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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE MEAT INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA - MAY, 1960

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 census of all slaughtering establishments (conducted annually) are known, monthly details are subject to amendment.

The total bone-in weight of meat produced in Australia during May, 1960 was 120,068 tons. This was 6,600 tons (5.8 per cent.) above production in the previous month and 8,400 tons (6.5 per cent.) lower than production in May, 1959. Total meat production for the eleven months ended May, 1960, was 1,305,400 tons or approximately 65,200 tons (4.8 per cent.) less than that produced in the corresponding period of the previous year. In this eleven month period the production of beef and veal fell by 125,500 tons (15.3 per cent.), mutton and lamb rose by 61,400 tons (13.5 per cent.) and pigmeat fell by 1,100 tons (1.2 per cent.).

Further details of slaughtering and meat production are given in the following tables together with information on exports of fresh and processed meats, stocks of frozen meats, bacon and ham production and canned meat production.

TABLE 1 : LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED : AUSTRALIA ('000)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Cattle and Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Year : 1954-55	3,154.1	1,330.4	4,484.5	12,305.8	9,927.8	22,233.6	1,939.3
1955-56	3,184.2	1,427.4	4,611.6	11,377.5	9,382.1	20,759.6	1,816.7
1956-57	3,393.2	1,559.2	4,952.4	11,128.2	9,118.5	20,246.7	1,730.0
1957-58	3,565.8	1,773.0	5,338.8	14,354.7	10,354.4	24,709.1	2,066.3
1958-59	4,191.1	1,681.2	5,872.3	15,756.5	11,795.4	27,551.9	2,077.0
1958-59 : May	391.2	116.1	507.3	1,241.9	755.7	1,997.6	165.5
June	395.7	119.4	515.1	1,233.5	790.8	2,024.3	149.2
1959-60(a) : July	419.5	157.9	577.4	1,303.8	900.5	2,204.3	158.9
August	313.4	204.3	517.7	1,161.5	853.0	2,014.5	149.7
September	297.2	198.5	495.7	1,468.4	1,243.9	2,712.3	162.5
October	274.4	161.9	436.3	1,818.5	1,560.9	3,379.4	181.5
November	228.4	125.2	353.6	1,816.4	1,482.1	3,298.5	163.4
December	223.7	99.3	323.0	1,886.0	1,293.5	3,179.5	193.6
January	229.5	89.7	319.2	1,840.5	1,046.8	2,887.3	153.1
February	244.0	73.5	317.5	1,752.4	1,026.6	2,779.0	165.0
March	296.2	86.5	382.7	1,689.3	1,136.5	2,825.8	194.1
April	293.5	99.7	393.2	1,488.9	1,004.9	2,493.8	170.4
May	339.3	98.2	437.5	1,452.5	877.0	2,329.5	171.4

(a) Subject to revision.

TABLE 2 : PRODUCTION OF MEAT (a) : AUSTRALIA, TONS (Bone-in weight)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Total Meat
Year : 1954-55	679,133	40,776	240,530	147,634	99,408	1,207,481
1955-56	708,595	42,462	234,428	145,703	93,908	1,225,096
1956-57	765,642	48,944	223,910	142,876	88,699	1,270,071
1957-58	733,084	58,372	269,780	151,696	101,615	1,314,547
1958-59	849,264	57,119	310,381	181,945	101,886	1,500,595
1958-59 : May	79,221	4,403	24,952	11,770	8,108	128,454
June	80,906	4,412	25,166	12,228	7,258	129,970
1959-60 (b) : July	88,128	4,464	26,070	13,840	7,976	140,478
August	66,480	5,280	22,953	12,774	7,502	114,989
September	62,414	5,216	27,965	17,748	8,241	121,584
October	57,968	4,400	34,996	22,432	9,268	128,764
November	47,829	3,473	34,751	21,875	8,273	116,201
December	45,980	3,032	35,502	19,219	9,010	112,743
January	47,307	2,877	33,945	15,624	7,741	107,494
February	49,835	2,487	31,924	14,843	8,420	107,509
March	61,028	2,920	31,049	17,255	9,894	122,146
April	59,254	3,307	27,315	15,048	8,546	113,470
May	68,817	3,120	26,493	12,995	8,643	120,068

(a) Excluding Offal. (b) Subject to revision.

TABLE 3 : CATTLE SLAUGHTERED AND BEEF AND VEAL PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -		Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1959	May, 1960(b)	May, 1959	May, 1960(b)	May, 1959	May, 1960(b)	May, 1959	May, 1960(b)
CATTLE Slaughtered ('000)					BEEF Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	108.8	87.7	1,166.4	910.3	21,469	17,153	228,565	187,725
Victoria	79.6	66.3	793.1	729.4	15,685	12,208	156,795	142,856
Queensland	151.3	140.2	1,351.0	1,057.0	31,480	29,861	234,627	230,187
South Australia	15.2	11.5	179.5	145.8	2,969	2,206	35,309	28,247
Western Australia	25.1	20.7	192.9	190.4	5,279	4,590	38,850	39,272
Tasmania	8.5	10.1	82.8	94.9	1,769	2,120	17,791	20,303
AUSTRALIA:(c)	391.2	339.3	3,795.4	3,159.1	79,221	68,817	768,358	655,040
CALVES Slaughtered ('000)					VEAL Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	40.6	36.5	577.6	472.4	1,841	1,497	22,794	16,642
Victoria	37.2	27.3	488.4	458.2	1,385	597	15,046	10,266
Queensland	27.5	24.9	348.0	318.8	800	701	9,644	8,419
South Australia	6.9	6.0	82.7	81.2	246	210	3,264	3,379
Western Australia	2.7	2.1	29.1	25.3	94	72	1,114	962
Tasmania	1.1	1.3	34.6	37.5	32	39	788	855
AUSTRALIA:(c)	116.1	98.2	1,561.8	1,394.7	4,403	3,120	52,707	40,576
CATTLE AND CALVES Slaughtered ('000)					BEEF AND VEAL Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	149.4	124.2	1,744.0	1,382.7	23,310	18,650	251,359	204,367
Victoria	116.8	93.6	1,281.5	1,187.6	17,070	12,805	171,841	153,122
Queensland	178.8	165.1	1,699.0	1,375.8	32,280	30,562	294,271	238,606
South Australia	22.1	17.5	262.2	227.0	3,215	2,416	38,573	31,626
Western Australia	27.8	22.8	222.0	215.7	5,373	4,662	39,964	40,234
Tasmania	9.6	11.4	117.4	132.4	1,801	2,159	18,579	21,158
AUSTRALIA:(c)	507.3	437.5	5,357.2	4,553.8	83,624	71,937	821,065	695,610

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 4 : SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTERED AND MUTTON AND LAMB PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -		Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1959	May, 1960(b)	May, 1959	May, 1960(b)	May, 1959	May, 1960(b)	May, 1959	May, 1960(b)
SHEEP Slaughtered ('000)					MUTTON Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	374.0	547.5	4,253.8	4,936.6	7,059	9,327	81,038	91,394
Victoria	453.4	454.0	5,514.3	7,121.3	10,141	9,100	113,647	140,597
Queensland	117.5	163.8	1,278.2	1,449.3	2,127	2,778	23,707	26,095
South Australia	128.3	132.0	1,613.6	2,023.6	2,533	2,438	31,726	35,508
Western Australia	133.1	112.5	1,491.1	1,648.9	2,376	1,995	27,606	28,987
Tasmania	32.1	39.3	333.8	460.0	646	785	6,732	9,312
AUSTRALIA:(c)	1,241.9	1,452.5	14,523.0	17,678.2	24,952	26,493	285,215	332,663
LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)					LAMB Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	325.1	422.3	3,855.4	4,679.4	5,241	6,428	61,533	73,609
Victoria	271.0	277.3	4,301.3	4,494.9	4,205	4,061	65,922	65,975
Queensland	17.4	27.0	213.0	267.7	246	368	3,105	3,812
South Australia	56.4	67.1	1,314.4	1,572.9	787	884	19,349	19,219
Western Australia	44.0	40.6	779.8	771.0	576	542	10,813	10,623
Tasmania	39.0	39.8	510.0	609.0	670	666	8,509	9,930
AUSTRALIA:(c)	755.7	877.0	11,004.6	12,425.7	11,770	12,995	169,717	183,653

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 4 : SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTERED AND MUTTON AND LAMB PRODUCED (a) (Continued)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -		Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1959	May, 1960 (b)	May, 1959	May, 1960 (b)	May, 1959	May, 1960 (b)	May, 1959	May, 1960 (b)
	SHEEP AND LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)				MUTTON AND LAMB Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	699.1	969.8	8,109.2	9,616.0	12,300	15,755	142,571	165,003
Victoria	724.4	731.3	9,815.6	11,616.2	14,346	13,161	179,569	206,572
Queensland	134.9	190.8	1,491.2	1,717.0	2,373	3,146	26,812	29,907
South Australia	184.7	199.1	2,928.0	3,596.5	3,320	3,322	51,075	54,727
Western Australia	177.1	153.1	2,270.9	2,419.9	2,952	2,537	38,419	39,610
Tasmania	71.1	79.1	843.8	1,069.0	1,316	1,451	15,241	19,242
AUSTRALIA: (c)	1,997.6	2,329.5	25,527.6	30,103.9	36,722	39,488	454,932	516,316

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 5 : PIGS SLAUGHTERED AND PIGMEAT PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -		Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1959	May, 1960 (b)	May, 1959	May, 1960 (b)	May, 1959	May, 1960 (b)	May, 1959	May, 1960 (b)
	PIGS Slaughtered ('000)				PIGMEAT Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	47.9	51.4	559.8	526.9	2,183	2,402	25,238	24,307
Victoria	38.7	38.7	428.8	422.1	1,933	1,947	22,124	21,591
Queensland	41.6	42.6	483.4	483.8	2,098	2,195	24,346	24,841
South Australia	12.9	14.5	164.6	157.8	704	827	8,672	8,675
Western Australia	14.3	14.8	184.8	161.1	741	845	9,383	8,906
Tasmania	9.5	8.9	100.0	106.0	421	406	4,591	4,950
AUSTRALIA: (c)	165.5	171.4	1,927.8	1,863.6	8,108	8,643	94,628	93,514

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 6 : TOTAL ALL MEAT (a) (Tons)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1959	May, 1960 (b)	May, 1959	May, 1960 (b)
New South Wales	37,793	36,807	419,168	393,677
Victoria	33,349	27,913	373,534	381,285
Queensland	36,751	35,903	345,429	293,354
South Australia	7,239	6,565	98,320	95,028
Western Australia	9,066	8,044	87,766	86,750
Tasmania	3,538	4,016	38,411	45,350
AUSTRALIA: (c)	128,454	120,068	1,370,625	1,305,446

(a) Bone-in weight. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 7 : 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)
	Year : 1954-55	38,371		73,175	1959-60(c) : September
1955-56	37,474	69,511	October	4,106	6,185
1956-57	35,330	67,201	November	3,570	5,831
1957-58	36,667	79,764	December	4,639	5,974
1958-59	38,671	73,950	January	2,455	4,041
1958-59 : May	2,942	5,562	February	2,762	4,395
June	2,993	5,524	March	3,115	4,479
1959-60(c) : July	2,983	5,803	April	2,848	6,247
August	2,850	5,815	May	2,914	4,713

(a) Cured (bone-in) weight of smoked, cooked and canned Bacon and Ham.

(b) Canned weight. Includes canned Bacon and Ham, excludes canned Baby Foods.

(c) Subject to revision.

TABLE 8 : PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM AND CANNED MEAT : STATES (Tons)

State	Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -		Month of -		Eleven Months Ended -	
	May, 1959	May, 1960(a)	May, 1959	May, 1960(a)	May, 1959(a)	May, 1960(a)	May, 1959(a)	May, 1960(a)
	BACON AND HAM Produced (b) (Tons, Cured bone-in Weight)				CANNED MEAT Produced (c) (Tons, Canned Weight)			
New South Wales	846	850	10,781	10,789	379	388	7,191	5,225
Victoria	675	690	8,136	7,851	3,040	2,499	33,533	35,144
Queensland	901	812	10,381	10,721	2,019	1,744	22,663	17,468
South Australia	232	229	2,830	2,983	} 124 }	} 82 }	} 1,266 }	} 2,086 }
Western Australia	218	267	2,708	2,817				
Tasmania	70	66	842	833	-	-	-	-
AUSTRALIA:	2,942	2,914	35,678	35,994	5,562	4,713	64,653	59,923

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Smoked, cooked and canned. (c) Includes canned bacon and ham, excludes canned Baby Foods.

TABLE 9 : OVERSEA EXPORTS OF FRESH AND FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEATS : AUSTRALIA (Tons)

Period	Fresh and Frozen					Bacon and Ham (a)	Canned Meat (b)
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork		
Year : 1954-55	121,327	2,065	15,094	42,403	2,908	748	62,998
1955-56	141,991	2,093	15,472	36,440	1,104	448	58,300
1956-57	147,882	1,514	10,273	23,778	642	334	50,086
1957-58	123,485	2,410	18,870	28,729	960	258	58,854
1958-59	222,945	4,877	33,326	40,711	835	205	56,719
1958-59 : May	17,026	303	1,968	521	32	5	2,989
June	22,004	281	2,807	352	27	16	3,982
1959-60 (c) : July	15,785	270	1,254	432	35	14	3,655
August	31,982	303	1,811	846	19	10	3,712
September	19,786	341	1,039	802	13	21	4,625
October	18,165	438	2,029	2,713	26	20	4,725
November	14,127	414	3,578	4,792	26	35	4,370
December	13,874	221	3,418	5,617	49	15	5,745
January	10,489	244	4,088	4,044	33	6	4,821
February	9,532	272	4,260	3,254	24	7	3,640
March	9,286	92	3,008	1,059	36	7	3,470
April	9,941	91	2,866	1,119	38	5	2,115
May	13,699	119	2,157	1,067	26	7	3,643

(a) Cured weight. (b) Canned weight. (c) Subject to revision.

TABLE 10 : STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT (Tons)
(As recorded by Australian Meat Board)

State	Beef and Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Offal	Total
STOCKS HELD ON 30TH MAY, 1959						
New South Wales	3,259	478	273	261	757	5,028
Victoria	5,271	4,054	1,190	345	672	11,532
Queensland	16,622	117	8	87	1,314	18,148
South Australia	809	207	142	84	254	1,496
Western Australia	2,223	534	244	179	216	3,396
Tasmania	201	265	26	351	34	877
AUSTRALIA:	28,385	5,655	1,883	1,307	3,247	40,477
STOCKS HELD ON 28TH MAY, 1960						
New South Wales	2,709	946	262	478	647	5,042
Victoria	4,453	4,783	1,372	799	988	12,395
Queensland	14,666	448	14	127	1,273	16,528
South Australia	391	1,128	305	104	417	2,345
Western Australia	1,912	266	56	185	165	2,584
Tasmania	290	380	35	158	46	909
AUSTRALIA:	24,421	7,951	2,044	1,851	3,536	39,803