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Information relating to other poultry slaughtered (other fowls, ducks and drakes, turkeys) has been restricted to an Australian series only but some State information for the current and previous months is available on request.

The statistics in this bulletin have been compiled from returns supplied by commercial chicken hatcheries (i.e. those making sales of day-old chicks) and by commercial poultry slaughtering establishments. Poultry farmers hatching chicks solely for replenishing their own flocks, producers in the Northern Territory and the many very small producers are excluded from the collection. However, the statistics represent a high level of coverage in respect of commercial hatcheries and slaughtering establishments.

New South Wales statistics include the activities of Australian Capital Territory producers. The Queensland statistics are based on data collected by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry

meat in Australia from 1972-73 to 1976-77 are contained in the September 1977 issue of this bulletin.

In Tables 1 and 2 following, details relate to all eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries whether for sale or replacement of own flocks. The numbers relate to actual settings and hatchings for each month. There is not necessarily a relationship between the number of eggs set and the number of chicks hatched in any one month.

Related Publications

Further details on poultry meat, including stocks and exports and monthly slaughterings, are published in *Meat Statistics* (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 used in this publication

p - preliminary, subject to revision.

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

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I. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF EGGS SET IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a)
(000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year -							
1974-75	81,751	34,773	23,773	20,448	(b)	(b)	181,300
1975-76	89,167	40,738	26,698	21,884	(b)	(b)	201,547
1976-77p	98,247	42,615	29,756	22,506	(b)	(b)	216,904
1976-77p -							
October	7,409	3,618	2,342	2,144	(b)	(b)	17,299
November	7,480	3,375	2,236	1,827	(b)	(b)	16,821
1977-78p -							
October	8,535	4,307	2,729	2,147	(b)	(b)	19,949
November	8,860	2,983	2,658	1,836	(b)	(b)	18,333
5 mths ended Nov. - 1976p	37,106	17,358	11,575	9,518	(b)	(b)	84,915
- 1977p	44,868	19,072	14,531	10,098	(b)	(b)	99,978
EGG STRAINS							
Year -							
1974-75	12,988	14,925	7,708	4,260	3,587	843	44,310
1975-76	13,719	11,480	6,802	4,585	3,346	874	40,804
1976-77p	16,271	11,842	7,154	4,057	3,360	1,108	43,793
1976-77p -							(c)
October	1,493	1,163	646	433	417	(b)	4,152
November	1,515	1,116	637	444	203	(b)	3,915
1977-78p -							
October	1,546	894	525	311	395	(b)	3,670
November	1,246	748	508	316	235	(b)	3,054
5 mths ended Nov. - 1976p	7,610	5,605	3,336	2,229	1,662	(b)	20,288
- 1977p	6,486	4,603	2,922	1,768	1,605	(b)	17,384

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Incomplete, excludes Tasmania.

TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a)
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year -							
1974-75	62,026	27,306	18,928	16,089	(b)	(b)	140,139
1975-76	68,222	33,219	20,925	17,789	(b)	(b)	158,088
1976-77p	71,930	34,694	23,734	19,167	(b)	(b)	168,724
1976-77p -							
October	5,959	3,237	2,018	1,845	(b)	(b)	14,641
November	5,108	2,608	1,715	1,585	(b)	(b)	12,669
1977-78p -							
October	7,271	3,842	2,217	1,954	(b)	(b)	17,204
November	6,267	2,983	2,143	1,550	(b)	(b)	14,582
5 mths ended Nov. - 1976p	27,992	14,368	9,249	7,940	(b)	(b)	67,353
- 1977p	34,042	16,373	11,439	8,533	(b)	(b)	79,383
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS (Crossbred and other Cockerels) (c)							
Year -							
1974-75	237	316	(b)	65	(b)	13	856
1975-76	182	192	(b)	25	(b)	17	559
1976-77p	179	173	(b)	40	(b)	13	515
1976-77p -							
October	17	22	(b)	5	(b)	(b)	54
November	39	18	(b)	4	(b)	(b)	69
1977-78p -							
October	15	13	(b)	5	(b)	(b)	57
November	18	21	(b)	4	(b)	(b)	63
5 mths ended Nov. - 1976p	104	93	(b)	25	(b)	(b)	285
- 1977p	84	73	(b)	20	(b)	(b)	280

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TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a) - continued
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (c)							
Year -							
1974-75	4,483	5,004	2,763	1,723	1,321	340	15,634
1975-76	4,648	4,012	2,601	1,807	1,200	370	14,637
1976-77p	5,562	3,804	3,048	1,558	1,204	401	15,578
1976-77p -							
October	498	432	276	154	142	46	1,547
November	575	360	275	167	134	66	1,577
1977-78p -							
October	541	333	199	134	120	30	1,357
November	493	272	235	146	117	18	1,281
5 mths ended Nov. - 1976p	2,617	1,788	1,496	880	564	212	7,557
- 1977p	2,311	1,605	1,150	667	570	150	6,454

INTENDED FOR BREEDING: AUSTRALIA

	Egg Strains		Meat Strains	
	Pullets	Cockerets	Pullets	Cockerets
Year -				
1974-75	613	103	2,310	654
1975-76	476	99	2,510	727
1976-77p	468	101	2,515	745
1976-77p -				
October	32	6	211	70
November	59	16	254	67
1977-78p -				
October	51	9	240	82
November	45	13	224	67
5 mths ended Nov. - 1976p	236	60	1,053	311
- 1977p	246	80	1,205	368

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Egg strain chickens reported as unsexed have been allocated half to chickens for chicken meat and half to chickens for egg production. The number of egg strain chickens reported as unsexed in November 1977 was: N.S.W. 4,917, Vic. 4,013.

II. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 3. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tot.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year -							
1974-75	59,176	26,324	17,764	15,249	13,767	1,895	134,175
1975-76	63,184	29,233	19,044	16,177	14,652	1,911	144,202
1976-77p	67,059	31,435	21,166	17,251	15,746	2,453	155,109
1976-77p -							
October	5,331	2,482	1,792	1,388	1,438	212	12,641
November	5,364	2,392	1,639	1,382	1,167	185	12,129
1977-78p -							
October	6,636	2,798	1,958	1,651	1,549	278	14,870
November	6,484	2,895	2,118	1,574	1,458	232	14,760
5 mths ended Nov. - 1976p	27,326	12,782	8,387	6,963	6,570	1,010	63,039
- 1977p	31,825	13,676	10,144	7,840	7,136	1,199	71,821
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (tonnes)							
Year -							
1974-75	74,518	33,140	23,096	16,773	16,121	2,340	165,989
1975-76	83,036	36,332	26,183	18,064	17,963	2,329	183,907
1976-77p	85,416	39,785	28,702	19,243	19,373	3,060	195,579
1976-77p -							
October	6,847	3,047	2,376	1,581	1,796	255	15,902
November	6,755	3,013	2,096	1,515	1,414	231	15,024
1977-78p -							
October	8,435	3,447	2,624	1,818	1,957	355	18,635
November	8,219	4,228	2,944	1,738	1,825	297	19,950
5 mths ended Nov. - 1976p	34,936	16,133	10,911	7,817	8,213	1,247	79,257
- 1977p	40,483	18,280	13,604	8,763	8,757	1,495	91,382

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

TABLE 4. OTHER POULTRY SLAUGHTERED: AUSTRALIA

	<i>Other fowls and turkeys</i>		<i>Ducks and drakes</i>	
	<i>No. slaughtered ('000)</i>	<i>Dressed weight (tonnes)</i>	<i>No. slaughtered ('000)</i>	<i>Dressed weight (tonnes)</i>
Year -				
1974-75	10,491	21,315	1,283	2,136
1975-76	9,245	18,345	1,168	1,921
1976-77p	9,806	20,611	1,166	1,878
1976-77p -				
October	885	1,977	121	199
November	963	2,059	118	187
1977-78p -				
October	1,100	2,304	129	209
November	964	2,232	138	233
5 mths ended Nov. - 1976p	4,336	9,590	520	836
- 1977p	4,864	10,616	631	1,056

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 ('000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS							
(Pullets) (c)							
Year -							
1974-75	4,483	5,004	2,763	1,723	1,321	340	15,634
1975-76	4,648	4,012	2,601	1,807	1,200	370	14,637
1976-77p	5,562	3,804	3,048	1,558	1,204	401	15,578
1976-77p -							
November	575	360	275	167	134	66	1,577
December	434	293	233	125	59	23	1,168
1977-78p -							
November	493	272	235	146	117	18	1,281
December	434	196	126	81	70	10	916
6 mths ended Dec. - 1976p	3,051	2,081	1,729	1,006	623	236	8,725
- 1977p	2,745	1,801	1,276	748	640	160	7,370

INTENDED FOR BREEDING : AUSTRALIA

	<i>Egg Strains</i>		<i>Meat Strains</i>	
	<i>Pullets</i>	<i>Cockerels</i>	<i>Pullets</i>	<i>Cockerels</i>
Year -				
1974-75	613	103	2,310	654
1975-76	476	99	2,510	727
1976-77p	468	101	2,515	745
1976-77p -				
November	59	16	254	67
December	43	4	239	66
1977-78p -				
November	45	13	224	67
December	21	3	215	53
6 mths ended Dec. - 1976p	279	64	1,293	377
- 1977p	267	83	1,420	421

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Egg strain chickens reported as unsexed have been allocated half to chickens for chicken meat and half to chickens for egg production. The number of egg strain chickens reported as unsexed in December 1977 was : Vic. 3,000.

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	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Australia</i>
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED (^{'000})							
Year -							
1974-75	59,176	26,324	17,764	15,249	13,767	1,895	134,175
1975-76	63,184	29,233	19,044	16,177	14,652	1,911	144,202
1976-77p	67,059	31,435	21,166	17,251	15,746	2,453	155,109
1976-77p -							
November	5,364	2,392	1,639	1,382	1,167	185	12,129
December	5,546	2,961	1,741	1,748	1,418	241	13,656
1977-78p -							
November	6,484	2,895	2,118	1,574	1,458	232	14,760
December	5,994	3,072	2,295	1,658	1,475	233	14,728
6 mths ended Dec. - 1976p	32,872	15,743	10,128	8,711	7,988	1,252	76,694
- 1977p	37,819	16,749	12,439	9,499	8,611	1,432	86,550
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (tonnes)							
Year -							
1974-75	74,518	33,140	23,096	16,773	16,121	2,340	165,989
1975-76	83,036	36,332	26,183	18,064	17,963	2,329	183,907
1976-77p	85,416	39,785	28,702	19,243	19,373	3,060	195,579
1976-77p -							
November	6,755	3,013	2,096	1,515	1,414	231	15,024
December	6,862	3,642	2,209	1,907	1,695	310	16,625
1977-78p -							
November	8,219	3,540	2,944	1,738	1,825	297	18,562
December	7,655	3,911	3,167	1,804	1,748	298	18,584
6 mths ended Dec. - 1976p	41,798	19,775	13,120	9,724	9,908	1,557	95,882
- 1977p	48,138	20,803	16,771	10,568	10,505	1,793	108,578

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

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	<i>Other fowls and turkeys</i>		<i>Ducks and drakes</i>	
	<i>No. slaughtered</i> (^{'000})	<i>Dressed weight</i> (tonnes)	<i>No. slaughtered</i> (^{'000})	<i>Dressed weight</i> (tonnes)
Year -				
1974-75	10,491	21,315	1,283	2,136
1975-76	9,245	18,345	1,168	1,921
1976-77p	9,806	20,611	1,166	1,878
1976-77p -				
November	963	2,059	118	187
December	811	1,707	118	183
1977-78p -				
November	964	2,134	138	231
December	782	1,531	112	170
6 mths ended Dec. - 1976p	5,147	11,297	638	1,019
- 1977p	5,646	12,049	744	1,224