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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : WOOL PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA NO. 20 - 1969-70

This publication contains preliminary information on wool production and sheep and lamb statistics for the year 1969-70, together with comparative information for earlier years. Greater detail on wool production for 1969-70 will be included in the statistical bulletin : Wool Production and Utilisation No. 18, 1969-70 (Ref. No. 10.38). It is expected that this bulletin will be available early in 1971.

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

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

Year ended 30 June -	Sheep and lambs shorn	Average weight of fleece (b)	Shorn wool (including crutchings)	Dead and fellmongered wool	Wool exported on skins	Total wool production
	'000	lb	mil. lb	mil. lb	mil. lb	mil. lb
1966	176,074	8.54	1,503.5	24.4	135.0	1,662.8
1967	175,522	9.13	1,602.2	24.8	135.3	1,762.3
1968	180,679	8.88	1,605.1	23.9	140.5	1,769.5
1969	185,526	9.56	1,773.2	25.2	149.3	1,947.8
1970 (c)	194,213	9.49	1,842.5	21.6	179.2	2,043.3
- per cent -						
Percentage change, 1970 on 1969	4.7	- 0.7	3.9	-14.3	20.0	4.9

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

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

Year ended 30 June -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1965	706.1	361.5	251.4	215.7	207.0	39.7	0.1	2.5	1,784.0
1966	579.5	366.9	192.8	232.3	247.5	41.9	0.1	1.9	1,662.8
1967	622.7	378.5	203.7	239.2	272.6	43.2	0.1	2.5	1,762.3
1968	650.4	332.4	226.8	219.0	300.2	38.3	0.1	2.2	1,769.5
1969	673.5	364.3	247.0	238.1	375.7	47.0	0.1	2.1	1,947.8

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

Year ended 31 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 -		
1966	170,622	40,330	273	33,671	19,445	157,563
1967	157,563	47,830	337	33,350	7,469	164,237
1968	164,237	50,648	362	38,145	9,466	166,912
1969	166,912	51,171	361	35,677	7,443	174,602
1970 (c)	174,602	57,686	487	40,857	9,632	181,312
				- per cent -		
Percentage change, 1970 on 1969	4.6	12.7	34.9	14.5	29.4	3.8

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

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