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## CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS, AUSTRALIA NOVEMBER 1979

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

The statistics in this publication 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.

2. 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.
3. Information relating to other poultry slaughtered (other fowls and turkeys, and ducks and drakes) has been restricted to an Australian series only but some State information for the current and previous months is available on request.
4. Particulars of the supply and utilisation of poultry meat in Australia from 1973-74 to 1978-79 are shown in the September 1979 issue of this publication.
5. 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.

#### Related publications

6. Further details of production, stocks and exports of poultry meat and poultry slaughterings are published in *Meat Statistics, Australia* (7206.0) which is issued annually.
7. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary — figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
8. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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## I. CHICKEN HATCHINGS

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF EGGS SET IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a)  
(<sup>000</sup>)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tax	Australia
MEAT STRAINS							
Year ended 30 June -							
1977	98,247	42,616	29,757	22,505	n.p.	n.p.	216,905
1978	105,488	47,881	34,678	24,181	n.p.	n.p.	238,761
1979	112,258	53,934	38,779	26,005	n.p.	n.p.	258,445
1978-79 -							
September	9,102	4,474	3,399	2,208	n.p.	n.p.	21,617
October	9,365	4,963	2,871	2,219	n.p.	n.p.	21,788
November	9,571	4,281	3,317	2,142	n.p.	n.p.	21,651
1979-80p -							
September	11,900	5,158	4,020	2,477	n.p.	n.p.	26,055
October	12,543	5,302	4,142	2,634	n.p.	n.p.	27,383
November	11,596	4,657	3,940	2,516	n.p.	n.p.	25,409
5 mths ended Nov. - 1978	47,411	22,739	15,561	10,991	n.p.	n.p.	108,424
5 mths ended Nov. - 1979p	59,220	25,239	19,188	12,545	n.p.	n.p.	129,417
EGG STRAINS							
Year ended 30 June -							
1977	16,271	11,842	7,155	4,057	3,360	1,109	43,794
1978	15,446	8,568	5,258	4,047	3,240	1,152	38,811
1979	17,040	8,395	5,487	3,909	3,095	806	38,732
1978-79 -							
September	1,277	835	579	419	339	n.a.	(b)3,449
October	1,477	724	431	445	336	n.a.	(b)3,413
November	1,414	1,074	385	299	258	n.a.	(b)3,430
1979-80p -							
September	1,889	976	459	496	327	n.a.	(b)4,147
October	1,815	765	442	447	289	n.a.	(b)3,758
November	1,522	700	335	277	288	n.a.	(b)3,122
5 mths ended Nov. - 1978	7,116	4,128	2,524	2,027	1,659	n.a.	(b)17,454
5 mths ended Nov. - 1979p	8,835	4,097	2,293	2,240	1,716	n.a.	(b)19,181

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Incomplete; excludes Tasmania.

TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a), AUSTRALIA  
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tax	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year ended 30 June -							
1977	71,928	34,695	23,733	19,167	n.p.	n.p.	168,721
1978	80,611	38,439	26,938	20,117	n.p.	n.p.	186,984
1979	86,674	42,798	30,886	21,362	n.p.	n.p.	204,291
1978-79 -							
September	7,135	3,451	2,647	1,708	n.p.	n.p.	16,736
October	7,571	4,258	2,529	2,001	n.p.	n.p.	18,561
November	6,918	3,463	2,383	1,640	n.p.	n.p.	16,246
1979-80p -							
September	8,517	4,055	3,027	1,937	n.p.	n.p.	19,516
October	10,593	4,861	3,600	2,433	n.p.	n.p.	23,866
November	8,264	3,675	3,085	2,102	n.p.	n.p.	19,255
5 mths ended Nov. - 1978	36,097	18,123	12,207	8,838	n.p.	n.p.	84,647
5 mths ended Nov. - 1979p	45,419	20,664	15,472	10,597	n.p.	n.p.	102,873
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS (Crossbred and other cockerels) (b)							
Year ended 30 June -							
1977	180	173	n.p.	40	n.p.	13	515
1978	169	157	n.p.	36	n.p.	20	473
1979	198	124	n.p.	75	n.p.	19	484
1978-79 -							
September	21	13	n.p.	4	n.p.	n.p.	45
October	20	13	n.p.	6	n.p.	n.p.	43
November	16	15	n.p.	4	n.p.	n.p.	40
1979-80p -							
September	15	26	n.p.	7	n.p.	n.p.	58
October	28	28	n.p.	6	n.p.	n.p.	77
November	23	19	n.p.	5	n.p.	n.p.	53
5 mths ended Nov. - 1978	92	64	n.p.	23	n.p.	n.p.	216
5 mths ended Nov. - 1979p	110	102	n.p.	61	n.p.	n.p.	322

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TABLE 2. CHICKENS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES (a), AUSTRALIA - continued  
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	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (b)							
Year ended 30 June -							
1977	5,561	3,804	3,049	1,559	1,205	401	15,579
1978	5,558	2,976	2,404	1,431	1,175	394	13,938
1979	5,886	2,772	2,101	1,533	1,144	277	13,713
1978-79 -							
September	450	285	234	183	132	27	1,311
October	521	251	180	162	118	31	1,263
November	492	339	172	97	131	25	1,256
1979-80p -							
September	576	333	217	189	135	24	1,474
October	524	273	191	197	109	56	1,350
November	626	249	209	135	103	19	1,341
5 mths ended Nov. - 1978	2,427	1,403	1,004	801	604	141	6,380
5 mths ended Nov. - 1979p	2,870	1,383	1,000	817	584	145	6,799
INTENDED FOR BREEDING							
	<i>Egg strains</i>			<i>Meat strains</i>			
	<i>Pullets</i>	<i>Cockerels</i>		<i>Pullets</i>	<i>Cockerels</i>		
Year ended 30 June -							
1977	468	102		2,515	745		
1978	415	131		2,625	755		
1979	478	109		2,582	612		
1978-79 -							
September	41	13		203	60		
October	45	9		233	52		
November	44	10		255	61		
1979-80p -							
September	47	19		302	65		
October	58	12		309	59		
November	36	7		249	49		
5 mths ended Nov. - 1978	236	54		1,183	311		
5 mths ended Nov. - 1979p	224	64		1,380	276		

(a) Excludes chicks destroyed. (b) Egg strain chickens reported as unsexed have been allocated half to chickens for chicken meat and half to chickens for egg production.

## II. POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

TABLE 3. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)

	N.S. W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year ended 30 June -							
1977	67,058	31,437	21,166	17,251	15,744	2,452	155,108
1978	75,348	35,053	24,963	19,451	17,020	2,903	174,738
1979	83,592	38,294	28,413	19,869	17,815	3,176	191,159
1978-79 -							
September	7,210	2,877	2,409	1,522	1,369	233	15,620
October	7,348	3,164	2,136	1,785	1,428	334	16,195
November	6,819	3,420	2,485	1,537	1,459	268	15,988
1979-80p -							
September	7,460	3,433	2,783	1,628	1,460	279	17,043
October	9,185	4,134	3,043	2,120	1,856	353	20,691
November	8,696	4,021	2,470	1,765	1,794	291	19,037
5 mths ended Nov. - 1978	34,574	15,351	11,271	8,132	7,163	1,352	77,843
5 mths ended Nov. - 1979p	41,007	18,871	13,459	8,979	8,043	1,520	91,879
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) (Tonnes)							
Year ended 30 June -							
1977	85,416	39,785	28,703	19,244	19,374	3,060	195,582
1978	95,943	44,229	34,012	21,891	20,758	3,656	220,489
1979	109,235	48,359	37,722	22,351	22,559	3,923	244,149
1978-79 -							
September	9,189	3,652	3,201	1,743	1,778	302	19,865
October	9,426	4,017	2,808	1,963	1,750	457	20,421
November	8,799	4,393	3,325	1,726	1,857	315	20,415
1979-80p -							
September	9,880	4,173	3,701	1,883	1,809	340	21,786
October	12,326	4,993	4,107	2,404	2,301	427	26,558
November	11,998	4,903	3,286	1,985	2,156	358	24,686
5 mths ended Nov. - 1978	44,410	19,435	14,974	9,187	9,105	1,725	98,836
5 mths ended Nov. - 1979p	54,624	23,173	17,804	10,126	10,007	1,837	117,571

(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 ('000)	Dressed weight (Tonnes)	No. slaughtered ('000)	Dressed weight (Tonnes)
Year ended 30 June -				
1977	9,805	20,607	1,259	2,029
1978	10,694	22,384	1,732	2,858
1979	10,834	23,981	1,792	2,962
1978-79 -				
September	1,036	2,360	136	232
October	1,089	2,518	169	285
November	1,131	2,595	151	242
1979-80p -				
September	813	1,811	183	318
October	979	2,402	232	386
November	930	2,124	189	315
5 mths ended Nov. - 1978	5,052	11,396	762	1,257
5 mths ended Nov. - 1979p	4,915	12,120	983	1,665