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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS  
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Statistics included in this bulletin are restricted to a two month and cumulative to date series. Information relating to other poultry slaughtered (other fowls, ducks and drakes, turkeys) has been restricted to an Australian series only. State information for the current and previous months is available on request. More detailed monthly information on poultry slaughterings is published annually in the bulletin *The Meat Industry* (Reference No. 10.54).

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 1970-71 to 1975-76 will be contained in the October 1976 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.

Symbols and other usages

p - preliminary - subject to revision.

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

NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning Mr J. Willoughby-Thomas on 52 5337 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

I. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

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

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year -							
1973-74	95,578	41,902	26,275	17,529	(b)	(b)	202,790
1974-75	81,751	34,773	23,773	20,448	(b)	(b)	181,300
1975-76p	89,167	40,738	26,698	21,884	(b)	(b)	201,547
1975-76p -							
July	8,411	3,445	2,552	2,041	(b)	(b)	18,441
August	7,013	3,146	1,924	1,723	(b)	(b)	15,634
1976-77p -							
July	7,364	3,584	2,545	1,981	(b)	(b)	17,474
August	7,184	3,327	2,186	1,780	(b)	(b)	16,251
2 mths ended Aug. - 1975p	15,423	6,591	4,477	3,764	(b)	(b)	34,075
- 1976p	14,548	6,911	4,730	3,761	(b)	(b)	33,725

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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF EGGS SET (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - *continued*

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
EGG STRAINS							
Year -							
1973-74	14,406	17,657	9,155	4,842	3,858	1,173	51,091
1974-75	12,988	14,925	7,708	4,260	3,587	843	44,310
1975-76p	13,719	11,480	6,802	4,585	3,346	891	39,930
1975-76p -							(c)
July	1,076	1,257	795	389	435	(b)	3,912
August	1,196	1,334	751	477	298	(b)	4,057
1976-77p -							
July	1,467	868	634	330	208	(b)	3,507
August	1,511	1,070	766	505	297	(b)	4,148
2 mths ended Aug. - 1975p	2,232	2,591	1,547	867	733	(b)	7,970
- 1976p	2,978	1,938	1,400	835	505	(b)	7,655

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

TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES ('000)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year -							
1973-74	70,019	32,089	20,268	13,385	(b)	(b)	151,654
1974-75	62,026	27,306	18,928	16,089	(b)	(b)	140,139
1975-76p	68,222	33,219	20,925	17,789	(b)	(b)	158,084
1975-76p -							
July	6,528	2,784	1,997	1,578	(b)	(b)	14,389
August	5,391	2,556	1,674	1,432	(b)	(b)	12,517
1976-77p -							
July	5,829	2,984	2,026	1,609	(b)	(b)	14,202
August	5,500	2,761	1,707	1,480	(b)	(b)	12,946
2 mths ended Aug. - 1975p	11,919	5,340	3,671	3,010	(b)	(b)	26,906
- 1976p	11,329	5,745	3,732	3,089	(b)	(b)	27,148
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS (Crossbred and other Cockerels) (c)							
Year -							
1973-74	472	351	633	95	38	12	1,602
1974-75	237	316	(b)	65	(b)	13	856
1975-76p	182	192	(b)	25	(b)	32	573
1975-76p -							
July	16	18	(b)	3	(b)	(b)	67
August	18	19	(b)	2	(b)	(b)	59
1976-77p -							
July	14	15	(b)	3	(b)	(b)	43
August	16	13	(b)	5	(b)	(b)	45
2 mths ended Aug. - 1975p	35	37	(b)	4	(b)	(b)	126
- 1976p	30	28	(b)	8	(b)	(b)	88

For footnotes see end of Table 2, page 3.

TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - continued  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (c)							
Year -							
1973-74	4,757	6,028	3,154	1,769	1,359	426	17,492
1974-75	4,483	5,004	2,763	1,723	1,321	340	15,634
1975-76p	4,648	4,012	2,601	1,807	1,200	354	14,621
1975-76p -							
July	287	409	243	131	104	28	1,202
August	415	447	290	143	142	24	1,461
1976-77p -							
July	510	319	321	128	93	26	1,396
August	518	305	317	174	76	32	1,422
2 mths ended Aug. - 1975p	702	856	533	273	245	52	2,663
- 1976p	1,028	623	639	301	169	57	2,818
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		
1975-76p	474	100		2,510	727		
1975-76p -							
July	58	12		241	64		
August	55	14		217	70		
1976-77p -							
July	59	18		234	59		
August	49	12		159	54		
2 mths ended Aug. - 1975p	112	26		458	133		
- 1976p	108	31		392	113		

(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 August 1976 was: N.S.W. - 6,000 VIC. - 3,000 QLD - 12,000.

## II. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

### TABLE 3. CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year -							
1973-74	63,905	27,526	19,055	13,552	13,970	1,756	139,765
1974-75	59,176	26,324	17,764	15,249	13,767	1,895	134,175
1975-76p	63,184	29,233	19,042	16,177	14,652	1,913	144,202
1975-76p -							
July	5,691	2,655	1,306	1,531	1,265	171	12,619
August	5,142	2,214	1,170	1,247	1,152	128	11,054
1976-77p -							
July	5,634	2,694	1,965	1,422	1,449	229	13,395
August	5,393	2,490	1,459	1,399	1,262	197	12,201
2 mths ended Aug. - 1975p	10,833	4,870	2,476	2,778	2,417	299	23,673
- 1976p	11,027	5,185	3,425	2,822	2,712	426	25,596
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) ('000 kilograms)							
Year -							
1973-74	79,756	34,332	24,134	15,165	15,920	1,961	171,268
1974-75	74,518	33,140	23,096	16,773	16,121	2,340	165,989
1975-76p	83,036	36,332	26,207	18,064	17,963	2,335	183,937
1975-76p -							
July	7,345	3,388	1,728	1,721	1,475	190	15,846
August	6,564	2,744	1,669	1,383	1,344	147	13,851
1976-77p -							
July	7,232	3,506	2,693	1,585	1,817	286	17,120
August	6,983	3,143	1,882	1,600	1,589	240	15,438
2 mths ended Aug. - 1975p	13,909	6,132	3,397	3,104	2,819	337	29,698
- 1976p	14,215	6,650	4,575	3,185	3,406	527	32,558

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

### TABLE 4. OTHER POULTRY SLAUGHTERED : AUSTRALIA

	Other fowls and turkeys		Ducks and drakes	
	No. slaughtered ( <i>'000</i> )	Dressed weight ( <i>'000 kg</i> )	No. slaughtered ( <i>'000</i> )	Dressed weight ( <i>'000 kg</i> )
Year -				
1973-74	10,110	20,180	1,195	1,990
1974-75	10,491	21,315	1,283	2,136
1975-76p	9,252	18,355	1,168	1,922
1975-76p -				
July	899	1,679	106	167
August	664	1,303	100	157
1976-77p -				
July	868	2,031	94	148
August	793	1,769	100	159
2 mths ended Aug. - 1975p	1,563	2,981	205	324
- 1976p	1,661	3,800	195	306

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