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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE MEAT INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA - MAY, 1961

The statistics on slaughterings and meat production included in this Bulletin 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. They relate only to slaughterings for human consumption and do not include animals condemned or those killed for boiling down. Until results of the census of all slaughtering establishments (conducted annually) are known, monthly details are subject to amendment.

The total carcass weight of meat produced in Australia during May, 1961, was 122,700 tons. This was 22,100 tons (22.0 per cent.) above production in the previous month and 2,600 tons (2.1 per cent.) higher than production in May, 1960. Total meat production for the eleven months ended May, 1961, was 1,178,100 tons or approximately 127,900 tons (9.8 per cent.) less than that produced in the same period of the previous year. In this eleven month period the production of beef and veal fell by 122,000 (17.9 per cent.), mutton and lamb fell by 11,700 tons (2.2 per cent.), and pigmeat rose by 5,800 tons (6.3 per cent.) compared with the previous year.

Further details of slaughterings and meat production are given in the following tables together with information on exports of fresh and processed meats, stocks of frozen meats, bacon and ham production and canned meat production.

TABLE 1. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED : AUSTRALIA ('000)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Cattle and Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Year : 1956-57	3,393.2	1,559.2	4,952.4	11,128.2	9,118.5	20,246.7	1,730.0
1957-58	3,565.8	1,773.0	5,338.8	14,354.7	10,354.4	24,709.1	2,066.3
1958-59	4,191.1	1,681.2	5,872.3	15,756.5	11,795.4	27,551.9	2,077.0
1959-60	3,435.8	1,527.3	4,963.1	19,523.8	13,644.7	33,168.5	2,032.6
1959-60 : April	288.2	100.5	388.7	1,521.1	1,029.2	2,550.3	170.5
May	333.6	99.0	432.6	1,486.9	899.8	2,386.7	170.8
June	328.1	121.3	449.4	1,487.7	946.4	2,434.1	172.8
1960-61(a) : July	283.5	159.2	442.7	1,344.3	885.2	2,229.5	165.3
August	234.7	203.0	437.7	1,320.8	977.2	2,298.0	170.6
September	220.6	188.1	408.7	1,498.3	1,306.7	2,805.0	189.6
October	193.0	134.1	327.1	1,497.1	1,648.4	3,145.5	187.4
November	194.7	107.1	301.8	1,756.5	1,526.1	3,282.6	186.2
December	189.0	85.9	274.9	1,717.0	1,221.1	2,938.1	210.3
January	202.5	84.0	286.5	1,593.9	1,023.6	2,617.5	165.5
February	223.1	72.6	295.7	1,706.8	954.7	2,661.5	172.7
March	253.9	80.8	334.7	1,820.9	1,010.9	2,831.8	196.0
April	239.9	85.0	324.9	1,497.0	871.7	2,368.7	176.2
May	328.7	94.3	423.0	1,616.1	930.3	2,546.4	195.3

(a) Subject to revision.

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION OF MEAT (a) : AUSTRALIA (Tons - Carcass Weight)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Total Meat
Year : 1956-57	765,642	48,944	223,910	142,876	88,699	1,270,071
1957-58	733,084	58,372	269,780	151,696	101,615	1,314,547
1958-59	849,264	57,119	310,381	181,945	101,886	1,500,595
1959-60	707,606	44,315	370,434	202,876	100,573	1,425,804
1959-60 : April	58,166	3,317	28,260	15,444	8,439	113,626
May	67,731	3,136	27,421	13,344	8,502	120,134
June	66,993	3,556	27,051	13,795	8,385	119,780
1960-61(b) : July	60,102	4,166	25,144	12,950	8,131	110,493
August	49,041	4,771	25,044	14,281	8,255	101,392
September	46,360	4,460	28,359	19,807	9,104	108,090
October	39,956	3,333	29,095	25,960	9,151	107,495
November	40,240	2,976	34,455	23,925	9,116	110,712
December	38,663	2,506	34,069	18,901	9,667	103,806
January	41,359	2,670	31,327	15,745	8,211	99,312
February	43,896	2,352	32,289	14,615	8,476	101,628
March	50,434	2,674	33,884	15,381	9,574	111,947
April	47,778	2,759	28,110	13,225	8,728	100,600
May	65,889	2,982	30,185	14,055	9,576	122,687

(a) Excluding Offal. (b) Subject to revision.

TABLE 3. - CATTLE SLAUGHTERED AND BEEF AND VEAL PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -		Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)
<u>CATTLE Slaughtered ('000)</u>					<u>BEEF Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	86.0	77.1	891.8	696.7	16,698	14,679	182,582	138,543
Victoria	65.8	60.1	728.2	552.3	11,743	11,414	138,549	107,417
Queensland	137.2	152.3	1,031.0	929.8	29,866	31,454	225,862	196,732
South Australia	10.9	9.0	140.2	111.9	2,182	1,868	27,906	23,499
Western Australia	20.9	19.1	191.8	164.5	4,528	4,220	39,269	35,003
Tasmania	10.1	8.4	94.6	78.0	2,120	1,694	20,275	16,314
<u>AUSTRALIA:(c)</u>	333.6	328.7	3,107.7	2,563.6	67,731	65,889	640,613	523,718
<u>CALVES Slaughtered ('000)</u>					<u>VEAL Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	37.5	33.7	482.8	458.2	1,535	1,249	17,064	14,645
Victoria	27.4	25.3	460.2	381.6	613	597	10,532	8,470
Queensland	24.7	27.8	316.8	340.7	682	885	8,221	8,910
South Australia	6.0	4.8	82.0	61.4	191	158	3,076	2,183
Western Australia	1.9	1.2	24.3	16.6	73	51	974	685
Tasmania	1.4	1.4	38.6	34.5	38	40	841	726
<u>AUSTRALIA:(c)</u>	99.0	94.3	1,406.0	1,294.1	3,126	2,982	40,759	35,636
<u>CATTLE AND CALVES Slaughtered ('000)</u>					<u>BEEF AND VEAL Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	123.5	110.8	1,374.6	1,154.9	18,233	15,928	199,646	153,188
Victoria	93.2	85.4	1,188.4	933.9	12,356	12,011	149,081	115,887
Queensland	161.9	180.1	1,347.8	1,270.5	30,548	32,339	234,083	205,642
South Australia	16.9	13.8	222.2	173.3	2,373	2,026	30,982	25,682
Western Australia	22.8	20.3	216.1	181.1	4,601	4,271	40,243	35,688
Tasmania	11.5	9.8	133.2	112.5	2,158	1,734	21,116	17,040
<u>AUSTRALIA:(c)</u>	432.6	423.0	4,513.7	3,857.7	70,867	68,871	681,372	559,354

(a) Carcass weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 4. - SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTERED AND MUTTON AND LAMB PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -		Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)
<u>SHEEP Slaughtered ('000)</u>					<u>MUTTON Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	550.6	640.2	4,970.7	5,837.2	9,485	11,201	92,944	104,785
Victoria	460.3	489.0	7,217.2	5,969.1	9,285	9,919	143,031	122,773
Queensland	178.2	204.1	1,561.1	2,094.0	2,974	3,389	27,567	35,296
South Australia	139.0	120.8	2,100.9	1,399.4	2,707	2,519	39,420	28,998
Western Australia	115.3	113.8	1,680.0	1,585.1	2,111	2,205	30,297	30,441
Tasmania	39.9	44.0	467.4	441.1	788	872	9,346	8,867
<u>AUSTRALIA:(c)</u>	1,486.9	1,616.1	18,036.2	17,368.7	27,421	30,185	343,383	331,961
<u>LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)</u>					<u>LAMB Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	432.6	436.9	4,791.9	4,741.8	6,562	6,716	75,870	73,290
Victoria	282.1	312.9	4,571.1	4,668.1	4,175	4,650	67,764	71,266
Queensland	29.5	33.4	293.5	341.8	405	461	4,220	4,709
South Australia	69.8	61.6	1,602.6	1,107.9	913	913	19,853	16,917
Western Australia	42.5	45.7	791.8	896.3	574	644	10,947	12,865
Tasmania	40.5	36.7	616.8	566.5	669	622	9,942	9,271
<u>AUSTRALIA:(c)</u>	899.8	930.3	12,698.4	12,355.9	13,344	14,055	189,081	188,845

(a) Carcass weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 4. - SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTERED AND MUTTON AND LAMB PRODUCED (a) (Cont'd.)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -		Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)
	<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)</u>				<u>MUTTON AND LAMB Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	983.2	1,077.1	9,762.6	10,579.0	16,047	17,917	168,814	178,075
Victoria	742.4	801.9	11,788.3	10,637.2	13,460	14,569	210,795	194,039
Queensland	207.7	237.5	1,854.6	2,435.8	3,379	3,850	31,787	40,005
South Australia	208.8	182.4	3,703.5	2,507.3	3,620	3,432	59,273	45,915
Western Australia	157.8	159.5	2,471.8	2,481.4	2,685	2,849	41,244	43,306
Tasmania	80.4	80.7	1,084.2	1,007.6	1,457	1,494	19,288	18,138
<u>AUSTRALIA:</u> (c)	2,386.7	2,546.4	30,734.6	29,724.6	40,765	44,240	532,464	520,806

(a) Carcass weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 5. - PIGS SLAUGHTERED AND PIGMEAT PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -		Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)	May, 1960	May, 1961(b)
	<u>PIGS Slaughtered ('000)</u>				<u>PIGMEAT Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	51.6	55.6	528.8	585.4	2,350	2,491	23,774	25,918
Victoria	38.7	48.1	422.0	469.5	1,947	2,399	21,567	23,802
Queensland	42.4	47.9	486.0	502.1	2,188	2,432	24,967	24,564
South Australia	14.4	16.0	157.1	166.4	800	864	8,388	8,757
Western Australia	14.4	18.5	156.0	177.6	794	997	8,362	9,666
Tasmania	8.7	8.4	103.5	106.8	399	356	4,866	4,946
<u>AUSTRALIA:</u> (c)	170.8	195.3	1,859.8	2,015.1	8,502	9,576	92,188	97,989

(a) Carcass weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 6. - TOTAL ALL MEAT (a) (Tons)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1960	May, 1961 (b)	May, 1960	May, 1961 (b)
New South Wales	36,630	36,336	392,234	357,181
Victoria	27,763	28,979	381,443	333,728
Queensland	36,115	38,621	290,837	270,211
South Australia	6,793	6,322	98,643	80,354
Western Australia	8,080	8,117	89,849	88,660
Tasmania	4,014	3,584	45,270	40,124
<u>AUSTRALIA:</u> (c)	120,134	122,687	1,306,024	1,178,149

(a) Carcass weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 7. - PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM AND CANNED MEAT : AUSTRALIA (Tons)

Period	Bacon and Ham (a)	Canned Meat (b)	Period	Bacon and Ham (a)	Canned Meat (b)	
Year : 1956-57	35,330	67,201	1960-61 (c) :	August	2,855	3,320
1957-58	36,667	79,764		September	3,181	3,329
1958-59	38,671	73,950		October	3,111	2,966
1959-60	36,527	(c) 65,740		November	3,967	3,997
				December	4,637	4,656
				January	2,272	3,811
1959-60 : April	2,782	(c) 6,247	February	2,535	3,802	
May	2,851	(c) 4,713	March	2,725	4,040	
June	2,896	(c) 5,817	April	2,866	3,483	
1960-61 (c) : July	2,665	4,357	May	3,221	5,964	

(a) Cured weight of smoked, cooked and canned Bacon and Ham.

(b) Canned weight. Includes canned Bacon and Ham, excludes canned Baby Foods.

(c) Subject to revision.

TABLE 8. - PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM AND CANNED MEAT (a) : STATES (Tons)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -		Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1960	May, 1961	May, 1960	May, 1961	May, 1960	May, 1961	May, 1960	May, 1961
	BACON AND HAM Produced (b) (Tons - Cured Weight)				CANNED MEAT Produced (c) (Tons - Canned Weight)			
New South Wales	795	931	10,116	10,421	388	916	5,225	6,506
Victoria	690	802	7,851	8,409	2,499	2,541	35,144	23,702
Queensland	812	888	9,105	8,657	1,744	2,387	17,468	12,352
South Australia	218	260	2,868	2,862	82	120	2,086	1,165
Western Australia	270	279	2,858	2,843				
Tasmania	66	61	833	843	-	-	-	-
AUSTRALIA:	2,851	3,221	33,631	34,035	4,713	5,964	59,923	43,725

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Smoked, cooked and canned. (c) Includes canned Bacon and Ham, excludes canned Baby Foods.

TABLE 9. - OVERSEA EXPORTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEATS : AUSTRALIA (Tons)

Period	Fresh and Frozen					Bacon and Ham (a)	Canned Meat (b)
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork		
Year : 1956-57	147,882	1,514	10,273	23,778	642	334	50,086
1957-58	123,485	2,410	18,870	28,729	960	258	58,854
1958-59	222,945	4,877	33,326	40,711	835	205	56,719
1959-60	185,156	3,048	32,037	26,460	353	154	48,073
1959-60 : April	9,789	78	2,856	1,217	32	5	2,043
May	13,698	118	2,151	1,067	26	7	3,455
June	20,328	114	2,697	676	44	7	4,079
1960-61(c) : July	20,454	175	2,251	891	37	22	2,235
August	15,020	158	1,781	511	47	8	2,696
September	14,564	290	987	1,246	31	11	2,374
October	7,436	315	2,327	6,042	38	20	2,554
November	6,103	153	2,271	4,521	11	33	1,726
December	6,634	92	4,200	7,616	32	11	2,711
January	6,118	98	4,570	4,107	51	58	2,367
February	9,029	209	3,738	1,535	31	10	3,407
March	11,711	142	4,106	1,102	40	12	2,532
April	7,24	85	4,442	545	35	20	1,320
May	11,568	130	2,649	481	36	18	2,322

(a) Cured weight. (b) Canned weight. (c) Subject to revision.

TABLE 10. - STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT (Tons)
(As recorded by Australian Meat Board)

State	Beef and Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Offal	Total
STOCKS HELD ON 28TH MAY, 1960						
New South Wales	2,709	946	262	478	647	5,042
Victoria	4,453	4,783	1,372	799	988	12,395
Queensland	14,666	448	14	127	1,273	16,528
South Australia	391	1,128	305	104	417	2,345
Western Australia	1,922	266	56	185	165	2,584
Tasmania	290	380	35	158	46	909
AUSTRALIA:	24,421	7,951	2,044	1,851	3,536	39,803
STOCKS HELD ON 3RD JUNE, 1961						
New South Wales	3,388	1,302	200	517	747	6,154
Victoria	2,691	2,743	1,805	1,101	854	9,194
Queensland	16,186	762	13	130	1,600	18,691
South Australia	85	167	134	91	52	529
Western Australia	1,693	655	229	385	177	3,139
Tasmania	190	419	16	330	46	1,001
AUSTRALIA:	24,233	6,048	2,397	2,554	3,476	38,708

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