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RURAL STATISTICS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 1971-72 SEASON

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This bulletin contains principal statistics of agriculture, livestock and livestock products in the Australian Capital Territory for the 1971-72 Season. For purposes of comparison, statistics for earlier years are also shown.

A rural holding is defined as an area of land of one acre or more in extent used for the production of agricultural products or for the raising of livestock and the production of livestock products. Holdings of less than one acre on which commercial market gardens, nurseries etc. are operated are also generally included.

Symbols used in this bulletin

n.a. - Not available.
.. - 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. RURAL HOLDINGS AND LAND UTILISATION

TABLE 1. - RURAL HOLDINGS : NUMBER AND AREA, BY DISTRICT 1971-72 SEASON

District	Number of holdings	Total area of holdings	Area used for crops (a)	Land lying fallow during season	Area under sown grasses and clovers	Balance of holdings
Booth & Mt Clear	16	86,769	..	..	4,740	82,029
Canberra City	57	28,211	922	161	16,353	10,775
Coree & Stromlo	19	31,540	470	..	19,263	11,807
Gungahlin & Kowen	19	31,683	223	..	10,928	20,532
Hall	13	10,311	327	..	5,302	4,682
Lanyon	21	30,122	575	..	18,950	10,597
Paddy's River	17	60,483	40	8	15,915	44,520
Tennent & Rendezvous Creek	13	39,771	37	..	1,914	37,820
Woden	12	10,000	76	1	5,967	3,956
TOTAL	187	328,890	2,670	170	99,332	226,718

(a) Excludes both the duplication of area due to double cropping, and sown grasses and clovers cut for hay or seed.

II. AGRICULTURE

TABLE 2. - AREA OF PRINCIPAL CROPS

(Acres)

Crop	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Cereals for Grain - Wheat	737	4,158	2,693	1,198	1,024
Oats	584	1,200	895	581	250
Hay - Wheaten	140	293	64	61	90
Oaten	950	1,357	237	276	370
Lucerne	1,216	1,814	1,937	2,177	1,577
Other (a)	169	921	1,005	566	203
Total Hay	2,475	4,385	3,243	3,080	2,240
Green feed	1,339	1,307	1,407	1,611	2,475
Vegetables - Potatoes	22	15	10	12	3
Other	116	94	112	111	128
Fruit	37	32	38	38	35
All other crops (b)	99	24	222	150	73
TOTAL AREA UNDER CROPS	7,009	11,215	8,620	6,781	6,228

(a) Mainly grass and clover. (b) Includes sown grasses harvested for seed.

TABLE 3. - PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS (EXCLUDING FRUIT)

Crop		1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Cereals for grain -						
Wheat	bushels	41,602	83,674	72,794	28,090	26,560
Oats	"	11,852	26,858	25,118	13,761	4,760
Hay -						
Wheaten	tons	110	276	105	55	90
Oaten	"	903	1,845	311	454	231
Lucerne	"	1,784	3,836	4,408	4,576	2,706
Other (a)	"	155	1,046	1,694	513	246
Total Hay	"	2,952	7,003	6,518	5,598	3,273
Potatoes	tons	89	131	77	45	36

(a) Mainly grass and clover.

TABLE 4. - YIELD PER ACRE OF PRINCIPAL CROPS (EXCLUDING FRUIT)

Crop		1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Cereals for grain -						
Wheat	bushels	17.8	20.1	27.0	23.4	25.9
Oats	"	20.3	22.4	28.1	23.7	19.0
Hay -						
Wheaten	tons	0.79	0.94	1.64	0.90	1.00
Oaten	"	0.95	1.36	1.31	1.64	0.62
Lucerne	"	1.47	2.11	2.28	2.10	1.72
Other (a)	"	0.92	1.14	1.69	0.91	1.21
Potatoes	"	4.05	8.73	7.70	3.75	3.00

(a) Mainly grass and clover.

TABLE 5. - APPLES : NUMBER OF TREES, PRODUCTION AND YIELD

	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Apples -					
Number of bearing trees	2,297	2,182	2,411	2,471	3,698
Number of non bearing trees	432	314	1,349	1,336	1,117
Production of apples (bushels)	575	3,446	6,596	6,028	4,726
Yield per bearing tree (bushels)	0.25	1.58	2.74	2.44	1.28

TABLE 6. - AREA UNDER SOWN PASTURE AND IMPROVED NATIVE PASTURE
(Acres)

Pasture	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Grasses & clovers cut for hay	169	921	954	509	1,780
Grasses cut for seed	60	..	100	140	..
Grasses & clovers for silage or for grazing	82,267	87,075	92,370	95,175	100,888
TOTAL AREA OF SOWN GRASSES AND CLOVERS	82,496	87,996	93,424	95,824	102,668
Area under improved native pasture	39,519	36,178	30,266	29,133	n.a.

III. LIVESTOCK

TABLE 7. - NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK, BY DISTRICTS, AT 31 MARCH 1972

District	Cattle and calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Booth and Mt Clear	1,938	13,174	)
Canberra City	4,382	31,704	)
Coree and Stromlo	3,700	24,262	)
Gungahlin and Kowen	1,093	29,478	)
Hall	1,240	9,152	) (a)
Lanyon	1,972	27,319	)
Paddy's River	4,196	33,657	)
Tennent and Rendezvous Creek	891	7,899	)
Woden	840	14,915	)
TOTAL	20,252	191,560	127

(a) Not available for publication.

TABLE 8. - NUMBER OF CATTLE ON HOLDINGS

Classification	Number at 31 March -				
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Bulls (1 year and over) used or intended for service -					
Dairy Breeds	29	32	32	28	24
Beef Breeds	271	293	283	406	427
Total	300	325	315	434	451
Cows and heifers used or intended for production of milk or cream for sale -					
Cows in milk and dry	1,479	1,471	1,004	1,082	1,133
Heifers (1 year and over)	75	196	185	161	290
Heifer calves (under 1 year)	229	201	187	276	218
Total	1,783	1,868	1,376	1,519	1,641
House cows (in milk or dry) and heifers (1 year and over) being kept primarily for own milk supply	401	340	322	305	292
Other cattle and calves not included above (i.e. mainly for meat production) -					
Cows and heifers (1 year and over)	6,030	6,761	7,720	8,943	9,734
Calves (under 1 year) including vealers and bull calves intended for service	3,193	3,500	4,890	5,326	5,617
Other (1 year and over) i.e. steers, bullocks, speyed cows, etc.	841	1,051	697	1,383	2,517
Total	10,064	11,312	13,307	15,652	17,863
TOTAL CATTLE AND CALVES FOR ALL PURPOSES	12,548	13,845	15,320	17,910	20,252

TABLE 9. - NUMBER OF SHEEP AND LAMBS ON HOLDINGS

Classification	Number at 31 March -				
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Rams (1 year and over)	2,285	2,492	2,402	2,174	1,478
Breeding ewes (including intended matings)	92,768	102,664	96,800	98,149	74,828
Other ewes (1 year and over)	27,761	20,427	19,226	19,942	18,479
Wethers (1 year and over)	92,779	88,430	76,118	76,621	62,428
Lambs and hoggets (under 1 year)	51,485	31,871	49,731	54,301	34,347
TOTAL	267,078	245,884	244,277	251,187	191,560

TABLE 10. - LAMBING

	Season -				
	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Number of breeding ewes at 31 March	107,136	92,768	102,664	96,800	98,149
Ewes mated	95,208	71,430	89,511	90,321	75,868
Lambs marked	70,189	51,996	75,525	74,890	53,135
Lambs marked as percentage of ewes mated	73.7	72.8	84.3	82.9	70.0

IV. LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

TABLE 11. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED (a)

		Year ended 30 June -				
		1968	1969	1970 (b)	1971 (b)	1972 (b)
Livestock slaughtered -						
Cattle and calves	Number	9,632	10,177	14,822	18,636	19,641
Sheep and lambs	"	103,216	129,989	157,534	196,009	217,613
Pigs	"	8,563	10,140	11,815	16,392	17,049
Meat produced (carcass weight) -						
Beef and veal	tons	1,692	1,891	2,636	3,129	3,242
Mutton and lamb	"	1,795	2,240	2,482	3,163	3,496
Pigmeat	"	385	460	386	522	632
TOTAL MEAT	"	3,872	4,591	5,504	6,814	7,370

(a) Includes livestock from outside the A.C.T. border. (b) Source : Dept. of Health.

TABLE 12. - PRODUCTION OF MILK AND AVERAGE YIELD PER DAIRY COW

		1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
Production of milk for all purposes	'000 gal	900	898	939	773	704
Average annual yield per cow (in milk or dry)	gal	465	486	598	569	501

TABLE 13. - SHORN WOOL

Season and District	Sheep shorn	Lambs shorn	Sheeps wool (including crutchings)	Lambs wool	Total shorn wool
	- '000 -		- '000 kg -		
1967-68	248	37	976	28	1,003
1968-69	235	21	910	16	926
1969-70	219	34	1,121	28	1,149
1970-71	225	38	958	36	994
1971-72 -					
Booth and Mt Clear	13	..	47	..	47
Canberra City	34	4	155	5	160
Coree and Stromlo	26	3	102	2	104
Gungahlin and Kowen	27	4	107	4	112
Hall	11	4	43	5	49
Lanyon	29	3	133	3	136
Paddy's River	29	5	109	11	120
Tennent and Rendezvous Creek	7	..	25	1	26
Woden	15	2	66	2	67
TOTAL, 1971-72	191	27	789	33	821

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in the above table is due to rounding.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

TABLE 14. - APICULTURE (BEE-KEEPING) (a)

		Year ended 30 June -				
		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Number of apiarists		32	30	37	33	45
Beehives -						
Productive	No.	1,213	1,041	869	675	781
Unproductive	"	465	624	337	542	612
TOTAL	"	1,678	1,665	1,206	1,217	1,393
Honey produced -						
Quantity	'000 lb	152.8	78.4	108.8	74.0	77.1
Average production per productive hive	lb	126.0	75.3	125.2	109.6	98.8
Gross value	$'000	18	8	11	7	n.a.
Beeswax produced -						
Quantity	'000 lb	2.1	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.9
Gross value	$'000	1	1	1	..	n.a.

(a) Confined to apiarists with five or more hives.

TABLE 15. - ARTIFICIAL FERTILISERS USED.

	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
AREA FERTILISED (Acres)					
Wheat	2,474	4,396	2,649	1,238	1,174
Other cereals	2,007	2,594	1,872	783	1,495
Vegetables	125	109	109	115	123
Fruit	6	4	15	12	17
Other crops	1,117	657	1,164	1,053	79
Pastures	44,054	33,600	44,244	34,369	23,933
SUPERPHOSPHATE USED (a) (Tons)					
			(b)	(b)	
Wheat	127	213	126	51	53
Other cereals	96	150	100	42	85
Vegetables	35	32	29	35	37
Fruit	..	..	1	1	1
Other crops	68	47	87	50	5
Pastures	2,256	1,692	2,402	1,694	1,356

(a) In addition, the following quantities of other artificial fertilisers were used: 1967-68, 113 tons; 1968-69, 61 tons; 1969-70, 45 tons; 1970-71, 234 tons; 1971-72, 67 tons. (b) Includes quantities of "double" and "treble" strength superphosphate converted to single strength equivalent.

TABLE 16. - IRRIGATION : METHOD, BY UTILISATION, AND SOURCE OR WATER, 1971-72 SEASON

Utilisation	Method		Total
	Sprays	Trickle	
	acres	acres	acres
Pastures	407	..	407
Lucerne	370	..	370
Cereals	57	..	57
Vegetables	113	..	113
Fruit	13	4	17
Other crops	7	..	7
TOTAL	967	4	971

Source of water	Acres
Area irrigated using -	
Surface water supplies direct from rivers etc.	848
Underground water supply (e.g. bore, spear, well).	115
Town or country reticulated water supply	8
TOTAL	971

TABLE 17. - FARM MACHINERY ON HOLDINGS

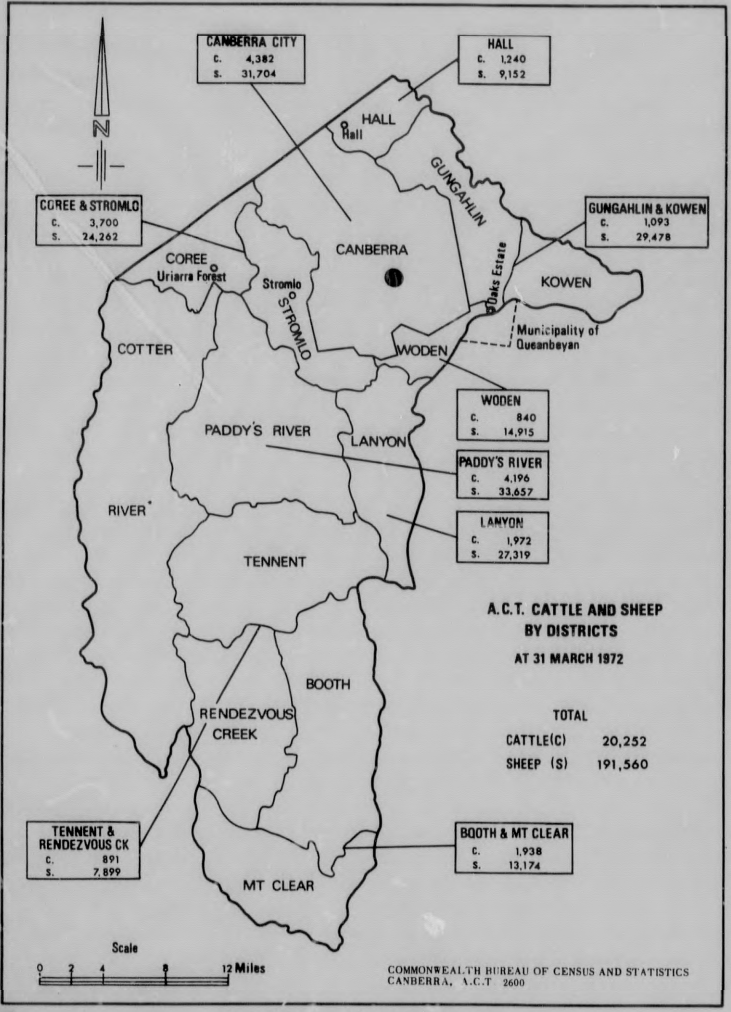
Type of machinery	at 31 March -				
	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Grain drills - Combine type	64	62	65	57	55
Other types	30	33	25	26	27
Grain and seed headers and harvesters	33	38	30	30	28
Pick-up balers	51	49	54	50	45
Fertiliser distributors and broadcasters (spreaders)	105	106	107	96	85
Shearing machines (No. of stands)	297	291	294	(a)	242
Milking machines (No. of units)	91	97	75	(a)	67
Tractors - Wheel	203	208	191	185	179
Crawler	8	10	9	8	7

(a) Not collected.

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*No livestock was recorded in the Cotter River district.