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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS JANUARY 1974

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. Prior to January 1973, dressed weight statistics for Queensland were not collected and therefore had to be estimated.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia for 1968-69 to 1972-73 are contained in Table 8.

Symbols used in this bulletin

p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.

... Nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.

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

I. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION
TABLE I. - TOTAL DRESSED WEIGHT OF ALL POULTRY SLAUGHTERED (a)
(^{000 kilograms})

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
Year							
1970-71	73,941	29,369	23,959	9,730	12,924	1,598	151,518
1971-72	77,025	34,656	23,129	12,006	14,606	1,824	163,247
1972-73p	74,297	32,277	23,774	13,190	14,139	2,035	159,712
1972-73p		(c)	(c)				
August	7,392	2,776	1,906	1,294	1,143	180	14,795
September	6,389	2,271	2,309	902	1,123	162	13,230
October	6,605	2,541	1,873	1,050	1,214	198	13,605
November	6,347	2,578	1,910	1,006	1,124	183	13,276
December	5,822	2,880	1,989	1,030	1,241	132	13,182
January	5,923	2,600	1,337	1,097	1,278	190	12,502
February	5,199	2,450	1,702	985	1,107	173	11,671
March	6,347	2,645	2,422	1,050	1,142	167	13,808
April	5,463	2,398	1,755	1,073	1,094	183	11,968
May	6,223	2,971	2,128	1,183	1,192	166	13,878
June	5,956	2,678	2,398	1,118	1,177	141	13,512
1973-74p							
July	7,583	2,912	1,913	1,224	1,314	188	15,223
August	7,073	2,884	2,190	1,194	1,132	178	14,658
September	7,320	2,952	2,060	1,222	1,257	169	14,984
October	8,086	3,267	2,261	1,318	1,338	184	16,457
November	7,640	2,896	2,683	1,275	1,306	156	15,958
December	6,899	3,213	2,027	1,318	1,491	148	15,107
January	7,779	3,109	1,766	1,456	1,540	172	15,822
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	45,108	18,444	13,267	7,781	8,426	1,204	94,876
January 1974p	52,379	21,232	14,900	9,007	9,379	1,194	108,209

(a) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes and turkeys), including prices and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland, prior to January 1973. (b) Estimated prior to January 1973. (c) Excludes turkey; not available for publication.

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q nd	S.I.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ^(a) ('000)							
Year							
1970-71	49,192	19,854	15,689	7,894	10,175	1,103	103,907
1971-72	51,632	23,345	15,525	9,887	11,504	1,402	113,296
1972-73p	49,304	22,831	16,525	11,124	11,100	1,558	112,443
1972-73p -							
August	4,775	1,971	1,332	1,087	883	132	10,179
September	4,110	1,760	1,589	741	873	118	9,191
October	4,244	1,922	1,266	853	934	145	9,364
November	4,018	1,848	1,346	853	847	125	9,038
December	3,907	2,028	1,410	921	976	101	9,344
January	4,071	1,899	1,013	929	1,011	136	9,058
February	3,548	1,759	1,221	868	888	136	8,420
March	4,342	1,892	1,638	908	913	130	9,823
April	3,737	1,711	1,232	940	885	149	8,654
May	4,253	2,110	1,495	990	979	137	9,964
June	4,012	1,967	1,672	928	933	123	9,635
1973-74p -							
July	5,092	2,116	1,334	1,002	1,054	151	10,749
August	4,782	2,110	1,648	1,000	920	147	10,607
September	4,928	2,193	1,486	1,000	1,052	145	10,803
October	5,444	2,438	1,547	1,118	1,137	150	11,833
November	5,201	2,186	1,809	1,056	1,061	144	11,457
December	4,795	2,480	1,499	1,109	1,219	121	11,222
January	5,498	2,334	1,366	1,213	1,261	152	11,823
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	29,412	13,393	9,267	6,491	6,503	882	65,948
January 1974p	35,740	15,857	10,688	7,497	7,704	1,008	78,494
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) ('000 kilograms)							
Year			(c)				
1970-71	62,769	25,201	21,124	8,998	11,622	1,332	131,046
1971-72	65,159	30,125	20,440	11,077	13,330	1,570	141,700
1972-73p	61,154	28,165	21,148	12,363	12,900	1,852	137,581
1972-73p -							
August	6,149	2,442	1,680	1,227	1,029	165	12,692
September	5,079	2,039	2,027	808	1,027	145	11,125
October	5,266	2,211	1,596	931	1,119	171	11,295
November	5,029	2,261	1,671	905	966	150	10,982
December	4,786	2,574	1,753	968	1,120	120	11,321
January	4,921	2,331	1,212	1,036	1,185	180	10,865
February	4,204	2,159	1,557	932	1,032	163	10,046
March	5,390	2,366	2,207	990	1,050	150	12,153
April	4,588	2,137	1,609	1,037	1,021	174	10,566
May	5,287	2,716	1,946	1,131	1,134	154	12,368
June	4,936	2,425	2,200	1,071	1,072	132	11,836
1973-74p -							
July	6,336	2,668	1,700	1,133	1,185	164	13,186
August	5,852	2,643	2,033	1,143	1,046	164	12,883
September	6,059	2,700	1,881	1,121	1,175	155	13,091
October	6,935	3,012	2,013	1,225	1,259	160	14,603
November	6,324	2,632	2,453	1,183	1,189	147	13,929
December	5,671	2,966	1,863	1,251	1,365	126	13,241
January	6,680	2,867	1,598	1,366	1,434	159	14,104
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	36,749	16,361	11,630	7,202	7,590	1,079	80,612
January 1974p	43,857	19,488	13,542	8,422	8,653	1,076	95,038

(a) comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and offcuts, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland, prior to January 1973. (c) Estimated prior to January 1973.

TABLE 3. — OTHER FOWLS (a) SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED (^c 000)							
Year —							
1970-71	3,255	1,908	1,461	341	499	119	7,581
1971-72	3,816	2,140	1,509	502	698	139	8,803
1972-73p	3,276	1,946	1,497	438	660	83	7,900
1972-73p —							
August	289	193	137	37	63	7	726
September	300	138	151	50	50	10	698
October	291	201	154	67	45	12	771
November	270	173	141	56	76	9	725
December	218	151	130	27	57	6	588
January	299	148	86	34	53	6	627
February	321	165	93	35	45	5	666
March	256	154	126	32	51	5	623
April	218	150	96	19	43	4	529
May	282	150	117	21	34	7	610
June	219	148	116	22	60	5	570
1973-74p —							
July	283	138	118	47	71	7	664
August	306	146	110	28	48	9	647
September	354	148	111	60	40	9	723
October	289	162	127	51	40	9	678
November	310	156	130	54	55	6	712
December	227	140	104	35	54	13	573
January	297	140	102	46	61	9	655
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	1,980	1,178	949	309	427	58	4,901
January 1974p	2,068	1,032	802	321	368	62	4,654
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (^c 000 kilograms)							
Year —			(c)				
1970-71	5,242	3,093	2,467	528	875	177	12,383
1971-72	6,088	3,486	2,598	800	1,190	206	14,367
1972-73p	4,965	3,098	2,482	677	1,135	124	12,480
1972-73p —							
August	451	310	222	56	108	12	1,158
September	517	205	277	85	90	15	1,189
October	431	298	273	106	88	19	1,215
November	415	282	236	88	143	13	1,177
December	305	261	230	43	104	7	951
January	442	243	121	54	81	9	949
February	465	267	143	45	71	7	697
March	359	252	213	49	78	7	958
April	326	238	144	27	67	7	809
May	406	233	179	33	54	9	914
June	339	235	194	33	103	7	911
1973-74p —							
July	466	226	209	81	128	10	1,120
August	475	223	155	44	84	12	994
September	552	238	177	95	78	13	1,152
October	440	240	246	86	78	12	1,101
November	475	237	228	82	110	9	1,140
December	351	226	162	52	99	19	910
January	494	224	155	81	97	13	1,064
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	3,070	1,874	1,609	489	762	87	7,891
January 1974p	3,252	1,614	1,333	521	673	88	7,481

(a) Comprises hens, roosters, etc. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland, prior to January, 1973. (c) Estimated prior to January 1973.

TABLE 4. - DUCKS AND DRAKES SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED (⁰⁰⁰)							
Year -							
1970-71	708	283	78	50	(a)	(a)	1,214
1971-72	913	332	43	45	(a)	(a)	1,356
1972-73p	826	226	28	41	(a)	(a)	1,172
1972-73p -							
August	76	17	3	3	(a)	(a)	102
September	73	19	2	3	(a)	(a)	101
October	79	22	3	3	(a)	(a)	110
November	86	25	2	4	(a)	(a)	121
December	80	30	4	4	(a)	(a)	125
January	68	17	3	3	(a)	(a)	98
February	58	17	1	4	(a)	(a)	84
March	70	18	1	5	(a)	(a)	102
April	54	16	1	4	(a)	(a)	80
May	47	14	2	3	(a)	(a)	69
June	53	16	2	2	(a)	(a)	76
1973-74p -							
July	86	12	2	3	(a)	(a)	103
August	73	12	1	2	(a)	(a)	88
September	75	9	1	2	(a)	(a)	89
October	102	10	1	2	(a)	(a)	117
November	81	17	1	4	(a)	(a)	103
December	91	15	1	5	(a)	(a)	119
January	83	12	1	5	(a)	(a)	105
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	544	144	20	24	(a)	(a)	762
January 1974p	590	86	9	22	(a)	(a)	724
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (⁰⁰⁰ kilograms)							
Year -			(c)				
1970-71	1,201	461	128	101	(a)	(a)	2,068
1971-72	1,501	490	65	84	(a)	(a)	2,211
1972-73p	1,432	323	44	79	(a)	(a)	1,981
1972-73p -							
August	142	24	4	6	(a)	(a)	183
September	132	27	4	5	(a)	(a)	175
October	139	33	4	6	(a)	(a)	190
November	146	34	4	7	(a)	(a)	200
December	131	45	6	7	(a)	(a)	202
January	112	26	3	6	(a)	(a)	161
February	95	25	3	7	(a)	(a)	137
March	119	27	2	9	(a)	(a)	174
April	98	23	2	7	(a)	(a)	139
May	86	22	3	5	(a)	(a)	121
June	94	18	4	4	(a)	(a)	126
1973-74p -							
July	145	18	3	6	(a)	(a)	174
August	119	18	3	3	(a)	(a)	144
September	130	13	2	4	(a)	(a)	155
October	156	15	2	4	(a)	(a)	180
November	127	27	1	7	(a)	(a)	164
December	142	21	2	10	(a)	(a)	192
January	131	18	2	9	(a)	(a)	170
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	939	208	29	46	(a)	(a)	1,284
January 1974p	952	130	15	44	(a)	(a)	1,179

(a) Not available for publication. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland, prior to January 1973. (c) Estimated prior to January 1973.

TABLE 5. TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED (000)							
Year							
1970-71	1,119	146	69	23	(a)	(a)	1,440
1971-72	1,172	147	9	10	(a)	(a)	1,353
1972-73p	1,871	177	32	17	(a)	(a)	2,112
1972-73p							
August	164	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	192
September	181	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	202
October	223	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	261
November	179	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	234
December	192	(a)	(a)	3	(a)	(a)	225
January	139	(a)	(a)	..	(a)	(a)	157
February	131	(a)	(a)	..	(a)	(a)	144
March	129	(a)	(a)	..	(a)	(a)	139
April	126	(a)	(a)	..	(a)	(a)	127
May	110	(a)	(a)	3	(a)	(a)	118
June	164	(a)	(a)	3	(a)	(a)	177
1973-74p							
July	172	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	200
August	172	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	175
September	153	(a)	(a)	..	(a)	(a)	155
October	149	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	156
November	194	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	197
December	228	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	236
January	174	(a)	(a)	..	(a)	(a)	177
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	1,211	(a)	(a)	10	(a)	(a)	1,406
January 1974p	1,242	(a)	(a)	5	(a)	(a)	1,296
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (000 kilograms)							
Year			(c)				
1970-71	4,729	614	240	104	(a)	(a)	6,020
1971-72	4,277	556	27	46	(a)	(a)	4,968
1972-73p	6,746	691	101	71	(a)	(a)	7,669
1972-73p							
August	650	(a)	(a)	5	(a)	(a)	763
September	661	(a)	(a)	5	(a)	(a)	742
October	769	(a)	(a)	6	(a)	(a)	906
November	756	(a)	(a)	7	(a)	(a)	918
December	600	(a)	(a)	11	(a)	(a)	709
January	448	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	527
February	436	(a)	(a)	1	(a)	(a)	490
March	480	(a)	(a)	2	(a)	(a)	523
April	450	(a)	(a)	2	(a)	(a)	454
May	444	(a)	(a)	13	(a)	(a)	474
June	586	(a)	(a)	9	(a)	(a)	638
1973-74p							
July	635	(a)	(a)	5	(a)	(a)	743
August	626	(a)	(a)	3	(a)	(a)	638
September	579	(a)	(a)	2	(a)	(a)	585
October	555	(a)	(a)	3	(a)	(a)	573
November	714	(a)	(a)	3	(a)	(a)	724
December	735	(a)	(a)	4	(a)	(a)	764
January	474	(a)	(a)	..	(a)	(a)	485
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	4,350	(a)	(a)	44	(a)	(a)	5,089
January 1974p	4,318	(a)	(a)	20	(a)	(a)	4,512

(a) Not available for publication. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland, prior to January 1973. (c) Estimated prior to January 1973.

II. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

In Tables 6 and 7 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.

TABLE 6. - NUMBER OF EGGS SET (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES ('000)

	U.S.B. ¹	U.K.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year -							
1970-71	76,536	29,401	23,127	11,891	(b)	(b)	158,953
1971-72	73,703	35,097	21,647	13,253	(b)	(b)	161,645
1972-73p	77,433	36,487	23,095	12,944	(b)	(b)	168,638
1972-73p -							
August	6,719	3,085	1,906	1,038	(b)	(b)	14,222
September	6,194	3,171	1,808	1,008	(b)	(b)	13,587
October	5,531	3,255	1,426	1,068	(b)	(b)	12,904
November	6,624	2,818	1,903	1,073	(b)	(b)	14,051
December	6,170	2,827	2,083	994	(b)	(b)	13,405
January	6,559	3,127	1,884	1,122	(b)	(b)	14,269
February	5,117	2,912	1,761	1,084	(b)	(b)	12,310
March	6,609	2,940	1,868	1,126	(b)	(b)	14,251
April	6,823	3,316	2,240	1,142	(b)	(b)	15,216
May	8,249	3,069	2,057	1,221	(b)	(b)	16,338
June	7,087	3,066	2,084	1,096	(b)	(b)	14,958
1973-74p -							
July	7,877	3,742	2,326	1,216	(b)	(b)	17,052
August	8,428	3,512	2,272	1,394	(b)	(b)	17,501
September	7,339	3,709	2,199	1,353	(b)	(b)	16,430
October	8,106	3,639	1,787	1,449	(b)	(b)	16,825
November	7,883	3,574	2,506	1,376	(b)	(b)	17,242
December	7,506	3,390	2,004	1,448	(b)	(b)	16,071
January	8,786	4,204	2,247	1,417	(b)	(b)	18,500
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	43,547	21,184	13,084	7,274	(b)	(b)	95,565
January 1974p	55,923	25,770	15,341	9,651	(b)	(b)	119,621
EGG STRAINS							
Year -							
1970-71	19,333	15,343	9,971	5,885	4,444	849	55,827
1971-72	18,238	14,251	10,755	4,933	3,606	977	52,759
1972-73p	16,818	14,354	9,769	3,739	3,321	917	48,918
1972-73p -							(c)
August	1,765	1,561	994	635	342	(b)	5,297
September	1,715	1,420	907	495	309	(b)	4,845
October	1,492	1,287	891	348	301	(b)	4,320
November	1,009	942	628	244	227	(b)	3,050
December	839	774	584	148	141	(b)	2,486
January	1,109	1,076	580	247	263	(b)	3,276
February	1,156	1,012	895	236	266	(b)	3,564
March	1,333	1,224	714	256	275	(b)	3,802
April	1,432	1,180	825	197	246	(b)	3,879
May	1,617	1,284	898	206	287	(b)	4,291
June	1,631	1,307	875	259	276	(b)	4,350
1973-74p -							
July	1,694	1,478	897	422	313	(b)	4,805
August	1,552	1,599	1,073	657	404	(b)	5,285
September	1,420	1,641	889	427	303	(b)	4,680
October	1,375	1,613	743	418	338	(b)	4,487
November	1,268	1,302	794	348	283	(b)	3,994
December	886	1,301	547	286	305	(b)	3,324
January	1,232	1,457	643	296	254	(b)	3,882
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	9,649	8,346	5,562	2,586	1,972	(b)	28,115
January 1974p	9,426	10,391	5,585	2,853	2,201	(b)	30,456

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

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS							
(Unsexed)							
Year -							
1970-71	54,462	22,105	16,548	9,101	(b)	(b)	114,999
1971-72	54,209	26,951	16,360	10,431	(b)	(b)	121,563
1972-73p	56,258	27,746	17,416	10,131	(b)	(b)	25,831
1972-73p -							
August	4,866	2,126	1,462	775	(b)	(b)	10,318
September	4,414	2,306	1,478	755	(b)	(b)	10,017
October	4,546	2,677	1,433	871	(b)	(b)	10,750
November	4,475	2,244	1,067	863	(b)	(b)	9,858
December	4,628	2,071	1,474	788	(b)	(b)	10,055
January	4,822	2,507	1,630	892	(b)	(b)	11,026
February	4,142	1,975	1,221	794	(b)	(b)	9,149
March	4,306	2,425	1,511	937	(b)	(b)	10,406
April	4,903	2,584	1,483	941	(b)	(b)	11,572
May	5,649	2,378	1,522	924	(b)	(b)	11,692
June	5,289	2,257	1,576	881	(b)	(b)	11,214
1973-74p -							
July	5,765	2,861	1,774	982	(b)	(b)	12,788
August	6,322	2,685	1,742	1,023	(b)	(b)	13,131
September	5,493	2,619	1,646	1,002	(b)	(b)	12,031
October	6,013	3,062	1,663	1,115	(b)	(b)	13,305
November	5,776	2,737	1,734	1,020	(b)	(b)	12,661
December	5,416	2,589	1,467	1,065	(b)	(b)	11,856
January	6,459	2,999	1,870	1,061	(b)	(b)	13,749
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	31,969	16,127	10,103	5,653	(b)	(b)	71,797
January 1974p	41,245	19,552	11,897	7,268	(b)	(b)	89,520
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS							
(Pullets) (c)							
Year -							
1970-71	6,325	5,350	3,176	2,125	1,560	268	18,803
1971-72	5,889	4,861	3,484	1,876	1,268	302	17,680
1972-73p	5,117	4,875	3,126	1,409	1,223	304	16,053
1972-73p -							
August	506	472	341	188	125	41	1,672
September	548	517	321	226	116	45	1,772
October	515	505	270	169	119	32	1,610
November	397	381	258	114	109	18	1,276
December	298	252	144	69	52	24	839
January	244	335	175	80	82	13	929
February	361	321	187	87	79	19	1,054
March	402	410	242	94	105	19	1,271
April	409	426	253	96	97	15	1,295
May	483	499	299	66	95	27	1,468
June	490	393	316	78	92	26	1,394
1973-74p -							
July	499	518	305	119	113	47	1,602
August	526	550	336	228	128	40	1,809
September	451	535	207	225	138	36	1,592
October	445	564	341	152	117	39	1,658
November	450	422	264	141	110	26	1,412
December	326	428	218	119	90	24	1,203
January	304	525	257	85	106	42	1,320
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	2,972	2,827	1,829	988	756	199	9,571
January 1974p	3,002	3,541	1,928	1,070	803	254	10,596

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TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - continued
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT EGG STRAINS (Crossbred and other Cockerels) (c)							
Year -							
1970-71	975	1,096	464	300	52	19	2,906
1971-72	517	431	507	117	49	50	1,670
1972-73p	558	489	675	103	43	15	1,884
1972-73p -							
August	54	74	72	16	5	6	227
September	54	74	71	24	(b)	(b)	229
October	72	27	65	12	(b)	(b)	181
November	44	16	40	7	5	...	111
December	25	11	38	4	(b)	(b)	80
January	25	10	51	12	1	...	100
February	25	7	37	5	1	...	76
March	39	28	70	4	(b)	(b)	145
April	42	38	76	3	(b)	(b)	161
May	106	87	54	7	(b)	(b)	260
June	30	65	57	3	(b)	(b)	159
1973-74p -							
July	87	28	84	10	(b)	(b)	214
August	49	49	62	26	(b)	(b)	194
September	45	35	82	17	(b)	(b)	188
October	44	72	55	6	(b)	(b)	185
November	47	34	49	8	(b)	(b)	142
December	22	32	27	4	(b)	(b)	87
January	17	16	(b)	5	(b)	(b)	110
Seven months ended							
January 1973p	315	265	382	82	(b)	(b)	1,084
January 1974p	312	267	(b)	76	(b)	(b)	1,121

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) 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			Exports (including ships stores) '000 kg	Apparent consumption in Australia	
	Opening '000 kg	Closing '000 kg	Net Change '000 kg	Commercial '000 kg	Self Suppliers (a) '000 kg	Imports '000 kg		Total '000 kg	Per head kg
1968-69	14,180	15,659	(+) 1,479	109,183	2,761	166	1,228	109,402	9.0
1969-70	15,659	10,150	(-) 5,509	123,843	2,822	125	1,671	130,629	10.5
1970-71	10,150	18,878	(+) 8,729	151,518	2,882	370	2,338	143,703	11.4
1971-72	18,878	20,331	(+) 1,453	163,247	2,919	215	3,137	161,791	12.6
1972-73p	20,331	6,192	(-) 14,139	159,712	2,967	108	3,963	172,963	13.2

(a) Estimated.

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