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The statistics on slaughtering 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 slaughtering 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.

In March, 1962, slaughtering of all classes of livestock were higher than in the previous month and with the exception of sheep were at a higher level than in the same month of the previous year.

The total carcass weight of meat produced in Australia during March, 1962 was 127,700 tons, an increase of 10,600 tons (9.0 per cent.) on the previous month, and of 14,900 tons (13.2 per cent.) on March, 1961.

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

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

Period	Cattle	Calves	CATTLE & CALVES	Sheep	Lambs	SHEEP & LAMBS	Pigs
Year : 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	3,435.1	1,526.8	4,961.9	19,526.1	13,647.2	33,173.3	2,032.7
1960-61 (a)	2,948.2	1,405.9	4,354.1	18,886.5	13,323.9	32,210.4	2,209.3
1960-61(a):February	223.0	72.5	295.5	1,706.8	954.7	2,661.5	172.6
March	257.9	81.6	339.5	1,821.4	1,011.1	2,832.5	198.4
April	244.1	85.6	329.7	1,497.2	871.8	2,369.0	176.9
May	334.8	95.5	430.3	1,619.7	930.5	2,550.2	196.0
June	370.4	111.4	481.8	1,500.3	967.4	2,467.7	188.5
1961-62(a):July	317.9	145.0	462.9	1,404.5	985.7	2,390.2	185.7
August	299.7	218.4	518.1	1,448.9	1,119.9	2,568.8	194.3
September	274.3	195.6	469.9	1,569.5	1,305.5	2,875.0	206.4
October	255.9	141.4	397.3	1,813.6	1,568.3	3,381.9	212.2
November	272.4	118.6	391.0	1,853.0	1,437.7	3,290.7	226.3
December	248.6	93.1	341.7	1,670.7	1,188.1	2,858.8	223.4
January	271.2	93.9	365.1	1,663.6	1,117.3	2,780.9	190.2
February	275.0	76.2	351.2	1,676.8	1,031.1	2,707.9	198.8
March	306.9	90.8	397.7	1,773.4	1,082.1	2,855.5	220.6

(a) Subject to revision.

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

Period	Beef	Veal	BEEF & VEAL	Mutton	Lamb	MUTTON & LAMB	Pigmeat	TOTAL MEAT
Year : 1957-58	733,084	58,372	791,456	269,780	151,696	421,476	101,615	1,374,547
1958-59	849,264	57,119	906,383	310,381	181,945	492,326	101,886	1,500,595
1959-60	707,482	44,298	751,780	370,427	202,906	573,333	100,594	1,425,707
1960-61 (b)	602,835	39,120	641,955	360,513	203,636	564,149	107,476	1,313,560
1960-61(b):February	43,896	2,346	46,242	32,289	14,615	46,904	8,476	101,622
March	51,195	2,702	53,897	33,892	15,384	49,276	9,675	112,848
April	48,567	2,788	51,355	28,116	13,225	41,341	8,847	101,543
May	66,970	3,025	69,995	30,230	14,056	44,286	9,642	123,923
June	76,486	3,378	79,864	28,493	14,787	43,280	9,211	132,355
1961-62(b):July	67,077	3,860	70,937	26,909	14,938	41,847	9,057	121,841
August	62,687	5,363	68,050	27,872	16,951	44,823	9,415	122,288
September	57,713	4,821	62,534	30,633	19,845	50,478	10,010	123,022
October	53,868	3,890	57,758	35,322	24,068	59,390	10,100	127,248
November	56,306	3,400	59,706	36,184	21,910	58,094	10,830	128,630
December	52,139	2,824	54,963	32,893	18,079	50,972	9,993	115,928
January	56,481	3,176	59,657	32,735	17,335	50,070	9,098	118,525
February	56,853	2,559	59,412	32,323	15,954	48,277	9,463	117,552
March	63,266	3,229	66,495	34,160	16,678	50,838	10,390	124,723

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

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

State	Month of -		Nine Months Ended -		Month of -		Nine Months Ended -	
	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962
	CATTLE Slaughtered ('000)				BEEF Produced (b) (Tons)			
New South Wales	81.0	98.1	555.1	746.3	15,863	19,707	111,437	151,072
Victoria	62.1	78.6	440.4	596.2	11,701	15,542	85,895	120,416
Queensland	79.8	92.3	690.5	843.2	16,521	20,379	147,412	184,764
South Australia	10.1	11.0	92.2	97.0	2,079	2,217	19,444	20,367
Western Australia	13.0	15.5	134.0	152.5	2,609	3,097	28,451	32,241
Tasmania	9.2	8.8	61.6	61.6	1,874	1,803	13,047	12,935
AUSTRALIA: (c)	257.9	306.9	1,998.9	2,521.9	51,195	63,266	410,812	526,390
	CALVES Slaughtered ('000)				VEAL Produced (b) (Tons)			
New South Wales	33.4	37.4	393.4	400.5	1,265	1,559	12,276	13,175
Victoria	13.9	19.2	335.3	369.9	337	513	7,334	8,427
Queensland	26.6	26.4	286.9	305.0	819	852	7,215	8,273
South Australia	5.0	5.0	51.0	48.9	183	197	1,839	1,893
Western Australia	1.5	1.7	14.0	13.0	60	74	581	617
Tasmania	1.2	1.0	32.1	35.3	37	30	660	714
AUSTRALIA: (c)	81.6	90.8	1,113.4	1,173.0	2,702	3,229	29,929	33,122
	CATTLE AND CALVES Slaughtered ('000)				BEEF AND VEAL Produced (b) (Tons)			
New South Wales	114.4	135.5	948.5	1,146.8	17,128	21,266	123,713	164,247
Victoria	76.0	97.8	775.7	966.1	12,038	16,055	93,229	128,843
Queensland	106.4	118.7	977.4	1,148.2	17,340	21,231	154,627	193,037
South Australia	15.1	16.0	143.2	145.9	2,262	2,414	21,283	22,260
Western Australia	14.5	17.2	148.0	165.5	2,669	3,171	29,032	32,858
Tasmania	10.4	9.8	93.7	96.9	1,211	1,833	13,707	13,649
AUSTRALIA: (c)	339.5	397.7	3,112.3	3,694.9	53,897	66,495	440,741	559,512

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

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

State	Month of -		Nine Months Ended -		Month of -		Nine Months Ended -	
	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962
	SHEEP Slaughtered ('000)				MUTTON Produced (b) (Tons)			
New South Wales	636.6	535.7	4,663.0	4,505.6	11,140	9,767	83,923	82,435
Victoria	640.6	729.6	5,025.4	5,887.5	12,554	14,754	103,897	121,419
Queensland	198.1	155.1	1,714.9	1,680.3	3,357	2,728	28,742	29,037
South Australia	131.5	143.4	1,143.5	1,251.1	2,696	2,938	23,709	25,935
Western Australia	151.7	148.8	1,336.7	1,135.5	2,900	2,792	25,672	22,056
Tasmania	58.7	56.4	351.3	381.9	1,168	1,100	7,084	7,575
AUSTRALIA: (c)	1,821.4	1,773.4	14,269.3	14,874.0	33,892	34,160	273,674	289,031
	LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)				LAMB Produced (b) (Tons)			
New South Wales	460.8	495.7	3,917.0	4,113.0	7,164	7,937	60,519	65,474
Victoria	340.0	362.7	4,064.9	3,904.5	5,054	5,471	62,312	58,639
Queensland	35.2	25.1	275.1	262.5	532	352	3,793	3,716
South Australia	68.9	88.0	968.7	1,140.5	1,016	1,254	14,862	16,859
Western Australia	51.6	60.6	807.6	859.7	721	838	11,611	12,404
Tasmania	51.5	46.8	493.6	527.7	848	775	8,042	8,235
AUSTRALIA: (c)	1,011.1	1,082.1	10,554.2	10,835.7	15,384	16,678	161,568	165,758

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Carcass weight. (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 -		Nine Months Ended -		Month of -		Nine Months Ended -	
	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962
	SHEEP AND LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)				MUTTON AND LAMB Produced (b) (Tons)			
New South Wales	1,097.4	1,031.4	8,580.0	8,618.6	18,304	17,704	144,442	147,905
Victoria	980.6	1,092.3	9,090.3	9,792.0	17,608	20,225	166,209	180,058
Queensland	233.3	180.2	1,990.0	1,942.8	3,889	3,080	32,535	32,753
South Australia	200.4	231.4	2,112.2	2,391.6	3,712	4,192	38,571	42,794
Western Australia	203.3	209.4	2,144.3	1,995.2	3,621	3,630	37,283	34,460
Tasmania	110.2	103.2	844.9	909.6	2,016	1,875	15,126	15,810
AUSTRALIA: (c)	2,832.5	2,855.5	24,823.5	25,709.7	49,276	50,838	435,242	454,789

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

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

State	Month of -		Nine Months Ended -		Month of -		Nine Months Ended -	
	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962
	PIGS Slaughtered ('000)				PIGMEAT Produced (b) (Tons)			
New South Wales	58.4	66.8	487.4	544.2	2,653	2,942	21,494	23,670
Victoria	47.8	50.4	378.1	425.0	2,415	2,384	19,136	20,533
Queensland	47.9	51.4	404.4	440.0	2,355	2,538	19,658	21,785
South Australia	14.8	18.4	135.7	162.9	789	915	7,113	8,168
Western Australia	15.4	21.5	145.3	193.2	815	1,068	7,922	9,888
Tasmania	13.4	11.2	89.3	87.9	615	504	4,187	4,012
AUSTRALIA: (c)	198.4	220.6	1,645.9	1,860.0	9,675	10,390	79,776	88,356

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

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

State	Month of -		Nine Months Ended -	
	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962
New South Wales	38,085	41,912	289,649	335,826
Victoria	32,061	38,664	278,574	329,434
Queensland	23,584	26,849	206,820	247,575
South Australia	6,763	7,521	66,967	73,222
Western Australia	7,105	7,869	74,237	77,206
Tasmania	4,542	4,212	33,020	33,478
AUSTRALIA: (b)	112,848	127,723	955,759	1,102,657

(a) Carcass weight; subject to revision. (b) 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: 1957-58	36,667	79,764	1961-62 (c):	July	2,744	5,723
1958-59	38,671	73,950		August	3,086	5,513
1959-60	36,582	69,908		September	2,924	4,619
1960-61 (c)	36,895	49,716		October	3,189	4,243
				November	4,840	5,103
1960-61 (c): February	2,535	3,802	December	5,361	4,526	
March	2,725	4,040	January	2,607	3,381	
April	2,866	3,483	February	2,941	3,701	
May	3,281	5,949	March	3,441	4,213	
June	2,819	6,042				

(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 : STATES (a) (Tons)

State	Month of -		Nine Months Ended -		Month of -		Nine Months Ended -	
	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962	March, 1961	March, 1962
	BACON AND HAM Produced (b) (Tons - Cured Carcass Weight)				CANNED MEAT Produced (c) (Tons - Canned Weight)			
New South Wales	858	1,056	8,667	8,847	743	836	4,963	6,435
Victoria	680	746	6,906	6,939	2,274	2,418	19,515	21,085
Queensland	624	1,032	6,952	9,815	915	849	8,809	12,741
South Australia	265	251	2,366	2,412				
Western Australia	235	295	2,314	2,565	108	110	955	1,167
Tasmania	63	61	724	555
AUSTRALIA:	2,725	3,441	27,929	31,133	4,040	4,213	34,242	41,428

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

TABLE 9. - 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 : 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	183,850	3,048	32,037	26,460	353	154	47,344
1960-61 (c)	132,003	2,010	37,086	28,778	440	168	30,356
1960-61 (c) : February	8,858	213	3,700	1,551	31	10	4,287
March	11,621	141	4,089	1,072	41	12	2,553
April	6,937	85	4,468	534	36	4	1,726
May	11,384	130	2,649	479	35	14	2,306
June	16,902	165	3,793	434	52	9	2,588
1961-62 (c) : July	15,195	158	2,414	314	37	14	2,969
August	18,478	343	2,267	229	33	5	3,397
September	15,490	410	2,763	865	98	16	3,084
October	19,245	304	3,012	3,299	182	18	3,404
November	13,511	356	5,440	5,802	96	35	3,454
December	14,763	199	4,764	2,513	45	7	2,636
January	18,207	132	5,663	1,589	52	2	2,306
February	16,533	196	3,963	717	45	5	2,357
March	17,393	146	6,445	344	84	2	2,891

(a) Cured carcass 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 1ST APRIL, 1961						
New South Wales	2,596	1,220	182	276	594	4,868
Victoria	3,179	4,167	2,824	882	1,004	12,056
Queensland	5,366	471	14	66	793	6,710
South Australia	136	244	213	78	62	733
Western Australia	636	797	397	195	94	2,119
Tasmania	211	434	25	256	40	966
AUSTRALIA:	12,124	7,333	3,655	1,753	2,587	27,452
STOCKS HELD ON 31ST MARCH, 1962						
New South Wales	3,800	1,315	174	517	978	6,784
Victoria	5,752	5,771	1,491	492	1,522	15,028
Queensland	8,164	239	14	69	1,110	9,596
South Australia	192	544	113	58	114	1,021
Western Australia	1,547	1,036	190	410	211	3,394
Tasmania	314	545	7	251	65	1,182
AUSTRALIA:	19,769	9,450	1,989	1,797	4,000	37,005

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