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The information included in this bulletin is restricted to preliminary estimates of livestock slaughterings, meat production, exports of fresh, frozen and processed meat and stocks of frozen meat. More detailed information on slaughterings and meat production by type are published at quarterly intervals in the bulletin *Meat Statistics* (7205.0).

The statistics on slaughterings and meat production are based on a monthly collection from abattoirs and other major slaughtering establishments and include estimates of animals slaughtered on farms and by country butchers.

Care should be taken when using this information as the figures only relate to slaughterings for human consumption and do not include animals condemned or those killed for boiling down. Also, definitions of

livestock categories may differ between States and within States, particularly with regard to calves.

Details of seasonally adjusted figures for the components of total meat production are published in Table 2. The seasonally adjusted figures shown have been calculated using revised factors and are not comparable with series published prior to March 1977. Information on the methods used in seasonally adjusting these series is contained in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1977 (1308.0).

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

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

		Australia (a)						% change 1977-78 on 1976-77
		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	
Cattle -								
Bulls, bullocks and steers	Jan. 1978 p	117.9	107.0	70.1	23.1	30.4	13.5	
Cows and heifers	Jan. 1978 p	139.9	110.3	68.6	31.3	29.9	10.2	
Total Cattle	Jan. 1978 p	257.8	217.3	138.8	54.3	60.3	23.7	757.3
7 mths ended Jan. - 1977		1,564.9	1,351.1	1,208.3	306.0	488.8	143.4	5,131.0
- 1978 p		1,868.4	1,437.6	1,407.2	385.6	467.6	160.8	5,804.7
Calves -								
January 1978 p		50.3	32.4	38.6	8.2	5.4	1.7	137.8
7 mths ended Jan. - 1977		299.7	942.1	298.2	45.1	46.0	65.7	1,703.8
- 1978 p		327.5	865.2	320.2	56.7	43.6	58.8	1,679.1
Sheep -								
January 1978 p		412.5	567.2	56.2	206.2	221.0	41.6	1,505.0
7 mths ended Jan. - 1977		2,175.1	3,171.7	450.1	1,145.7	2,672.1	242.2	9,859.1
- 1978 p		2,345.0	2,805.8	447.4	1,188.5	1,815.8	201.5	8,805.5
Lambs -								
January 1978 p		395.1	574.0	52.8	123.0	48.1	76.8	1,281.4
7 mths ended Jan. - 1977		3,005.0	3,398.2	362.7	982.1	1,464.8	296.7	9,598.4
- 1978 p		3,051.6	3,612.5	371.5	1,002.6	1,202.9	362.2	9,692.9
Pigs -								
January 1978 p		71.8	71.5	53.9	27.6	21.2	6.1	254.2
7 mths ended Jan. - 1977		592.2	555.0	405.2	198.3	206.7	60.0	2,034.9
- 1978 p		637.9	598.1	428.6	215.6	192.4	53.3	2,146.4

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. p - preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 2. MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes - Carcass weight)

								Australia (b)		% change 1977-78 on 1976-77
								Original	Seasonally adjusted (c)	
		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.			
Beef -										
January 1978 p		48,380	43,251	29,225	10,061	11,179	4,917	147,900	176,600	
7 mths ended Jan.	- 1977	303,837	266,798	264,229	56,932	91,524	27,790	1,023,758		14.4
	- 1978 p	363,696	292,291	308,164	71,859	86,946	32,958	1,171,582		
Veal -										
January 1978 p		2,197	2,012	1,542	466	338	70	6,679	9,600	
7 mths ended Jan.	- 1977	12,369	25,431	15,413	1,910	2,693	1,382	59,502		4.6
	- 1978 p	14,785	25,340	15,321	2,833	2,487	1,202	62,255		
Mutton -										
January 1978 p		7,827	11,245	1,015	3,865	3,898	762	28,616	26,100	
7 mths ended Jan.	- 1977	42,078	61,018	8,269	21,400	47,029	4,397	184,227		-8.3
	- 1978 p	46,149	56,509	8,243	22,973	31,374	3,719	168,990		
Lamb -										
January 1978 p		6,833	9,505	823	2,013	672	1,126	21,151	22,500	
7 mths ended Jan.	- 1977	50,884	55,679	5,889	15,022	19,522	4,609	153,048		4.2
	- 1978 p	52,923	60,969	6,242	15,803	16,554	5,495	159,470		
Pigmeat -										
January 1978 p		3,593	3,892	3,001	1,582	1,211	306	13,679	16,600	
7 mths ended Jan.	- 1977	28,445	29,825	22,798	11,111	11,867	2,934	107,708		6.5
	- 1978 p	31,714	32,368	24,163	12,082	10,817	2,632	114,687		
Total Meat -										
January 1978 p		68,830	66,905	35,606	17,987	17,298	7,181	218,025	251,400	
7 mths ended Jan.	- 1977	437,613	438,751	316,598	106,375	172,635	41,112	1,528,243		9.7
	- 1978 p	509,267	467,477	362,133	125,550	148,178	46,006	1,676,984		

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) See text on page 1. p - preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT (a): AUSTRALIA
(Tonnes)

	Fresh, chilled or frozen										Pork	Bacon and ham (c)	Canned meat (d)
	Beef (b)		Veal (b)		Mutton (b)		Lamb (b)						
	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out					
Month of November													
1976	1,916	48,767	715	626	4,396	5,731	4,146	304	103	56	58	3,580	
1977 p	482	61,052	748	1,197	5,152	5,543	7,423	274	167			2,520	

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Factors can be applied to beef, veal, mutton and lamb bone-out figures to derive bone-in carcass weight which, when added to bone-in figures, shows total exports in carcass weight. The factor for beef and veal is 1.5 and that for mutton and lamb 2.0 (Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation). (c) Cured carcass weight of smoked or cooked bacon and ham. Includes stated net weight of packs of canned bacon and ham. (d) Canned weight. Excludes canned bacon and ham. p - preliminary, subject to revision.

TABLE 4. STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT (a): AUSTRALIA
(Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation)
(Tonnes)

Stocks at	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Total
25 December 1976	69,226	22,221	11,469	2,168	105,084
31 December 1977	91,577	21,574	4,702	3,481	121,334

(a) Held in cold stores registered to handle meat for export, and includes meat passed for (i) export, (ii) canning and (iii) other purposes. Includes boneless and carcass meat. p - preliminary, subject to revision.