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MEAT STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA JUNE 1979 (PRELIMINARY)

INQUIRIES

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The information included in this publication is restricted to preliminary estimates of livestock slaughtering, meat production, exports of fresh, frozen and processed meat and stocks of frozen meat. Revised statistics on livestock slaughtered and meat produced for the month of June will be published in the publication *Meat Statistics, Australia* (7205.0), expected to be released in September 1979.

The statistics on slaughtering 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 slaughtering 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 January 1979. Information on the methods used in seasonally adjusting these series is contained in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, (1308.0).

Related publications

More detailed information on slaughtering, production, exports, prices, values, etc., is provided in the following publications:

Meat Statistics, Australia (7205.0)

Meat Statistics, Australia (7206.0)

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary - figure or series subject to revision
- n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
- ... not applicable

Where figures have been rounded discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

								Australia (a)	
								No.	% change 1978-79 on 1977-78
		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.		
Cattle -									
Bulls, bullocks and steers	June 1979p	77.1	52.9	130.3	15.3	34.1	9.0	n.p.	
Cows and heifers	June 1979p	79.9	49.8	122.4	14.6	21.0	7.3	n.p.	
Total Cattle	June 1979p	157.0	102.0	252.7	29.9	55.2	16.3	635.6	
12 mths ended June - 1978		3,288.4	2,704.9	2,587.7	644.0	777.5	293.8	10,455.6	
12 mths ended June - 1979p		2,924.1	1,966.1	2,054.5	585.9	707.0	229.2	9,537.3	-8.8
Calves									
June 1979p		22.2	63.1	27.0	4.6	2.5	1.4	121.0	
12 mths ended June - 1978		552.7	1,151.1	560.3	100.4	66.9	68.7	2,512.2	
12 mths ended June - 1979p		375.8	877.0	367.3	90.7	44.2	55.1	1,818.0	-27.6
Sheep -									
June 1979p		243.8	184.3	89.6	109.2	121.0	28.5	778.6	
12 mths ended June - 1978		3,972.2	4,247.3	829.4	1,734.8	2,597.6	386.8	13,771.6	
12 mths ended June - 1979p		3,508.3	3,850.8	898.8	1,071.3	2,373.9	347.3	12,056.2	-12.5
Lambs -									
June 1979p		388.8	331.8	42.5	72.5	37.8	32.9	916.8	
12 mths ended June - 1978		5,157.2	5,731.1	650.2	1,505.0	1,485.1	650.1	15,333.6	
12 mths ended June - 1979p		5,248.7	5,222.0	567.2	1,508.5	1,376.8	501.9	14,588.8	-4.9
Pigs -									
June 1979p		81.1	76.9	57.4	34.6	26.9	7.6	286.6	
12 mths ended June - 1978		1,105.2	1,016.9	747.0	376.3	321.4	92.5	3,693.3	
12 mths ended June - 1979p		1,055.6	948.6	724.3	404.2	320.8	90.8	3,571.5	-3.3

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 2. MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)		
							Original	Seasonally adjusted	% change 1978-79 on 1977-78
Beef -									
June 1979p	30,882	20,378	55,595	6,003	10,688	3,343	130,845	123,800	
12 mths ended June - 1978	629,458	532,112	566,036	119,983	144,413	59,779	2,081,806	..	
12 mths ended June - 1979p	579,349	396,409	648,427	115,287	134,817	47,535	1,953,107	..	-6.2
Veal -									
June 1979	1,118	1,476	1,183	178	134	40	4,148	4,000	
12 mths ended June - 1978	25,196	37,454	28,547	5,029	3,735	1,556	102,034	..	
12 mths ended June - 1979p	17,942	24,267	18,241	4,265	2,499	1,199	68,751	..	-32.6
Mutton -									
June 1979p	4,656	3,816	1,665	2,011	2,153	553	14,895	19,300	
12 mths ended June - 1978	76,191	84,306	15,122	32,913	45,154	7,035	260,780	..	
12 mths ended June - 1979p	68,704	80,899	17,130	22,278	42,795	6,798	238,715	..	-8.5
Lamb -									
June 1979p	6,756	5,700	716	1,202	550	522	15,622	17,700	
12 mths ended June - 1978	87,980	97,450	10,793	23,884	20,330	9,849	252,840	..	
12 mths ended June - 1979p	90,347	92,187	9,495	25,759	19,746	7,857	248,136	..	-1.9
Pigmeat -									
June 1979p	4,264	4,370	3,606	2,123	1,472	424	16,358	16,300	
12 mths ended June - 1978	55,326	55,523	42,409	21,333	18,170	4,785	199,080	..	
12 mths ended June - 1979p	54,170	52,888	42,973	24,217	17,634	4,853	197,998	..	-0.5
Total Meat -									
June 1979p	47,676	35,740	62,765	11,517	14,997	4,882	181,868	181,100	
12 mths ended June - 1978	874,151	806,845	662,907	203,142	231,802	83,004	2,896,540	..	
12 mths ended June - 1979p	810,512	646,650	736,266	191,806	217,491	68,242	2,706,707	..	-6.6

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

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

	Fresh, chilled or frozen										
	Beef (b)		Veal (b)		Mutton (b)		Lamb (b)		Pork	Bacon and ham (c)	Canned meat (d)
	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out			
May 1978	6,304	55,828	321	656	5,891	6,629	5,620	617	148	39	1,949
May 1979p	(e)6,296	75,375	334	614	6,632	5,591	1,734	437	227	37	2,409
11 mths ended -											
May 1978	33,309	661,538	4,913	9,033	67,656	58,147	46,409	3,034	1,202	497	22,249
May 1979p	(e)65,259	680,214	4,044	9,788	37,128	57,437	34,228	4,830	1,701	513	23,311

(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. (e) Includes buffalo meat.

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

Stocks at	Beef and veal (b)	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Total
27 May 1978	112,937	16,877	4,715	4,185	138,714
26 May 1979p	77,527	10,880	9,022	3,498	100,927

(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. (b) Includes buffalo meat.