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This publication contains preliminary information on wool production and sheep and lamb statistics for the year 1965-66 together with comparative information for earlier years. Greater detail on wool production for 1965-66 will be included in the statistical bulletin : Wool Production and Utilization, No. 14, 1965-66. It is expected that this bulletin will be available by the end of 1966.

TABLE 1. - SHEEP AND LAMBS SHORN, WOOL PRODUCTION (a), AND AVERAGE FLEECE WEIGHTS : AUSTRALIA

Year Ended 30th June -	Sheep and Lambs Shorn	Average Weight of Fleece (b)	Shorn Wool (including crutchings)	Dead and Fellingmongered Wool	Wool Exported on Skins	Total Wool Production
	'000	lb.	mill. lb.	mill. lb.	mill. lb.	mill. lb.
1962	169,775	9.11	1,546.3	36.2	116.1	1,698.6
1963	170,406	8.90	1,515.9	32.8	123.8	1,672.5
1964	176,053	9.27	1,632.0	28.7	124.0	1,784.7
1965	182,346	8.94	1,629.4	26.9	127.7	1,784.0
1966 (c)	174,053	8.56	1,490.5	24.1	123.4	1,638.0
- per cent -						
Percentage Change - 1966 on 1965	- 4.5	- 4.3	- 8.5	-10.4	- 3.4	- 8.2

(a) Greasy basis. (b) For sheep and lambs combined. (c) Preliminary estimates.

TABLE 2. - TOTAL WOOL PRODUCTION (mill. lb.)

Year Ended 30th June -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1961	664.3	322.0	235.6	177.4	191.3	31.9	0.1	2.5	1,625.1
1962	701.2	330.7	230.3	207.0	192.2	34.5	0.1	2.6	1,698.6
1963	693.7	316.7	233.6	207.3	184.1	34.6	0.1	2.4	1,672.5
1964	731.3	334.3	255.4	210.5	216.6	34.0	0.1	2.5	1,784.7
1965	706.1	361.5	251.4	215.7	207.0	39.7	0.1	2.5	1,784.0

TABLE 3. - ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT IN NUMBERS OF SHEEP AND LAMBS : AUSTRALIA

Year Ended 31st March -	Number at Beginning of Season	Lambs Marked	Net Exports	Sheep and Lambs Slaughtered (a)	Estimated Deaths on Farms (b)	Number at Close of Season
- '000 -						
1962	152,679	45,596	181	33,317	7,065	157,712
1963	157,712	45,146	247	33,944	10,041	158,626
1964	158,626	47,818	312	33,240	7,911	164,981
1965	164,981	47,608	307	33,549	8,111	170,622
1966 (c)	170,622	40,140	273	33,151	20,511	156,827
- per cent -						
Percentage Change - 1966 on 1965	+ 3.4	-15.7	-11.1	- 1.2	+152.9	- 8.1

(a) Includes an estimate for numbers boiled down. (b) Balance figure; excludes lambs which died before marking. (c) Preliminary estimates.

K.M. ARCHER
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