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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE MEAT INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA - MARCH, 1966

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 annual census of all slaughtering establishments are known, monthly details from July, 1965, are subject to amendment.

In addition to statistics on slaughtering and meat production, particulars are given in the following tables of bacon and ham and canned meat production, exports of fresh and frozen and processed meat, and stocks of frozen meat.

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

Period	Cattle	Calves	CATTLE & CALVES	Sheep	Lambs	SHEEP & LAMBS	Pigs
Year : 1960-61	2,890.8	1,386.7	4,277.5	19,150.3	13,453.8	32,604.1	2,219.0
1961-62	3,590.9	1,524.4	5,115.3	19,060.9	14,227.0	33,287.9	2,564.4
1962-63	4,265.3	1,665.9	5,931.2	18,865.3	14,948.2	33,813.5	2,415.7
1963-64	4,647.7	1,789.5	6,437.2	18,776.3	14,572.2	33,348.5	2,304.8
1964-65	4,927.4	1,901.0	6,828.4	19,030.5	14,441.1	33,471.6	2,460.9
1964-65 : February	379.8	92.8	472.6	1,642.9	1,019.6	2,662.5	186.2
March	478.1	130.2	608.3	1,886.6	1,143.8	3,030.7	226.7
April	457.3	133.8	591.1	1,681.7	1,021.5	2,703.2	214.4
May	457.7	138.8	596.5	1,545.2	932.5	2,477.7	212.9
June	479.5	169.5	649.0	1,585.5	981.4	2,566.9	213.9
1965-66(a) July	414.6	224.4	639.0	1,409.4	894.9	2,304.3	212.4
August	366.7	286.1	652.8	1,396.2	877.1	2,273.3	218.3
September	344.1	214.2	558.3	1,490.1	1,063.6	2,553.7	240.3
October	312.3	150.5	462.8	1,595.9	1,376.3	2,972.2	227.7
November	324.5	127.5	452.0	1,816.4	1,333.2	3,149.6	245.5
December	303.0	95.9	398.9	1,714.9	1,220.1	2,935.0	252.3
January	306.7	83.1	389.8	1,642.2	1,086.3	2,728.5	198.9
February	360.0	75.7	435.7	1,856.9	1,123.4	2,980.3	210.0
March	448.9	94.0	542.9	2,179.8	1,211.1	3,390.9	248.0

(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 : 1960-61	593,002	39,765	632,767	367,556	206,752	574,308	107,458	1,314,533
1961-62	747,301	43,755	791,056	367,984	218,729	586,713	120,463	1,498,232
1962-63	864,796	49,141	913,937	362,659	230,800	593,459	114,387	1,621,783
1963-64	932,735	52,763	985,498	360,684	225,042	585,726	111,283	1,682,507
1964-65	949,802	57,238	1,007,040	361,306	223,530	584,836	120,226	1,712,102
1964-65 : February	71,882	3,505	75,387	31,044	15,787	46,831	9,208	131,426
March	88,887	4,733	93,620	34,478	17,540	52,018	11,179	156,817
April	85,089	4,598	89,687	30,794	15,757	46,551	10,433	146,671
May	85,286	4,683	89,969	28,076	14,203	42,279	10,530	142,778
June	88,683	5,403	94,086	28,433	14,797	43,230	10,371	147,687
1965-66(b) July	81,188	6,025	87,213	25,818	13,280	39,098	10,341	136,652
August	72,181	6,659	78,840	25,868	12,725	38,593	10,563	127,996
September	67,044	5,252	72,296	27,683	15,456	43,139	11,666	127,101
October	60,459	4,202	64,661	29,722	20,365	50,088	11,112	125,861
November	61,268	3,938	65,206	33,770	20,575	54,345	11,974	131,525
December	57,612	3,165	60,777	32,463	18,602	51,065	11,809	125,621
January	57,856	3,037	60,893	30,880	16,624	47,504	9,777	118,111
February	67,668	3,004	70,672	33,983	17,372	51,355	10,319	132,346
March	83,871	3,620	87,491	39,841	18,762	58,603	12,161	158,255

(a) Excludes offal.

(b) Subject to revision.

TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED (a)

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (b) (Tons - Carcase Weight)			
	Month of -		Nine months ended -		Month of -		Nine months ended -	
	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966(c)	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966(c)	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966(c)	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966(c)
	CATTLE				BEEF			
New South Wales	164.3	145.3	1,086.5	849.2	29,442	25,949	205,643	152,690
Victoria	120.9	123.0	906.2	841.5	22,281	22,904	172,451	161,715
Queensland	140.7	128.4	1,045.3	1,018.8	27,409	25,278	218,330	203,854
South Australia	16.3	16.7	136.4	137.8	2,923	2,975	25,294	25,152
Western Australia	21.6	20.5	223.6	224.0	3,877	3,757	41,505	43,219
Tasmania	11.4	11.4	93.3	76.8	2,328	2,227	19,212	15,907
<u>AUSTRALIA (d)</u>	478.1	448.9	3,532.9	3,180.8	88,887	83,871	690,744	609,147
	CALVES				VEAL			
New South Wales	54.2	39.5	475.4	419.9	2,247	1,901	16,954	15,270
Victoria	27.6	22.1	513.4	505.2	689	515	10,899	10,378
Queensland	38.4	23.8	333.1	302.6	1,419	890	10,350	9,333
South Australia	6.7	6.5	67.0	66.0	241	227	2,474	2,425
Western Australia	2.4	1.4	22.2	15.2	111	61	987	658
Tasmania	0.8	0.6	46.9	41.5	22	21	853	802
<u>AUSTRALIA (d)</u>	130.2	94.0	1,458.9	1,351.4	4,733	3,620	42,554	38,902
	CATTLE AND CALVES				BEEF AND VEAL			
New South Wales	218.5	184.8	1,561.9	1,269.1	31,689	27,850	222,597	167,960
Victoria	148.5	145.1	1,419.6	1,346.7	22,970	23,419	183,350	172,093
Queensland	179.1	152.2	1,378.4	1,321.4	28,828	26,168	228,680	213,187
South Australia	23.0	23.2	203.4	203.8	3,164	3,202	27,768	27,577
Western Australia	24.0	21.9	245.8	239.2	3,988	3,818	42,492	43,877
Tasmania	12.2	12.0	140.2	118.3	2,350	2,248	20,065	16,709
<u>AUSTRALIA (d)</u>	608.3	542.9	4,991.9	4,532.2	93,620	87,491	733,298	648,049
	SHEEP				MUTTON			
New South Wales	684.9	678.5	4,353.4	4,411.7	11,467	11,379	77,046	75,317
Victoria	654.3	841.6	5,558.9	5,732.8	12,818	16,209	115,867	112,531
Queensland	235.5	227.4	1,813.3	1,792.9	3,980	3,896	30,584	29,935
South Australia	132.6	183.4	1,169.6	1,436.3	2,752	3,632	24,335	28,788
Western Australia	127.5	167.9	944.4	1,262.4	2,415	3,160	18,208	24,045
Tasmania	40.2	76.4	332.5	427.4	945	1,487	7,124	8,742
<u>AUSTRALIA (d)</u>	1,886.9	2,179.8	14,218.1	15,101.8	34,478	39,841	274,003	280,029
	LAMBS				LAMB			
New South Wales	501.6	515.5	4,411.6	3,749.2	7,661	8,065	70,612	58,489
Victoria	403.1	467.6	4,388.3	3,828.1	6,316	7,323	67,876	57,417
Queensland	44.8	38.8	336.9	248.8	605	539	4,811	3,407
South Australia	91.4	87.0	1,241.6	1,193.8	1,371	1,279	18,393	16,919
Western Australia	52.9	52.5	634.3	685.3	773	765	9,198	9,908
Tasmania	46.3	46.4	451.4	451.5	757	739	7,218	7,166
<u>AUSTRALIA (d)</u>	1,143.8	1,211.1	11,505.6	10,186.0	17,540	18,762	178,773	153,761
	SHEEP AND LAMBS				MUTTON AND LAMB			
New South Wales	1,186.5	1,194.0	8,765.0	8,160.9	19,128	19,444	147,658	133,806
Victoria	1,057.4	1,309.2	9,947.3	9,560.9	19,134	23,532	183,743	169,948
Queensland	280.3	266.2	2,150.3	2,041.7	4,585	4,435	35,395	33,342
South Australia	224.0	270.4	2,411.2	2,630.1	4,123	4,911	42,728	45,707
Western Australia	180.4	220.4	1,578.8	1,947.7	3,188	3,925	27,406	33,953
Tasmania	92.5	122.8	784.0	878.9	1,702	2,226	14,342	15,908
<u>AUSTRALIA (d)</u>	3,030.7	3,390.9	25,723.8	25,287.8	52,018	58,603	452,776	433,790

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TABLE 3. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED (a) - continued

State	LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)				MEAT PRODUCED (b) (Tons - Carcass Weight)			
	Month of -		Nine months ended -		Month of -		Nine months ended -	
	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966(c)	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966(c)	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966(c)	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966(c)
	PIGS				PIGMEAT			
New South Wales	58.0	67.7	493.8	568.6	2,737	3,053	22,877	26,129
Victoria	53.7	65.5	437.8	525.1	2,543	3,170	20,529	25,378
Queensland	65.7	59.3	466.1	479.8	3,317	3,058	23,431	23,492
South Australia	20.1	24.8	176.8	215.3	1,081	1,329	9,305	11,055
Western Australia	14.0	14.3	137.4	146.2	764	764	7,465	7,905
Tasmania	14.3	15.4	102.4	109.0	704	744	5,061	5,340
AUSTRALIA (d)	226.7	248.0	1,819.7	2,053.4	11,179	12,161	88,892	99,722

(a) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in the table are due to rounding. (b) Excludes offal. (c) Subject to revision. (d) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 4. - TOTAL MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tons - Carcass Weight)

State	Month of -		Nine months ended -	
	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966(b)	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966(b)
New South Wales	53,554	50,347	393,132	327,895
Victoria	44,647	50,121	387,622	367,419
Queensland	36,730	33,661	287,506	270,021
South Australia	8,368	9,442	79,801	84,349
Western Australia	7,940	8,507	77,363	85,735
Tasmania	4,756	5,218	39,468	37,957
AUSTRALIA (c)	156,817	158,255	1,274,966	1,181,561

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 5. - 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)	
	Ham (a)	Canned Meat (b)	Ham (a)	Canned Meat (b)		Ham (a)	Canned Meat (b)	Ham (a)	Canned Meat (b)
Year : 1960-61	37,411	49,750	1964-65(o):June	3,341	4,904				
1961-62	39,868	52,272	1965-66(o):July	3,404	4,942				
1962-63	41,661	42,535	August	3,409	4,569				
1963-64	41,538	44,599	September	3,992	4,722				
1964-65 (c)	43,021	51,458	October	3,678	4,367				
			November	4,694	4,522				
1964-65(o):February	3,156	3,723	December	5,899	4,041				
March	3,653	4,339	January	3,032	2,827				
April	3,157	3,311	February	3,296	3,007				
May	3,155	4,238	March	3,855	3,387				

(a) Cured carcass weight of smoked, cooked and canned bacon and ham. (b) Canned weight includes bacon, ham and meat and vegetables; excludes rabbit, poultry and baby foods. (c) Subject to revision.

TABLE 6. - PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM AND CANNED MEAT (a) (Tons)

State	BACON AND HAM (b) (Cured Carcass Weight)				CANNED MEAT (c) (Canned Weight)			
	Month of -		Nine months ended -		Month of -		Nine months ended -	
	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966	Mar., 1965	Mar., 1966
New South Wales	1,272	1,242	10,846	11,623	594	407	4,116	4,164
Victoria	712	795	7,140	7,202	2,284	2,045	23,881	21,759
Queensland	961	1,068	8,591	9,448	1,357	842	10,252	9,720
South Australia	321	316	2,888	2,978	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)
Western Australia	301	342	2,989	3,179	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)
Tasmania	86	92	914	829
AUSTRALIA	3,653	3,855	33,368	35,259	4,339	3,387	39,005	36,784

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Smoked, cooked and canned. (c) Includes bacon, ham and meat and vegetables; excludes rabbit, poultry and baby foods. (d) Not available for publication.

TABLE 7. - EXPORTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT : AUSTRALIA (Tons)

Period	Fresh and Frozen (a)						Bacon and Ham (b)	Canned Meat (c)
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Total		
Year : 1960-61	132,003	2,012	37,087	28,763	440	200,305	167	30,347
1961-62	198,554	2,605	48,711	16,696	934	267,500	105	33,388
1962-63	257,368	3,404	61,045	25,274	215	347,306	71	22,220
1963-64	277,095	4,236	66,928	18,625	165	367,049	59	23,973
1964-65	303,566	12,464	72,766	24,166	365	413,327	134	26,977
1964-65 : February	19,293	714	9,373	2,607	36	32,023	9	2,101
March	22,280	994	9,260	1,768	44	34,346	9	3,235
April	21,438	987	4,910	784	43	28,162	8	2,168
May	23,078	1,100	6,920	633	62	31,793	7	2,087
June	32,887	2,537	7,655	366	49	43,494	15	1,915
1965-66(d) July	28,866	1,192	4,537	321	38	34,954	12	2,891
August	28,764	1,274	4,070	327	44	34,479	16	1,592
September	23,551	1,229	4,753	352	34	29,919	19	2,897
October	21,764	1,011	3,388	1,103	26	27,292	17	2,220
November	15,744	382	4,837	3,802	28	24,793	24	2,420
December	15,846	447	6,104	3,164	59	25,620	38	2,359
January	19,744	438	8,600	1,975	19	30,776	9	1,388
February	12,953	420	8,262	1,464	31	23,130	13	1,712
March	19,706	322	7,787	840	49	28,704	8	1,950

(a) Includes boneless and carcass meat. (b) Cured carcass weight. (c) Canned weight.
 (d) Subject to revision.

TABLE 8. - STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT : AUSTRALIA (a) (Tons)
 (Source : Australian Meat Board)

Stocks at -	Beef and Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Offal	Total
1964-65						
26th December	26,522	12,269	6,412	1,607	4,828	51,638
30th January	26,340	14,047	4,869	1,414	5,173	51,843
27th February	29,663	12,098	3,101	1,444	4,976	51,282
27th March -						
New South Wales	8,198	3,425	221	535	1,441	13,820
Victoria	8,678	8,230	1,801	519	1,707	20,935
Queensland	15,759	894	30	79	1,772	18,534
South Australia	296	123	82	84	68	653
Western Australia	1,409	1,265	273	140	257	3,344
Tasmania	383	504	65	230	59	1,241
AUSTRALIA	34,723	14,441	2,472	1,587	5,304	58,527
1965-66						
25th December	18,991	10,275	3,720	1,572	4,898	39,456
29th January (b)	18,463	9,515	2,729	1,518	4,842	37,067
26th February (b)	21,099	10,111	2,837	1,313	5,182	40,542
26th March -						
New South Wales	7,156	2,375	305	742	2,569	13,147
Victoria	7,602	7,888	2,241	529	1,980	20,240
Queensland	11,360	1,084	46	197	2,000	14,687
South Australia	503	649	255	100	84	1,591
Western Australia	1,290	1,292	213	131	345	3,271
Tasmania	476	643	217	431	97	1,864
AUSTRALIA (b)	28,508	13,931	3,277	2,130	7,085	54,931

(a) Held in cold stores registered to handle meat for export, and includes meat passed for (i) export, (ii) canning and (iii) other purposes. Includes boneless and carcass meat. (b) Includes stocks held in Northern Territory.

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