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STATISTICAL BULLETIN - MEAT PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION, AUSTRALIA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 1958

This Bulletin contains preliminary details of meat production and utilization in Australia during the year ended December, 1958.

PRODUCTION

Total production of meat (excluding offal which is not included with the carcasses) in Australia during the year ended December, 1958, is estimated at 1,394,103 tons (bone-in weight). This is the highest production ever recorded, and is 103,900 tons (8.0 per cent.) greater than in 1957.

Beef and veal production in 1958, at 846,900 tons, was a record. This is 41,700 tons (5.6 per cent.) greater than production in 1957. Production of both mutton and lamb was greater than in the previous year, by 29,400 tons (12.0 per cent.) and 19,500 tons (12.9 per cent.) respectively. Pigmeat production at 102,100 tons, increased by 10,300 tons (11.2 per cent.) from production in the previous year.

Compared with the previous year, production rose in all States. In Victoria production increased by 33,700 tons (9.8 per cent.), in New South Wales by 30,000 tons (7.7 per cent.), in Queensland by 37,000 tons (5.0 per cent.), in Western Australia by 10,900 tons (14.0 per cent.), in South Australia by 8,200 tons (8.6 per cent.) and in Tasmania by 3,600 tons or 10.3 per cent.

The following table shows details of meat production in 1958 in comparison with that for each year 1954 to 1957.

TABLE 1. PRODUCTION OF MEAT (excluding offal), AUSTRALIA AND STATES

Particulars	Tons (bone-in weight)				
	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)
Beef and Veal	725,254	748,819	746,429	802,203	846,900
Mutton	240,348	243,813	218,411	245,733	275,144
Lamb	127,966	146,129	131,687	150,507	169,087
Pigmeats -					
Fork (b)	39,720	45,650	41,312	43,934	49,819
Bacon and Ham (c)	38,175	38,208	36,460	35,207	38,441
Total as Fork	91,626	97,613	90,875	91,818	102,094
Total Meat (in terms of fresh)	1,205,194	1,236,494	1,187,202	1,290,261	1,394,123
New South Wales	373,151	387,437	363,768	390,371	420,305
Victoria	321,215	315,693	291,093	342,272	375,952
Queensland	314,524	335,414	323,604	340,825	357,854
South Australia	90,675	89,098	89,477	94,945	103,148
Western Australia	72,513	77,092	78,184	77,922	85,855
Tasmania	26,706	30,184	32,424	35,141	38,762
Australia (d)	1,205,194	1,236,494	1,187,202	1,290,261	1,394,123

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes pigmeats for smallgoods and boner carcasses, sides, etc. exported; also includes an allowance for trimmings from boner carcasses.

(c) Cured Weight. Includes pressed and canned bacon and has converted to bone-in weight.

(d) Includes estimates for production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

The detailed tables which follow show production of each class of meat by States: (i) during the years 1954 to 1958; (ii) by months during 1957 and 1958.

TABLE 2. PRODUCTION OF MEAT (excluding OFFAL) - STATES

Tons (Bone-in Weight)

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia (a)
BEEF AND VEAL							
1954	277,849	127,252	273,778	33,096	36,885	12,078	725,254
1955	224,779	139,139	291,953	35,765	36,611	14,704	748,999
1956	218,354	147,328	278,879	39,344	38,645	16,746	745,429
1957 (b)	235,649	164,877	297,157	40,452	37,815	18,988	802,203
1958 (b)	249,234	176,273	309,939	40,145	43,247	20,505	866,998
MUTTON							
1954	75,594	91,342	16,785	29,591	20,048	6,132	240,348
1955	74,059	93,450	19,320	27,878	22,838	5,520	243,853
1956	69,815	72,495	21,942	26,695	22,945	5,513	218,411
1957 (b)	73,244	93,872	20,874	29,500	22,034	5,539	245,733
1958 (b)	78,807	107,366	22,051	33,730	25,957	6,259	275,144
LAMB							
1954	49,129	63,181	1,369	20,868	7,495	5,533	147,966
1955	49,788	61,412	1,718	17,215	9,237	6,381	146,129
1956	48,439	49,404	1,839	15,817	9,006	6,638	131,487
1957 (b)	51,123	61,863	2,391	17,294	10,261	7,242	150,507
1958 (b)	59,226	67,458	2,965	20,688	11,038	8,270	169,987
POULTRY (c)							
1954	14,607	9,018	8,039	2,826	3,411	1,584	39,720
1955	16,477	10,812	8,603	3,516	3,885	2,155	45,650
1956	14,669	10,749	7,266	2,977	3,283	2,171	41,312
1957 (b)	15,900	11,751	6,918	3,070	3,839	2,199	43,934
1958 (b)	17,007	12,924	8,256	4,124	4,639	2,573	49,819
BACON AND HAM (CURED WEIGHT) (d)							
1954	11,744	7,679	11,144	3,164	3,436	1,007	38,175
1955	12,055	8,001	10,162	3,621	3,324	1,045	38,208
1956	10,626	8,173	10,057	3,423	3,166	995	36,460
1957 (b)	10,598	7,506	9,915	3,404	2,922	862	35,207
1958 (b)	11,846	8,772	10,787	3,281	2,922	853	38,441
TOTAL MEAT (IN TERMS OF POUNDS)							
1954	373,151	321,215	314,524	90,875	72,513	26,706	1,205,144
1955	381,437	315,693	335,414	89,098	77,092	30,184	1,236,494
1956	363,768	291,093	323,604	89,477	78,184	32,424	1,187,202
1957 (b)	390,771	340,272	340,825	94,945	77,922	35,141	1,290,261
1958 (b)	420,985	375,952	397,854	103,148	88,855	38,762	1,374,123

(a) Includes estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Includes pigmeats for smallpods and bonemer carcasses, sides, etc. exported; also includes an allowance for trimmings from bonemer carcasses.

(d) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

TABLE 3. MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF MEAT (excluding OFFAL), AUSTRALIA

Tons (Bone-in Weight)

Month	Beef and Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork (a)	Bacon and Ham (Cured Weight) (b)	Total Meat (In Tons of Carcass)
1957 (a) -						
January	55,181	19,987	12,198	2,906	2,326	93,615
February	59,350	19,960	10,210	3,296	2,397	96,056
March	69,026	19,939	10,574	3,990	2,569	106,568
April	64,027	18,519	9,978	3,209	2,949	99,344
May	84,522	20,658	12,022	3,664	2,932	124,854
June	82,513	18,935	10,269	3,077	2,698	118,662
July	82,605	17,550	9,029	3,520	2,950	116,777
August	74,125	16,734	8,997	3,598	2,740	107,167
September	64,577	19,233	11,761	3,462	2,798	102,819
October	64,477	24,351	16,990	4,034	3,134	116,055
November	52,141	24,535	20,029	4,034	3,493	105,491
December	49,739	25,372	16,345	5,144	4,201	100,913
TOTAL YEAR:	802,203	245,733	150,507	43,934	35,207	1,290,261
1958 (a) -						
January	53,827	25,852	12,049	3,869	2,516	99,019
February	50,274	25,657	10,497	3,818	2,532	93,690
March	57,791	22,370	10,425	4,779	2,897	98,650
April	62,541	20,728	10,201	3,992	3,107	101,668
May	80,077	20,911	10,493	4,510	3,063	120,164
June	85,250	17,948	10,619	4,027	2,989	121,909
July	86,551	21,098	12,519	4,005	3,198	128,621
August	74,777	19,630	11,288	3,969	2,966	113,698
September	74,828	21,193	13,497	4,021	3,307	118,051
October	78,110	26,188	22,496	4,770	3,505	135,730
November	72,476	25,217	25,163	4,009	3,617	131,783
December	70,296	29,372	20,780	5,242	4,744	131,140
TOTAL YEAR:	846,998	275,144	169,987	49,819	38,441	1,394,123

(a) Includes pigments for smallgoods and baconer carcasses, sides, etc. exported; also includes an allowance for trimmings from baconer carcasses.

(b) Includes processed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

(c) Subject to revision.

UTILIZATION

Estimated total consumption of fresh and frozen meat in 1957-58 was slightly higher (3,400 tons) than in 1956-57, but when calculated on a per head of population basis the consumption in 1957-58 (208.6 lb. per head) shows a fall of 3.8 lb. per head in comparison with 1956-57.

Exports (including ships' stores) of fresh and frozen meat although 4,100 tons lower in 1957-58 than in 1956-57 were still at a high level and only 9,500 tons below the record post-war year 1955-56.

During the six months ended December 1958 apparent consumption of all classes of fresh and frozen meat was higher than during the six months ended December, 1957. Exports of fresh and frozen meat during the six months ended December, 1958 showed a marked increase from 109,600 tons in the corresponding period of 1957 to 165,100 tons.

The tables following show (i) the utilisation of available meat supplies and (ii) the apparent consumption per head of population of the various classes of meat consumed for each of the years, 1955-56 to 1957-58 and the six month periods ending December 1957 and 1958.

Further particulars relating to meat consumption in Australia will be found in the Statistical Bulletin "Food Production and the Consumption of Foodstuffs and Dietetics in Australia" published by this Bureau.

TABLE A. PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION OF CARCASS MEAT, AUSTRALIA

(Tons in weight)

Period	Pro- duction	Net Change in Stocks	Reports as fresh and frozen Meat (a)	Feed for -		Apparent con- sumption as fresh and frozen meat	
				Canning	Curing	Total	Per head
				'000 Tons	'000 Tons	'000 Tons	'000 Tons
1955-56	1,225.1	(-) 9.2	216.2	118.1	51.0	849.0	204.1
1956-57	1,270.1	(+) 7.4	211.8	98.8	48.0	904.1	212.4
1957-58 (b)	1,286.3	(+) 5.5	207.7	116.1	49.5	907.5	208.6
6 months ended December -							
1957(b)	651.2	(-) 1.0	109.6	62.8	26.3	453.5	104.8
1958(b)	759.0	(+) 10.8	165.0	56.2	29.1	497.9	112.7

(a) Includes ships' stores.

(b) Subject to revision.

TABLE 5. APPARENT CONSUMPTION OF MEAT PER HEAD, AUSTRALIA

(lb.)

Commodity	Apparent consumption PER ANNUM			Apparent consumption for 6 months ended December -	
	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1957 (a)	1958 (a)
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Beef and Veal (b)	119.1	129.3	121.1	60.6	63.6
Mutton (b)	49.1	46.8	49.6	24.9	27.4
Lamb (b)	26.2	27.7	29.0	14.3	16.1
Pork (b)	9.7	8.6	9.9	5.0	5.6
Total (b)	204.1	212.4	209.6	104.8	112.7
Offal	10.2	10.4	11.5	(c)	(c)
Canned Meat (d)	3.4	3.3	4.3	(c)	(c)
Bacon and Ham (e)	7.5	7.7	6.9	(c)	(c)
Total in terms of Carcass Weight (f)	231.6	237.4	236.7	(c)	(c)

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Carcass Weight.

(c) Not available.

(d) Canned Weight.

(e) Cured Weight.

(f) Includes Offal.

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