

CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

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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.

Statistics for poultry slaughtered in Queensland are based on numbers slaughtered as collected by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries. From 1968-69, New South Wales slaughtering statistics include poultry slaughterings by producers in the Australian Capital Territory. Prior to that year, Australian Capital Territory slaughtering statistics were not collected.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia and stocks of frozen poultry are contained in sections III and IV respectively.

Symbols used in this bulletin

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.
.. - Nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.
n.a. - Not available.
r - Revised

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

I. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTIONTABLE 1. - TOTAL DRESSED WEIGHT OF ALL POULTRY SLAUGHTERED (a)

('000 lb)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (c)	Australia
Year - 1966-67	94,888	40,246	30,447	10,363	16,634	2,581	195,159
1967-68	110,967	46,550	34,957	12,219	18,759	3,030	226,482
1968-69	115,299	46,166	40,816	12,269	22,653	3,507	240,709
1969-70	129,915	53,420	47,493	15,403	23,668	3,131	273,029
1970-71	163,013	64,747	52,821	21,452	28,492	3,516	334,041
1970-71 - October	12,807	4,969	4,796	1,722	2,523	281	27,098
November	14,102	4,780	4,011	1,683	2,184	328	27,089
December	13,528	5,025	4,900	2,122	2,413	337	28,323
January	12,510	5,532	4,191	1,818	2,913	311	27,276
February	13,322	*5,829	*4,032	1,785	2,146	287	27,402
March	16,143	6,629	4,306	2,305	2,344	342	32,069
April	13,852	*6,168	*4,503	1,891	2,475	287	29,175
May	14,895			1,880	2,388	298	29,719
June	14,710	(d)	(d)	1,668	2,390	242	30,118
1971-72p - July	14,022			2,224	3,043	402	r30,729
August	13,364			2,089	2,588	291	r28,126
September	14,721	(d)	(d)	2,282	2,563	312	31,851
October	13,313			r2,150	3,074	359	r29,822
November	13,067			1,994	2,855	335	28,053

(a) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys), including pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland.
(b) Estimated. (c) Prior to 1968-69 includes dressed weight of geese slaughtered. (d) Not available for publication. * Previously advised as 'Not available for publication'.

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1966-67	32,113	13,570	10,635	3,682	6,332	753	67,085
1967-68	36,556	15,519	12,190	4,278	6,957	861	76,361
1968-69	34,838	13,832	12,952	4,415	8,137	1,001	75,174
1969-70	38,853	16,562	14,175	5,597	8,479	978	84,644
1970-71	49,192	19,854	15,689	7,894	10,175	1,103	103,907
1970-71 - October	3,951	1,603	1,397	630	876	87	8,545
November	4,098	1,454	1,150	641	732	84	8,160
December	4,212	1,744	1,460	806	842	102	9,166
January	3,811	1,708	1,214	701	1,000	94	8,529
February	3,942	1,746	1,212	652	817	97	8,465
March	4,867	2,022	1,306	820	832	114	9,961
April	4,141	1,837	1,373	696	897	92	9,036
May	4,436	1,771	1,295	682	872	99	9,155
June	4,449	1,916	1,409	627	901	87	9,389
1971-72p - July	4,273	2,014	r1,380	830	1,096	142	r9,734
August	3,916	1,737	r1,322	766	940	87	r8,767
September	4,406	2,081	1,285	848	960	107	9,686
October	4,167	1,916	1,584	810	1,047	125	9,448
November	4,017	1,669	1,288	724	1,000	110	8,809

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)

('000 lb)

Year -	(a)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
1966-67	81,159	34,762	26,236	9,167	14,837	1,969	168,130
1967-68	96,035	41,386	29,841	10,962	16,862	2,264	197,350
1968-69	97,153	39,445	35,578	10,937	20,672	2,866	206,651
1969-70	107,819	45,059	41,752	13,879	21,357	2,566	232,432
1970-71	138,382	55,559	46,571	15,838	25,622	2,936	288,909
1970-71 - October	10,772	4,253	4,128	1,575	2,245	234	23,208
November	11,599	3,936	3,482	1,558	1,805	235	22,616
December	11,773	4,213	4,361	2,000	2,158	284	24,888
January	10,897	4,786	3,665	1,708	2,637	263	23,956
February	11,239	5,271	3,589	1,632	1,991	252	23,974
March	13,893	5,984	3,778	2,104	2,056	289	28,104
April	12,066	5,421	4,026	1,774	2,250	256	25,792
May	12,707	5,044	4,041	1,784	2,153	272	26,002
June	12,224	5,646	4,261	1,564	2,253	212	26,159
1971-72p - July	11,592	5,725	r4,232	2,087	2,840	374	r26,850
August	10,591	4,812	r3,868	1,900	2,435	197	r23,802
September	12,258	6,517	3,623	2,117	2,419	252	27,186
October	11,566	5,403	3,953	1,371	2,675	316	25,885
November	11,114	4,637	3,567	1,743	2,523	265	24,055

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland.
(c) Estimated.

TABLE 3. - OTHER FOWLS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1966-67	2,249	911	922	192	357	129	4,760
1967-68	2,464	990	1,154	285	362	148	5,403
1968-69	2,765	1,327	1,102	282	419	131	6,025
1969-70	2,958	1,643	1,245	287	433	115	6,681
1970-71	3,255	1,908	1,461	341	499	119	7,581
1970-71 - October	252	153	136	36	31	5	613
November	298	164	105	30	71	12	680
December	228	157	121	22	20	15	564
January	216	148	131	26	60	13	594
February	249	136	119	36	32	8	580
March	301	138	136	47	56	7	684
April	228	182	120	24	47	9	610
May	301	199	114	17	39	8	679
June	322	145	123	20	30	9	649
1971-72p - July	303	165	r 112	31	47	9	r 667
August	379	172	r 107	43	43	19	r 763
September	354	218	149	42	36	18	817
October	242	168	159	44	93	12	718
November	275	194	126	63	73	11	743

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)

('000 lb)

			(c)				
Year - 1966-67	7,953	2,969	3,607	667	1,304	440	16,940
1967-68	9,015	3,318	4,511	964	1,338	525	19,671
1968-69	9,951	4,667	4,314	987	1,508	447	21,875
1969-70	10,266	5,826	4,850	996	1,590	363	23,891
1970-71	11,557	6,820	5,439	1,163	1,930	390	27,300
1970-71 - October	917	554	519	119	131	17	2,256
November	1,104	591	403	102	251	37	2,489
December	816	559	484	76	83	48	2,067
January	704	598	497	88	240	45	2,171
February	836	468	404	123	111	26	1,968
March	1,061	478	508	159	203	23	2,432
April	781	649	451	85	193	27	2,187
May	1,103	677	368	58	161	26	2,393
June	1,219	510	468	66	111	31	2,404
1971-72p - July	1,056	606	r 404	108	172	28	r2,374
August	1,447	616	r 366	168	135	58	r2,790
September	1,253	782	649	148	133	57	3,021
October	853	623	610	156	381	38	2,660
November	975	696	522	217	312	37	2,759

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

TABLE 4. - DUCKS AND DRAKES SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (a)	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1966-67	306	253	73	59	49	35	775
1967-68	335	248	78	35	45	49	790
1968-69	535	272	114	35			1,010
1969-70	538	246	74	46	(b)	(b)	968
1970-71	708	283	78	50			1,214
1970-71 - October	60	20	6	1			99
November	61	44	7	3			124
December	81	34	8	5			146
January	54	19	7	5	(b)	(b)	96
February	59	22	6	7			101
March	67	23	5	8			115
April	52	22	5	6			91
May	59	20	6	6			100
June	75	19	6	5			108
1971-72p- July	67	17	4	3			92
August	70	20	4	2			r98
September	86	27	4	3	(b)	(b)	121
October	80	26	4	r4			r117
November	86	24	3	5			121
DRESSED WEIGHT (c) ('000 lb)							
Year - 1966-67	1,140	897	(d) 328	235	225	172	2,997
1967-68	1,259	883	353	138	225	241	3,099
1968-69	1,953	1,005	513	130			3,849
1969-70	1,948	880	313	187	(b)	(b)	3,605
1970-71	2,647	1,016	282	222			4,560
1970-71 - October	223	67	23	4			361
November	222	138	25	12			433
December	298	130	26	21			540
January	199	79	25	22	(b)	(b)	r365
February	230	87	26	29			403
March	268	91	17	36			459
April	195	89	20	29			360
May	222	76	21	30			392
June	284	69	23	20			416
1971-72p- July	244	54	14	11			335
August	248	70	r12	10			r346
September	314	90	14	13	(b)	(b)	438
October	301	86	12	r16			r428
November	303	83	10	18			426

(a) Prior to 1968-69, includes turkeys and geese. (b) Not available for publication.
 (c) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (d) Estimated.

TABLE 5. - TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED							
('000)							
Year - 1966-67	441	166	31	28	28	(b)	694
1967-68	483	95	31	15	36		660
1968-69	683	114	52	21			916
1969-70	982	172	75	34	(c)	(c)	1,331
1970-71	1,119	146	69	23			1,440
1970-71 - October	101	11	15	2			144
November	128	10	13	1			169
December	76	2	3	3			98
January	75	(c)	..	..	(c)	(c)	84
February	103	*	..	..			107
March	98	7	..	1			113
April	79	*	1	..			82
May	95		(c)	1			102
June	99	(c)		2			110
1971-72p- July	107			2			121
August	128			1			140
September	97	(c)	(c)	..	(c)	(c)	141
October	84			1			113
November	89			1			106
DRESSED WEIGHT (d)							
('000 lb)							
(e)							
Year - 1966-67	4,636	1,618	276	295	268	(b)	7,093
1967-68	4,658	963	252	155	335		6,363
1968-69	6,243	1,048	411	215			8,335
1969-70	9,881	1,655	577	340	(c)	(c)	13,101
1970-71	10,426	1,353	529	229			13,272
1970-71 - October	895	95	125	24			1,273
November	1,177	115	101	11			1,551
December	642	23	29	25			828
January	710	(c)	3	1	(c)	(c)	784
February	1,017	*	13	..			1,057
March	922	75	3	6			1,074
April	810	*	6	2			836
May	864		(c)	9			932
June	983	(c)		18			1,139
1971-72p- July	1,130			18			1,241
August	1,079			12			1,188
September	895	(c)	(c)	4	(c)	(c)	1,206
October	593			7			849
November	674			11			813

(a) Incomplete; prior to 1968-69 excludes particulars for Tasmania. (b) Included with ducks and drakes. (c) Not available for publication. (d) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (e) Estimated. * Previously advised as 'Not available for publication'.

II. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

In Tables 6 and 7 following, details relate to all eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries whether for sale as day-old chicks or for replenishment of own flocks. The statistics represent actual settings and hatchings (excluding chicks destroyed) for each month shown. As the hatching period is normally three weeks, 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)							
Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year - 1966-67	50,141	19,626	n.a.	6,215	(b)	1,227	(c) 77,209
1967-68	54,270	20,655	17,969	7,407	()	()	112,484
1968-69	51,667	20,120	18,381	6,546	()	()	109,832
1969-70	60,438	21,946	20,233	8,090	(b)	(b)	124,529
1970-71	76,536	29,401	23,127	11,891	()	()	158,953
1970-71 - October	6,340	2,941	1,832	1,163	()	()	13,786
November	6,822	2,644	1,879	940	()	()	13,726
December	6,713	2,716	1,868	1,177	()	()	14,080
January	6,188	2,283	1,819	986	(b)	(b)	12,626
February	5,793	2,208	1,787	940	()	()	11,963
March	6,458	2,780	2,074	1,047	()	()	13,945
April	6,320	2,263	1,854	1,043	()	()	13,154
May	6,427	2,447	1,948	1,033	()	()	13,764
June	5,961	2,416	1,962	1,076	()	()	12,899
1971-72p - July	6,591	2,743	1,944	1,216	()	()	14,092
August	6,381	2,574	1,994	1,095	()	()	13,604
September	6,665	2,923	2,050	1,413	(b)	(b)	14,796
October	5,501	2,716	1,132	1,251	()	()	12,042
November	5,456	2,607	1,738	1,138	()	()	12,409
EGG STRAINS							
Year - 1966-67	19,847	12,206	n.a.	5,352	3,784	761	(c) 41,950
1967-68	19,510	12,578	8,823	5,060	3,256	1,024	50,251
1968-69	19,971	13,104	8,909	5,049	3,660	904	51,597
1969-70	22,447	14,440	9,925	5,971	3,665	1,206	57,654
1970-71	19,333	15,343	9,971	5,885	4,444	849	55,827
1970-71 - October	1,704	1,359	966	603	376	()	(a) 5,008
November	1,181	1,153	711	487	343	()	3,876
December	683	898	482	184	227	(b)	2,473
January	1,233	932	523	335	242	()	3,265
February	1,454	1,046	559	421	271	()	3,752
March	1,617	1,228	634	473	354	()	4,307
April	1,598	1,193	745	382	366	()	4,284
May	1,710	1,220	1,006	339	456	()	4,731
June	1,664	1,304	972	503	405	()	4,848
1971-72p - July	1,979	1,473	1,046	520	425	()	5,453
August	2,231	1,747	1,216	794	411	()	6,400
September	2,042	1,579	1,177	711	332	(b)	5,841
October	1,587	1,427	830	520	301	()	4,666
November	1,308	1,381	900	335	318	()	4,243

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch.

(b) Not available for publication.

(c) Incomplete; see individual States.

(d) Incomplete; excludes Tasmania.

TABLE 7. - CHICKEN HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

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Period	N.S.W	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS							
(Unsexed)							
Year - 1966-67	34,163	14,486	n.a.	4,383	(b)	833	(c) 53,865
1967-68	37,629	15,806	13,456	5,218			80,874
1968-69	35,563	15,546	13,765	5,053	(b)	(b)	79,538
1969-70	41,464	17,334	14,882	6,173			89,835
1970-71	54,462	22,105	16,548	9,101			114,999
1970-71 - October	4,737	2,025	1,514	875			10,212
November	4,443	2,032	1,211	736			9,450
December	4,992	2,203	1,335	923			10,584
January	4,642	1,738	1,328	765	(b)	(b)	9,509
February	4,173	1,678	1,180	737			8,713
March	4,993	2,109	1,452	888			10,524
April	4,277	1,903	1,429	709			9,512
May	4,339	1,862	1,357	777			9,514
June	4,681	1,817	1,447	808			9,917
1971-72p - July	4,625	2,068	1,512	950			10,407
August	4,717	2,027	1,458	833			10,205
September	4,770	2,391	1,473	1,042	(b)	(b)	10,909
October	4,259	2,114	1,189	1,082			9,844
November	4,374	1,977	956	806			9,282

INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS**(Crossbred and other Cockerels) (d)**

Year - 1966-67	1,743	1,509	n.a.	230	313	72	(c) 3,867
1967-68	1,545	1,567	759	134	105	43	4,153
1968-69	1,191	880	457	180	66	19	2,794
1969-70	1,846	1,462	431	373	58	7	4,177
1970-71	975	1,096	464	300	52	19	2,906
1970-71 - October	153	131	32	55	7	5	383
November	110	58	31	12	4	1	217
December	57	88	19	9	1	1	175
January	25	43	33	11	2	1	114
February	45	53	24	8	2	1	133
March	109	42	25	12	4	..	192
April	88	25	27	23	6	..	169
May	45	23	42	13	6	..	129
June	50	22	36	11	5	..	124
1971-72p - July	45	39	38	10	6	15	154
August	57	52	61	12	3	..	184
September	71	66	65	14	5	..	221
October	54	71	48	14	7	7	201
November	46	24	39	14	3	..	126

For footnotes see next page.

TABLE 7. - CHICKEN HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - continued

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	V.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (d)							
Year - 1966-67	6,293	4,114	n.a.	1,925	1,253	273	(c) 13,858
1967-68	6,093	4,251	2,862	1,904	1,143	371	16,624
1968-69	6,310	4,455	2,922	1,854	1,246	299	17,085
1969-70	7,110	4,977	3,169	2,136	1,314	408	19,115
1970-71	6,325	5,350	3,176	2,125	1,560	268	18,803
1970-71 - October	674	559	323	271	(b)	(b)	2,016
November	478	451	235	184	124	36	1,508
December	313	312	171	126	111	17	1,052
January	223	306	156	83	70	7	845
February	428	360	180	139	89	6	1,200
March	559	444	212	172	118	4	1,510
April	518	419	232	120	132	6	1,427
May	578	416	280	138	139	34	1,584
June	547	402	320	142	143	28	1,583
1971-72p - July	610	427	312	165	142	27	1,683
August	704	572	388	250	151	62	2,127
September	668	578	370	297	133	r24	r2,069
October	584	487	289	241	113	r67	r1,780
November	487	502	237	181	118	22	1,548

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Incomplete; see individual States. (d) 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		Imports	Exports (including ships' stores)	Apparent consumption in Australia	
	Opening	Closing	Net change	Commer- cial	Self suppliers (a)			Total	Per head
				- '000 lb -					lb
1966-67	13,236	22,154	(+) 8,917	195,159	5,855	932	1,413	191,616	16.4
1967-68	22,154	31,261	(+) 9,108	226,482	5,963	428	2,103	221,661	18.6
1968-69	31,261	34,522	(+) 3,261	240,709	6,086	365	2,707	241,192	19.6
1969-70	34,522	22,376	(-) 12,146	273,029	6,222	276	3,683	287,990	23.1
1970-71	22,376	40,880	(+) 18,504	334,041	6,354	815	5,155	317,551	25.0

(a) Estimated.

IV. STOCKS OF FROZEN POULTRY

Table 9 gives details of stocks of frozen poultry (dressed weight) as at 30 June for the years 1969 to 1971.

TABLE 9. - STOCKS OF FROZEN POULTRY (a) : AUSTRALIA

(Dressed Weight)

Item	At 30 June		
	1969	1970	1971
	- '000 lb -		
Chickens (i.e. broilers, fryers and roasters)	29,818	14,556	30,392
Other fowls (i.e. hens, roosters, etc.)	1,698	1,671	2,911
Ducks and drakes	889	712	917
Turkeys	2,117	5,437	6,660
Total	34,522	22,376	40,880

(a) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

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