

CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS
MAY 1972

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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.

Statistics for poultry slaughtered in Queensland are based on numbers slaughtered as collected by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries. From 1968-69, New South Wales slaughtering statistics include poultry slaughterings by producers in the Australian Capital Territory. Prior to that year, Australian Capital Territory slaughtering statistics were not collected.

Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia for 1966-67 to 1970-71 are contained in Table 6.

Symbols used in this bulletin

- p - Preliminary. Subject to revision.
.. - Nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.
n.a. - Not available.

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

I. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 1. - TOTAL DRESSED WEIGHT OF ALL POULTRY SLAUGHTERED (a)

('000 lb)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (c)	Australia
Year - 1966-67	94,888	40,246	30,447	10,363	16,634	2,581	195,159
1967-68	110,967	46,550	34,957	12,219	18,759	3,030	226,482
1968-69	115,299	46,166	40,816	12,269	22,653	3,507	240,709
1969-70	129,915	53,420	47,493	15,403	23,668	3,131	273,029
1970-71	163,013	64,747	52,821	21,452	28,492	3,516	334,041
1970-71 - April	13,852	6,168	4,503	1,891	2,475	287	29,175
May	14,895	(a)	(d)	1,880	2,388	298	29,719
June	14,710			1,668	2,390	242	30,118
1971-72p- July	14,022			2,224	3,043	402	30,833
August	13,364			2,089	2,588	291	28,154
September	14,721	(d)	(d)	2,282	2,563	312	31,890
October	13,448			2,150	3,074	359	29,938
November	13,201			1,904	2,855	335	28,177
December	14,155	6,500	4,259	2,403	2,627	282	30,225
January	13,148			2,190	2,778	413	27,196
February	13,978			1,957	2,562	336	28,661
March	14,808	(d)	(a)	2,167	2,323	278	30,435
April	12,805			2,134	2,662	361	27,638
May	16,209			2,234	2,234	313	32,584

- (a) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes and turkeys), including pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland.
(b) Estimated. (c) Prior to 1968-69 includes dressed weight of geese slaughtered.
(d) Not available for publication.

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED							
('000)							
Year - 1966-67	32,113	13,570	10,635	3,682	6,332	753	67,085
1967-68	36,556	15,519	12,190	4,278	6,957	861	76,361
1968-69	34,838	13,832	12,952	4,415	8,137	1,001	75,174
1969-70	38,853	16,562	14,175	5,597	8,479	978	84,644
1970-71	49,192	19,854	15,689	7,894	10,175	1,103	103,907
1970-71 - April	4,141	1,837	1,373	696	897	92	9,036
May	4,436	1,771	1,295	682	872	99	9,155
June	4,449	1,916	1,409	627	901	87	9,389
1971-72p - July	4,273	2,000	1,380	830	1,096	142	9,721
August	3,916	1,730	1,322	766	940	87	8,760
September	4,406	2,081	1,293	848	960	107	9,694
October	4,167	1,933	1,376	810	1,047	125	9,457
November	4,017	1,669	1,281	724	1,000	110	8,802
December	4,457	2,048	1,324	899	968	104	9,801
January	4,032	1,805	888	864	1,045	148	8,783
February	4,204	1,716	1,210	773	908	113	8,923
March	4,469	1,898	1,483	849	820	104	9,623
April	3,862	1,674	1,225	785	963	134	8,644
May	4,975	2,224	1,372	824	834	114	10,342
DRESSED WEIGHT (b)							
('000 lb)							
Year - 1966-67	81,159	34,762	26,236	9,167	14,837	1,969	168,130
1967-68	96,035	41,386	29,841	10,962	16,862	2,264	197,350
1968-69	97,153	39,445	35,578	10,937	20,672	2,366	206,651
1969-70	107,819	45,059	41,752	13,879	21,357	2,566	232,432
1970-71	138,382	55,559	46,571	19,838	25,622	2,936	288,909
1970-71 - April	12,066	5,421	4,026	1,774	2,250	256	25,792
May	12,707	5,044	4,041	1,784	2,153	272	26,002
June	12,224	5,646	4,261	1,564	2,253	212	26,159
1971-72p - July	11,592	5,688	4,232	2,087	2,840	374	26,813
August	10,591	4,794	3,868	1,900	2,435	197	23,784
September	12,258	6,513	3,647	2,117	2,419	252	27,206
October	11,566	5,453	3,931	1,971	2,675	316	25,913
November	11,114	4,637	3,747	1,748	2,523	265	24,035
December	12,313	5,634	3,805	2,260	2,439	238	26,690
January	11,489	5,168	2,365	2,069	2,590	396	24,077
February	11,779	5,160	3,411	1,780	2,234	290	24,655
March	12,625	5,428	4,281	2,000	2,108	245	26,686
April	11,041	4,832	3,612	1,982	2,519	326	24,312
May	13,557	6,147	4,151	2,069	2,108	277	28,309

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland.

(c) Estimated.

TABLE 3. - OTHER FOWLS (a) SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED							
('000)							
Year - 1966-67	2,249	911	922	192	357	129	4,760
1967-68	2,464	990	1,154	285	362	148	5,403
1968-69	2,763	1,327	1,102	282	419	131	6,025
1969-70	2,958	1,643	1,245	287	433	115	6,681
1970-71	3,255	1,908	1,461	341	499	119	7,581
1970-71 - April	228	182	120	24	47	9	610
May	301	199	114	17	39	8	679
June	322	145	123	20	30	9	649
1971-72p - July	303	169	112	31	47	9	671
August	379	177	107	43	43	19	767
September	354	218	148	42	36	18	816
October	284	172	142	44	93	12	747
November	316	194	129	63	73	11	786
December	261	147	113	30	44	12	607
January	284	186	108	28	55	5	665
February	395	154	134	45	75	12	816
March	316	173	119	42	59	9	716
April	266	180	119	39	37	9	650
May	372	210	122	41	32	9	788

DRESSED WEIGHT (b)

('000 lb)

			(c)				
Year - 1966-67	7,953	2,969	3,607	667	1,304	440	16,940
1967-68	9,015	3,318	4,511	964	1,338	525	19,671
1968-69	9,951	4,667	4,314	987	1,508	447	21,875
1969-70	10,266	5,826	4,850	996	1,590	363	23,891
1970-71	11,557	6,820	5,439	1,163	1,930	390	27,300
1970-71 - April	781	649	451	85	193	27	2,187
May	1,103	677	368	58	161	26	2,393
June	1,219	510	468	66	111	31	2,404
1971-72p - July	1,056	619	404	108	172	28	2,387
August	1,447	630	366	168	135	58	2,804
September	1,253	779	645	148	133	57	3,015
October	988	635	545	156	381	38	2,742
November	1,109	696	531	217	312	37	2,902
December	875	640	418	102	168	37	2,240
January	989	627	402	103	179	15	2,315
February	1,302	529	516	153	313	42	2,856
March	1,100	594	403	143	202	30	2,472
April	922	650	439	134	131	30	2,306
May	1,449	729	449	145	113	32	2,918

(a) Comprises hens, roosters, etc. (b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (c) Estimated.

TABLE 4. - DUCKS AND DRAKES SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (a)	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED							
('000)							
Year - 1966-67	306	253	73	59	49	35	775
1967-68	335	248	78	35	45	49	790
1968-69	535	272	114	35	(b)	(b)	1,010
1969-70	538	246	74	46			968
1970-71	708	283	78	50	(b)	(b)	1,214
1970-71 - April	52	22	5	6			91
May	59	20	6	6			100
June	75	19	6	5	108		
1971-72p - July	67	18	4	3	(b)	(b)	93
August	70	22	4	2			99
September	86	28	3	3			121
October	80	26	4	4			117
November	86	24	5	5			122
December	94	38	6	4			146
January	67	23	4	4			101
February	73	28	3	5			112
March	81	26	4	4			119
April	77	24	4	4			111
May	72	24	1	4			103

DRESSED WEIGHT (c)

('000 lb)

			(d)				
Year - 1966-67	1,140	897	328	235	225	172	2,997
1967-68	1,259	883	353	138	225	241	3,099
1968-69	1,953	1,005	513	130	(b)	(b)	3,849
1969-70	1,948	880	313	187			3,605
1970-71	2,647	1,016	282	222	(b)	(b)	4,560
1970-71 - April	195	89	20	29			360
May	222	76	21	30			392
June	284	69	23	20	416		
1971-72p - July	244	58	14	11	(b)	(b)	338
August	248	74	12	10			350
September	314	93	11	13			437
October	301	86	13	16			429
November	303	83	14	18			430
December	339	124	20	17			518
January	238	77	15	17			358
February	257	93	10	20			397
March	295	90	13	17			430
April	284	80	12	16			407
May	265	76	4	16			375

(a) Prior to 1968-69, includes turkeys and geese. (b) Not available for publication.

(c) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (d) Estimated.

TABLE 5. - TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED							
('000)							
Year - 1966-67	441	166	31	28	28	(b)	694
1967-68	483	95	31	15	36	(b)	660
1968-69	683	114	52	21		(c)	916
1969-70	982	172	75	34	(c)	(c)	1,331
1970-71	1,119	146	69	23			1,440
1970-71 - April	79	1	1	..	(c)	(c)	82
May	95	(c)	(c)	1			102
June	99			2			110
1971-72p - July	107			2			129
August	128			1			144
September	97	(c)	(c)	..			140
October	84			1			113
November	89			1	(c)	(c)	106
December	96	15	2	3			117
January	56			..			63
February	86	(c)	(c)	..			99
March	96			1			104
April	73			..			80
May	116			..			119
DRESSED WEIGHT (d)							
('000 lb)							
Year - 1966-67	4,636	1,618	(e) 276	295	268	(b)	7,093
1967-68	4,658	963	252	155	335	(b)	6,363
1968-69	6,243	1,048	411	215		(c)	8,335
1969-70	9,881	1,655	577	340	(c)	(c)	13,101
1970-71	10,426	1,353	529	229			13,272
1970-71 - April	810	10	6	2	(c)	(c)	836
May	864	(c)	(c)	9			932
June	983			18			1,139
1971-72p - July	1,130			18			1,295
August	1,079			12			1,216
September	895	(c)	(c)	4			1,232
October	593			7			853
November	674			11	(c)	(c)	810
December	628	102	17	23			778
January	402			1			446
February	640	(c)	(c)	4			753
March	789			7			848
April	557			3			613
May	939			4			981

(a) Incomplete; prior to 1968-69 excludes particulars for Tasmania. (b) Included with ducks and drakes. (c) Not available for publication. (d) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets, as reported by producers in all States except Queensland. (e) Estimated.

II. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

In Tables 6 and 7 following, details relate to all eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries whether for sale as day-old chicks or for replenishment of own flocks. The statistics represent actual settings and hatchings (excluding chicks destroyed) for each month shown. As the hatching period is normally three weeks, there is not necessarily a relationship between the number of eggs set and the number of chicks hatched in any one month.

TABLE 6. - NUMBER OF EGGS SET (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	V.A.	Tas.	Australia		
MEAT STRAINS									
Year - 1966-67	50,141	19,626	n.a.	6,215	(b)	1,227	(c)77,209		
1967-68	54,270	20,655	17,969	7,407	(b)	(b)	112,484		
1968-69	51,667	20,120	18,381	6,546			109,832		
1969-70	60,438	21,946	20,233	8,090			124,529		
1970-71	76,536	29,401	23,127	11,891			158,953		
1970-71 - April	6,320	2,263	1,854	1,043			(b)	(b)	13,154
May	6,427	2,447	1,948	1,033	(b)	(b)	13,764		
June	5,961	2,416	1,962	1,076			12,899		
1971-72p - July	6,591	2,743	1,944	1,216			(b)	(b)	14,092
August	6,381	2,574	1,994	1,095	13,604				
September	6,665	2,923	2,050	1,413	14,796				
October	5,501	2,716	1,132	1,251	12,042				
November	5,456	2,607	1,738	1,138	12,409				
December	6,424	2,683	1,962	1,160	13,612				
January	6,166	3,268	1,812	1,198	13,943				
February	6,067	3,165	1,654	978	13,222				
March	6,272	3,196	1,752	973	13,707				
April	5,959	3,520	1,733	1,068	13,651				
May	6,306	3,051	1,866	885	13,639				
EGG STRAINS									
Year - 1966-67	19,847	12,206	n.a.	5,352	3,784	761			(c)41,950
1967-68	19,510	12,578	8,823	5,060	3,256	1,024			50,251
1968-69	19,971	13,104	8,909	5,049	3,660	904			51,597
1969-70	22,447	14,440	9,925	5,971	3,665	1,206	57,634		
1970-71	19,333	15,343	9,971	5,885	4,444	849	55,827		
1970-71 - April	1,598	1,193	745	382	367	(b)	(d) 4,284		
May	1,710	1,220	1,006	339	456		4,731		
June	1,664	1,304	972	503	405		4,848		
1971-72p - July	1,979	1,473	1,046	529	425	(b)	5,453		
August	2,231	1,747	1,216	794	411		6,400		
September	2,042	1,579	1,177	711	332		5,841		
October	1,587	1,427	830	520	301		4,666		
November	1,308	1,381	900	335	318		4,243		
December	840	1,045	540	269	204		2,898		
January	1,229	997	752	380	246		3,603		
February	1,319	892	708	303	267		3,488		
March	1,460	932	789	260	238		3,679		
April	999	771	728	164	242		2,904		
May	1,459	883	1,083	297	222		3,944		

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch.

(b) Not available for publication.

(c) Incomplete; see individual States.

(d) Incomplete; excludes Tasmania.

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

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	N.S.W	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS							
(Unsexed)							
Year - 1966-67	31,153	14,486	n.a.	4,383	(b)	833	(c)53,865
1967-68	37,629	15,906	13,456	5,218	(b)	(b)	80,874
1968-69	35,563	15,546	13,765	5,053			79,538
1969-70	41,164	17,334	14,882	6,173			89,835
1970-71	54,462	22,105	16,548	9,101			114,999
1970-71 - April	4,277	1,903	1,429	709			(b)
May	4,339	1,862	1,357	777	9,514		
June	4,681	1,817	1,447	808	9,917		
1971-72p- July	4,625	2,068	1,512	950	(b)	(b)	10,407
August	4,717	2,027	1,458	833			10,205
September	4,770	2,391	1,473	1,042			10,909
October	4,259	2,114	1,189	1,082			9,844
November	4,374	1,777	956	806			9,282
December	4,622	1,999	1,436	841			9,935
January	4,307	2,386	1,354	984			10,104
February	3,965	2,087	1,278	779			9,230
March	4,781	2,521	1,453	814			10,610
April	4,305	2,578	1,297	876			10,099
May	4,994	2,450	1,496	721			10,776

INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS

(Crossbred and other Cockerels) (d)

Year - 1966-67	1,743	1,509	n.a.	230	313	72	(c)3,867	
1967-68	1,545	1,567	759	134	105	43	4,153	
1968-69	1,191	880	457	180	66	19	2,794	
1969-70	1,846	1,462	431	373	58	7	4,177	
1970-71	975	1,096	464	300	52	19	2,906	
1970-71 - April	88	25	27	23	6	..	169	
May	45	23	42	13	6	..	129	
June	50	22	36	11	5	..	124	
1971-72p- July	45	39	38	10	6	15	154	
August	57	52	61	12	3	..	184	
September	71	66	65	14	5	..	221	
October	54	71	48	14	7	7	201	
November	46	24	39	14	3	..	126	
December	30	34	41	6	(b)	(b)	116	
January	20	24	38	7			92	
February	25	25	18	8			78	
March	33	47	25	12			123	
April	34	2	49	7			108	
May	39	8	48	7			5	106

For footnotes see next page.

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - continued
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (d)							
Year - 1966-67	6,293	4,114	n.a.	1,925	1,253	273	(c)13,858
1967-68	6,093	4,251	2,862	1,904	1,143	371	16,624
1968-69	6,310	4,455	2,922	1,854	1,246	299	17,055
1969-70	7,110	4,977	3,169	2,136	1,314	408	19,115
1970-71	6,325	5,350	3,176	2,125	1,560	268	18,803
1970-71 - April	518	419	232	120	132	6	1,427
May	578	416	280	138	139	34	1,584
June	547	402	320	142	143	28	1,583
1971-72p- July	610	427	312	165	142	27	1,685
August	704	572	388	250	151	62	2,127
September	668	578	370	297	133	24	2,069
October	584	487	289	241	113	67	1,780
November	487	502	237	181	118	22	1,548
December	319	389	246	99	97	21	1,170
January	328	312	213	113	61	24	1,051
February	381	353	295	125	98	17	1,269
March	478	345	250	115	103	14	1,305
April	385	262	261	90	76	17	1,092
May	459	310	300	87	88	19	1,262

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Incomplete; see individual States. (d) Includes (for States other than Queensland) a proportion of unsexed egg strain chicks.

III. UTILISATION OF POULTRY MEAT

TABLE 8. - SUPPLY AND UTILISATION OF POULTRY MEAT, AUSTRALIA
(Dressed Weight)

	Stocks			Production		Imports	Exports (including ships' stores)	Apparent consumption in Australia	
	Opening	Closing	Net change	Commercial	Self suppliers (a)			Total	Per head
	- '000 lb -								
1966-67	13,236	22,154	(+) 8,917	195,159	5,855	932	1,413	191,616	16.4
1967-68	22,154	31,261	(+) 9,108	226,482	5,963	428	2,103	221,661	18.6
1968-69	31,261	34,522	(+) 3,261	240,709	6,086	365	2,707	241,192	19.8
1969-70	34,522	22,376	(-)12,146	273,029	6,222	276	3,683	287,990	23.1
1970-71	22,376	40,880	(+)18,504	334,041	6,354	815	5,155	317,551	25.0

(a) Estimated.

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