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**CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS
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Statistics included in this bulletin are restricted to a two month and cumulative to date series. Information relating to other poultry slaughtered (other fowls, ducks and drakes, turkeys) has been restricted to an Australian series only. State information for the current and previous months is available on request. More detailed monthly information on poultry slaughterings is published annually in the bulletin *The Meat Industry* (Reference No. 10.54).

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, producers in the Northern Territory and the many very small producers are excluded from the collection. However, the statistics represent a high level of coverage in respect of commercial hatcheries and slaughtering establishments.

New South Wales statistics include the activities of Australian Capital Territory producers. The Queensland

statistics are based on data collected by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia from 1970-71 to 1974-75 are contained in the August 1975 issue of this bulletin.

In Tables 1 and 2 following, details relate to all eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries whether for sale or replacement of own flocks. The numbers relate to actual settings and hatchings for each month. There is not necessarily a relationship between the number of eggs set and the number of chicks hatched in any one month.

Symbols and other usages

p - preliminary subject to revision.
r - revised

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning Mr J. Willoughby-Thomas on 52 5337 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

1. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

**TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF EGGS SET (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES
(0000)**

	N.S.W.	Vic	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year -							
1973-74	95,578	41,902	26,275	17,529	(b)	(b)	202,790
1974-75	81,751	34,773	23,773	20,448	(b)	(b)	181,300
1975-76p	89,353	40,738	26,698	21,884	(b)	(b)	201,733
1975-76p -							
July	8,382	3,445	2,552	2,041	(b)	(b)	18,412
1976-77p -							
July	7,364	3,584	2,545	1,981	(b)	(b)	17,474

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TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF EGGS SET (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - *continued*

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
EGG STRAINS							
Year -							
1973-74	14,406	17,657	9,155	4,842	3,858	1,173	51,091
1974-75	12,988	14,925	7,708	4,260	3,587	843	44,310
1975-76p	13,868	11,480	16,802	4,585	3,346	891	140,971
1975-76p - July	1,047	1,257	795	389	435	(b)	(c) 3,924
1976-77p - July	1,467	868	634	330	208	(b)	3,507

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

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES ('000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year -							
1973-74	70,019	32,089	20,268	13,385	(b)	(b)	151,654
1974-75	62,026	27,306	18,928	16,089	(b)	(b)	140,139
1975-76p	68,691	133,219	20,925	17,789	(b)	(b)	1158,553
1975-76p - July	6,537	2,784	1,997	1,578	(b)	(b)	14,398
1976-77p - July	5,829	2,984	2,026	1,609	(b)	(b)	14,202
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS (Crossbred and other Cockerels) (c)							
Year -							
1973-74	472	351	633	95	38	12	1,602
1974-75	237	316	(b)	65	(b)	13	856
1975-76p	176	1192	(b)	125	(b)	31	1567
1975-76p - July	16	18	(b)	3	(b)	(b)	67
1976-77p - July	14	15	(b)	3	(b)	(b)	43

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TABLE 2. — CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES — *continued*
(£'000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION — EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (c)							
Year —							
1973-74	4,757	6,028	3,154	1,769	1,359	426	17,492
1974-75	4,483	5,004	2,763	1,723	1,321	340	15,634
1975-76p	4,695	4,012	2,601	1,807	1,200	354	14,668
1975-76p — July	290	409	243	131	104	28	1,205
1976-77p — July	510	319	321	128	93	26	1,396
INTENDED FOR BREEDING : AUSTRALIA							
	Egg Strains		Meat Strains				
	Pullets	Cockerels	Pullets	Cockerels			
Year —							
1974-75	613	103	2,310	654			
1975-76p	475	100	2,426	632			
1975-76p — July	58	12	232	56			
1976-77p — July	59	18	234	59			

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Egg strain chickens reported as 'unsexed' have been allocated half to chickens for chicken meat and half to chickens for egg production. The number of egg strain chickens reported as 'unsexed' in July 1976 was: — N.S.W. — 6,000 VIC. — 2,000 QLD — 13,000.

II. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 3. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED (⁰⁰⁰)							
Year -							
1973-74	63,905	27,526	19,055	13,552	13,970	1,756	139,765
1974-75	59,176	26,324	17,764	15,249	13,767	1,895	134,175
1975-76p	62,879	r29,233	r19,042	16,177	r14,652	1,913	r143,897
1975-76p - July	5,664	r2,655	1,306	1,531	r1,265	171	r12,592
1976-77p - July	5,634	2,694	1,965	1,422	1,449	229	13,395

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)
(⁰⁰⁰ kilograms)

Year -							
1973-74	79,756	34,332	24,134	15,165	15,920	1,961	171,268
1974-75	74,518	33,140	23,096	16,773	16,121	2,340	165,989
1975-76p	82,795	r36,332	r26,207	18,064	r17,963	2,335	r183,696
1975-76p - July	7,325	r3,388	1,728	1,721	r1,475	190	r15,827
1976-77p - July	7,232	3,506	2,693	1,585	1,817	286	17,120

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

TABLE 4. - OTHER POULTRY SLAUGHTERED: AUSTRALIA

	Other fowls and turkeys		Ducks and drakes	
	No. slaughtered (⁰⁰⁰)	Dressed weight (⁰⁰⁰ kg)	No. slaughtered (⁰⁰⁰)	Dressed weight (⁰⁰⁰ kg)
Year -				
1973-74	10,110	20,180	1,195	1,990
1974-75	10,491	21,315	1,283	2,136
1975-76p	9,173	18,219	r1,359	r1,905
1975-76p - July	890	1,666	105	166
1976-77p - July	868	2,032	94	148

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