.

TABLE 4. - YIELD PER ACRE OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T.

Crop	Unit	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
Cereals for Grain -						
Wheat	bush.	28.1	26.8	28.5	22.7	29.3
Oats	"	26.6	24.8	20.9	18.7	25.6
Hay -						
Wheaten	ton	1.52	1.83	2.14	2.09	1.71
Oaten	"	1.86	1.48	2.45	1.39	1.84
Lucerne	"	2.61	3.20	3.02	2.77	2.80
Grass & Clover	"	1.56	1.33	1.19	1.02	1.54
Total Hay	"	1.98	2.15	2.12	2.18	2.38
Apples	bush.	101	68	31	89	102

3. Grasses and Clovers - Over the past four years the total area of sown grasses and clovers has increased by 19.4 per cent. and the area under improved native pasture by 75.6 per cent.

TABLE 5. - AREA UNDER SOWN PASTURE AND IMPROVED NATIVE PASTURE IN THE A.C.T.
(acres)

Particulars	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
Grasses & Clovers cut for hay	1,564	1,014	1,711	536	450
Grasses cut for seed	..	874	655	482	597
Grasses & Clovers for silage or for grazing	64,822	65,848	67,965	75,549	78,191
Total Area of Sown Grasses and Clovers	66,386	67,736	70,331	76,567	79,238
Area under Improved Native Pasture	23,286	25,422	30,759	37,292	40,875

III. PASTORAL AND DAIRYING

4. Distribution of Livestock in A.C.T. Districts. - At 31st March, 1963 the districts of Coree and Stromlo, Lanyon and Paddy's River contained 43.3 per cent. of the sheep and lambs in the A.C.T. and 50.5 per cent. of the beef cattle. The Canberra City district contained 61.0 per cent. of the dairy cattle. The following table shows further particulars of principal livestock.

TABLE 6. - NUMBERS OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK IN THE A.C.T., BY DISTRICTS, AT 31ST MARCH, 1963

District	Horses	Dairy Cattle	of Cattle	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Belconnen	75	379	733	25,303	) 92
Booth and Mt. Clear	47	6	1,575	24,786	
Canberra City	79	2,007	673	19,983	
Coree and Stromlo	77	255	1,642	42,576	
Gungahlin and Kowen	65	203	818	31,086	
Hall	37	60	198	17,502	
Lanyon	69	110	1,125	38,304	
Paddy's River	71	165	2,719	39,895	
Tennent and Rendezvous Creek	38	53	446	10,436	
Woden	95	54	934	29,335	
Total	653	3,292	10,863	279,206	92

5. Cattle. - The table below gives details of cattle in the A.C.T. at 31st March of each year 1959 to 1963.

TABLE 7. - NUMBER OF CATTLE ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	At 31st March -				
	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Dairy Cattle -					
Dairy Cows (in milk)	1,259	} 2,187	2,312	2,431	2,116
Dairy Cows (dry)	893				
Heifers, one year and over	374	233	402	298	442
Calves (under one year) - Heifer Calves	} 459	480	582	605	532
- Other Calves		136	180	243	170
Bulls one year and over	31	30	31	43	32
Total Dairy Cattle	3,016	3,066	3,507	3,620	3,292
Beef Cattle -					
Cows, including Heifers, one year and over	3,548	4,128	4,794	5,802	6,009
Calves under one year	1,825	2,468	2,763	3,336	3,337
Bulls one year and over	128	164	200	205	230
Other (a)	891	890	1,256	1,206	1,287
Total Beef Cattle	6,392	7,650	9,013	10,549	10,863
TOTAL ALL CATTLE	9,408	10,716	12,520	14,169	14,155

(a) Includes bullocks, steers and speyed cows.

6. Sheep and Lambs. - The following table shows numbers of sheep and lambs in the A.C.T. at 31st March in each of the years 1959 to 1963.

TABLE 8. - NUMBER OF SHEEP AND LAMBS ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	At 31st March -				
	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Rams, one year and over	1,983	1,935	1,867	1,953	1,976
Breeding Ewes (including intended matings)	89,148	89,884	91,253	93,151	91,026
Other Ewes one year and over	24,831	31,706	29,121	27,544	30,899
Wethers one year and over	112,252	128,014	114,784	112,280	113,490
Lambs and Hoggets under one year	43,678	47,547	41,191	51,286	41,815
Total all Sheep and Lambs	271,892	299,086	278,216	286,214	279,206

As in previous years, the principal breed of sheep in the A.C.T. at 31st March, 1963 was the merino, 85.0 per cent. (237,271) of all sheep on holdings being of this breed. Further details of breeds of sheep in the A.C.T. are shown in the table below.

TABLE 9. - BREEDS OF SHEEP ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

Breed	Number at 31st March -				
	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Merino	245,365	)	(243,814	246,871	237,271
Corriedale	10,129	)	(9,200	7,823	10,733
Other Recognised Breeds (b)	1,121	) (a)	(1,520	3,688	2,363
Merino Comeback (finer than Halfbred)	1,880	)	(10,383	6,961	4,258
Crossbred (Halfbred and coarser)	13,397	)	(13,299	20,871	24,581
Total	271,892	299,086	278,216	286,214	279,206

(a) Not collected. (b) Principally Dorset Horn and Romney Marsh.

The number of lambs marked during the 1962 season at 55,139 was the lowest since 1958. Further details of lambing are shown below.

TABLE 10. - LAMBING IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	Season				
	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Number of Breeding Ewes at 31st March	75,657	89,148	89,884	91,253	93,151
Ewes Mated	67,560	77,694	77,679	71,175	79,763
Lambs Marked	50,773	60,716	56,716	63,053	55,139
Lambs Marked as Percentage of Ewes Mated	75.2	78.1	73.0	77.7	69.1

7. Wool Production. - The number of sheep and lambs shorn in the A.C.T. in 1962-63 was only slightly less than in the previous year, but the total production of wool was the lowest for 5 years. Table 11, below, shows details of wool production in each of the years 1958-59 to 1962-63, with the information by district for 1962-63.

TABLE 11. - WOOL PRODUCTION IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	Sheep Shorn	Lambs Shorn	Sheep's Wool (including crutchings)	Lamb's Wool	Dead and Skin Wool	Total Wool Production
	'000	'000	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1958-59	235	36	2,446	52	24	2,522
1959-60	266	43	2,801	67	31	2,899
1960-61	261	34	2,395	53	23	2,471
1961-62	259	38	2,557	63	25	2,645
1962-63 -						
Belconnen	21	3	206	4	3	213
Booth and Mt. Clear	23	1	179	3	1	183
Canberra City	17	3	172	8	2	182
Coree and Stromlo	39	6	346	10	4	360
Gungahlin and Kowen	27	3	257	4	3	264
Hall	14	4	122	10	2	134
Lanyon	41	1	362	1	4	367
Paddy's River	36	4	298	6	3	307
Tennent and Rendezvous Creek	11	..	80	..	1	81
Woden	26	5	242	8	2	252
Total, 1962-63	255	30	2,264	54	25	2,343

8. Livestock Slaughtered and Meat Produced. - The production of meat in the A.C.T. in 1962-63 (3,694 tons) was 9.0 per cent. greater than the production in 1961-62. The following table gives particulars of livestock slaughtered and meat produced.

TABLE 12. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars		1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
Livestock Slaughtered -						
Cattle and Calves	No.	9,959	8,776	5,799	7,994	9,997
Sheep and Lambs	"	71,113	75,859	76,957	85,569	96,533
Pigs	"	4,425	4,525	5,419	7,343	7,597
Meat Produced (Carcase weight) -						
Beef and Veal	Tons	1,968	1,827	1,217	1,637	1,731
Mutton and Lamb	"	1,269	1,292	1,292	1,427	1,635
Pigmeat	"	187	208	240	326	328
Total Meat Production	"	3,424	3,327	2,749	3,390	3,694

9. Production of Milk. - Although milk production in the A.C.T. was slightly lower in 1962-63 (1,109,000 gallons) than in 1961-62 (1,117,000 gallons), the annual yield per dairy cow in 1963-63 (488 gallons) was 3.6 per cent. higher than that in 1961-62 (471 gallons).

TABLE 13. - PRODUCTION OF MILK AND YIELD PER DAIRY COW IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
Production of Milk for all purposes ('000 gals.)	980	969	1,005	1,117	1,109
Annual Yield per Dairy Cow (in milk or dry) (gals.)	453	447	447	471	488

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

10. Artificial Fertilizers. - The main use of artificial fertilizers in the A.C.T. in 1962-63 was on sown and native pasture where 4,179 tons of superphosphate were used on 77,843 acres. Other particulars of the use of artificial fertilizers are shown in the table below.

TABLE 14. - ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZERS USED IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
AREA FERTILIZED (acres)					
Wheat	1,302	1,512	982	1,444	2,313
Other Cereals	2,335	882	1,184	1,207	850
Vegetables	163	142	129	128	133
Fruit and Vines	53	22	20	20	15
Other Crops	1,057	904	1,668	934	1,074
Sown Pasture	32,629	32,829	41,317	52,956	54,247
Native Pasture	8,745	9,208	18,407	25,289	23,596
SUPERPHOSPHATE USED (a) (tons)					
Wheat	67	77	49	80	115
Other Cereals	156	52	65	65	45
Vegetables	34	27	27	26	27
Fruit and Vines	3	1	1	1	2
Other Crops	67	72	86	70	60
Sown Pasture	1,952	1,738	2,395	2,763	2,908
Native Pasture	410	518	1,079	1,435	1,271

(a) In addition, the following quantities of other artificial fertilizers were used: 1958-59, 36 tons; 1959-60, 47 tons; 1960-61, 99 tons; 1961-62, 52 tons; 1962-63, 74 tons.

11. Farm Machinery. - Table 15 shows the numbers of various types of serviceable farm machinery on holdings in the A.C.T. at 31st March in each of the years 1959 to 1963.

TABLE 15. - FARM MACHINERY ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

Type of Machinery	At 31st March -				
	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Grain Drills - Combine Type	76	74	72	) 113	113
Other Types	42	44	43		
Grain and Seed Headers, Strippers and Harvesters	31	33	29	32	30
Rotary Hoes (all types)	46	42	44	50	53
Fertilizer Distributors and Broadcasters	129	125	127	121	121
Shearing Machines (No. of Stands)	294	291	296	299	298
Milking Machines (No. of Units)	88	92	99	99	84
Tractors - Wheel	193	190	196	) 207	(196
Crawler	7	6	6		

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