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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : FARM MACHINERY ON RURAL HOLDINGS, AUSTRALIA, 31 MARCH 1966

This publication contains information on farm machinery on rural holdings for Australia at 31 March 1962 to 1966 and for each State at 31 March 1966.

More detailed statistics of tractors on rural holdings are available triennially. Particulars for each State as at 31 March 1966, classified according to type, horsepower, type of fuel used and age will be published in the special statistical bulletin : Tractors on Rural Holdings, Australia, 31 March 1966 to be issued early in 1967.

TABLE 1. - FARM MACHINERY ON RURAL HOLDINGS. 31 MARCH, AUSTRALIA

(Number)

Particulars	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Cultivating (a) :					
Mouldboard Ploughs			102,228		
Disc Implements (incl. disc ploughs, disc cultivators disc tillers and disc harrows.)	(b)	(b)	229,818	(b)	(b)
Tyne Implements :					
Chisel ploughs, scarifiers, cultivators and rippers			175,928		
Tyne harrows (number of leaves)			511,346		
Rotary Hoes and Rotary Tillers : Self-contained Power Unit Tractor-drawn	(c)38,868	(c)38,896	(d)37,561	(d)40,195	27,866 19,597
Seeding and Planting :					
Grain Drills :					
Combine Type	84,743			90,008	90,868
Other Types	29,191	116,116	117,271	30,537	30,402
Maize and Cotton Planters	(e)16,050	(e)15,509	(e)14,635	15,220	14,523
Fertilizer Distributors and Broadcasters	82,820	83,499	84,320	86,653	86,410
Harvesting :					
Grain and Seed Headers, Strippers and Harvesters	64,891	65,628	64,697	65,560	64,744
Mowers (a) :					
Power-Driven	71,585			81,410	
Ground Drive	23,076	(b)	(b)	17,153	(b)
Hay Rakes (a) :					
Side Delivery	35,777			42,832	
Buck	12,347	(b)	(b)	11,917	(b)
Dump	20,267			16,564	
Pick-up Balers	26,647	28,725	30,411	32,275	34,231
Potato Diggers (a)	6,223	(b)	(b)	6,613	(b)
Forage Harvesters	4,073	5,083	5,509	5,674	6,939
Peanut Pickers (a)	255	(b)	(b)	315	(b)
Corn Pickers (a)	1,264	(b)	(b)	1,246	(b)
Other :					
Shearing Machines (No. of Stands)	177,579	178,805	180,370	186,393	188,500
Milking Machines (No. of Units)	228,228	229,270	229,042	231,389	233,629
Tractors (f)					
Wheel		249,783			
Crawler	264,069	21,277	283,748	295,502	301,315
Hammer Mills (a)	17,508	(b)	(b)	22,128	(b)

(a) Details for all States are collected at triennial intervals only. (b) Not available.
(c) Rotary Hoes - all types. (d) Incomplete; excludes tractor-drawn rotary hoes and tillers in Queensland. (e) Incomplete; particulars for Victoria are not available.
(f) See text preceding table.

TABLE 2. - FARM MACHINERY ON RURAL HOLDINGS, 31 MARCH 1966

(Number)

Particulars	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia					
Cultivating :														
Rotary Hoes and Rotary Tillers :														
Self-contained														
Power Unit	9,840	7,354	3,534	4,228	1,647	1,199	64	(a)	(b)27,866					
Tractor-drawn	7,222	4,662	3,879	1,655	1,539	626	14	(a)	(b)19,597					
Seeding and Planting :														
Grain Drills :														
Combine Type	27,815	19,604	12,756	15,589	13,593	1,416	29	66	90,868					
Other Types	5,766	9,586	2,431	5,201	4,752	2,620	9	37	30,402					
Maize and Cotton Planters	7,146	762	6,519	..	71	..	21	4	14,523					
Fertilizer Dis- tributors and Broadcasters	21,418	28,219	12,842	8,893	9,159	5,766	19	94	86,410					
Harvesting :														
Grain and Seed Headers, Strip- pers and Harvesters	19,054	13,962	7,207	12,393	11,398	703	..	27	64,744					
Mowers :														
Power-driven	) (a)	) (a)	) (c)8,061	) (a)	) (7,343	) (5,132	) (47	) (a)	) (a)
Ground-drive) (c)3,406) (a)) (a)) (994) (8
Hay Rakes :														
Side Delivery	) (a)	) (a)	) (4,080	) (a)	) (a)	) (2,386	) (25	) (a)	) (a)
Buck) (5,473) (a)) (a)) (1,022) (a)
Dump															) (971	) (a)	) (a)
Pick-up Balers	9,901	11,972	2,563	4,609	3,461	1,661	17	47	34,231					
Potato Diggers	(a)	(a)	1,137	(a)	(a)	950	..	(a)	(a)					
Forage Harvesters	2,618	1,625	1,143	764	494	269	12	14	6,939					
Peanut Pickers	(a)	..	355	..	..	..	16	..	(a)		
Corn Pickers	(a)	(a)	949	..	..	..	..	..	(a)
Other :														
Shearing Machines (No. of Stands)	70,935	41,689	19,139	29,291	22,486	4,652	16	292	188,500					
Milking Machines (No. of Units)	41,799	105,004	42,199	18,833	9,780	(c)15,894	26	94	233,629					
Tractors (d) :														
Wheel	) (1,450	) (73,648	) (64,948	) (31,019	) (32,288	) (10,827	) (225	) (194	) (301,315
Crawler) (2,505) (7,408) (3,012) (a)) (1,127	) (66	) (6
Hammer Mills	(a)	(a)		(a)	(a)	512	..	21	(a)					

(a) Not available. (b) Incomplete; see footnotes to individual States. (c) Not strictly comparable with figures for earlier years due to changes in definition. (d) See text preceding Table 1 on page 1.

K. M. ARCHER
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