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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : THE MEAT INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA - SEPTEMBER, 1961

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 carcass weight of meat produced in Australia during September, 1961, was 122,900 tons. This was 700 tons (0.5 per cent.) more than production in the previous month and 14,800 tons (13.7 per cent.) greater than production in September, 1960. Slaughtering of sheep, lambs and pigs were higher in September, 1961, compared with the previous month. Cattle and calves slaughtered, at 473,200, were 48,400 (9.3 per cent.) lower. Slaughtering of livestock, other than lambs, were higher in September, 1961, compared with September, 1960.

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 : 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
1959-60	3,435.1	1,526.8	4,961.9	19,526.1	13,647.2	33,173.3	2,032.7
1960-61 (a)	2,948.2	1,405.9	4,354.1	18,886.5	13,323.9	32,210.4	2,209.3
1960-61(a):August	234.7	203.0	437.7	1,320.8	977.2	2,298.0	170.6
September	220.6	188.1	408.7	1,498.3	1,306.8	2,805.1	189.6
October	193.0	132.1	325.1	1,510.3	1,648.4	3,158.7	187.4
November	194.7	107.1	301.8	1,756.5	1,526.1	3,282.6	186.2
December	189.0	85.9	274.9	1,717.0	1,221.1	2,938.1	210.3
January	202.5	83.9	286.4	1,593.9	1,023.6	2,617.5	165.5
February	223.0	72.5	295.5	1,706.8	954.7	2,661.5	172.6
March	257.9	81.5	339.5	1,821.4	1,011.1	2,832.5	198.4
April	244.1	85.6	329.7	1,497.2	871.8	2,369.0	178.9
May	334.8	95.5	430.3	1,619.7	930.5	2,550.2	196.0
June	370.4	111.4	481.8	1,500.3	967.4	2,467.7	188.5
1961-62(a):July	320.2	145.7	465.9	1,385.9	979.4	2,365.3	185.2
August	302.5	219.1	521.6	1,432.8	1,113.2	2,546.0	193.8
September	276.9	196.3	473.2	1,552.2	1,298.8	2,851.0	205.6

(a) Subject to revision.

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION OF MEAT (a) : AUSTRALIA (Tons - Carcass Weight)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Total Meat
Year : 1957-58	733,084	50,372	269,780	151,696	101,615	1,314,547
1958-59	849,264	57,119	310,381	181,945	101,886	1,500,595
1959-60	707,482	44,298	370,427	202,906	100,594	1,425,707
1960-61 (b)	602,835	39,120	360,513	203,636	107,476	1,313,580
1960-61(b):August	49,041	4,771	25,044	14,281	8,245	101,382
September	46,360	4,460	28,359	19,807	9,104	108,090
October	39,956	3,333	29,095	25,960	9,151	107,495
November	40,240	2,976	34,455	23,925	9,116	110,712
December	38,663	2,506	34,069	18,901	9,667	103,806
January	41,359	2,669	31,327	15,745	8,211	99,311
February	43,896	2,346	32,289	14,615	8,476	101,622
March	51,195	2,702	33,892	15,384	9,675	112,848
April	48,567	2,788	28,116	13,225	8,847	101,543
May	66,970	3,025	30,230	14,056	9,642	123,923
June	76,486	3,378	28,493	14,787	9,211	132,355
1961-62(b):July	67,405	3,830	26,599	14,840	9,022	121,696
August	63,108	5,336	27,599	16,848	9,375	122,266
September	58,072	4,797	30,343	19,743	9,962	122,917

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

TABLE 3. - CATTLE SLAUGHTERED AND BEEF AND VEAL PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Three Months Ended -		Month of -		Three Months Ended -	
	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961
	CATTLE Slaughtered ('000)				BEEF Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	51.8	81.5	162.4	230.7	10,506	16,695	32,424	46,673
Victoria	38.5	57.9	123.2	159.1	7,712	12,007	24,260	32,194
Queensland	97.1	101.8	332.5	390.2	21,089	21,969	72,761	84,273
South Australia	9.4	9.2	30.3	28.9	2,030	1,969	6,426	6,215
Western Australia	14.8	17.9	61.9	64.4	3,114	3,727	13,593	14,002
Tasmania	6.1	5.7	20.2	17.3	1,304	1,206	4,266	3,646
AUSTRALIA: (b)	220.6	276.9	738.8	899.6	46,360	58,072	155,503	188,585
	CALVES Slaughtered ('000)				VEAL Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	60.3	59.8	163.7	161.6	1,600	1,708	4,742	4,741
Victoria	66.4	78.7	227.2	239.5	1,369	1,646	4,695	5,067
Queensland	46.4	43.1	110.0	111.8	1,079	1,031	2,607	2,850
South Australia	5.9	5.5	19.1	17.3	195	199	649	619
Western Australia	1.7	1.5	5.2	4.4	69	69	216	188
Tasmania	7.3	7.7	24.8	26.5	145	142	478	494
AUSTRALIA: (b)	188.1	196.3	550.3	561.1	4,460	4,797	13,397	13,963
	CATTLE AND CALVES Slaughtered ('000)				BEEF AND VEAL Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	112.1	141.3	326.1	392.3	12,106	18,403	37,166	51,414
Victoria	104.9	136.6	350.4	398.6	9,081	13,653	28,955	37,261
Queensland	143.5	144.9	442.5	502.0	22,168	23,000	75,368	87,123
South Australia	15.3	14.7	49.4	46.2	2,225	2,168	7,075	6,834
Western Australia	16.5	19.4	67.1	68.8	3,183	3,796	13,809	14,190
Tasmania	13.4	13.4	45.0	43.8	1,449	1,348	4,744	4,140
AUSTRALIA: (b)	408.7	473.2	1,289.1	1,460.7	50,820	62,869	168,900	202,548

(a) Carcass weight. Subject to revision. (b) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

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

State	Month of -		Three Months Ended -		Month of -		Three Months Ended -	
	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961
	SHEEP Slaughtered ('000)				MUTTON Produced (Tons)			
New South Wales	492.9	507.3	1,474.0	1,540.4	8,985	9,521	26,426	28,606
Victoria	440.3	552.2	1,154.2	1,342.7	8,977	11,595	23,780	28,178
Queensland	244.1	203.5	631.9	651.7	4,008	3,359	10,424	10,744
South Australia	122.9	116.5	384.2	366.6	2,555	2,465	7,902	7,832
Western Australia	159.7	130.4	413.5	352.5	3,057	2,565	7,881	6,910
Tasmania	34.8	39.1	94.5	107.2	708	781	1,922	2,099
AUSTRALIA: (b)	1,498.3	1,552.2	4,163.4	4,370.9	28,359	30,343	78,547	84,541
	LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)				LAMB PRODUCED (Tons)			
New South Wales	452.0	456.7	1,247.5	1,327.6	6,873	7,230	18,699	21,003
Victoria	455.9	419.9	1,104.7	1,112.2	6,912	6,227	16,316	16,405
Queensland	34.0	21.9	87.3	87.2	469	297	1,180	1,202
South Australia	137.7	164.4	292.8	391.3	2,175	2,479	4,412	5,810
Western Australia	192.7	193.0	327.3	351.8	2,799	2,821	4,618	5,037
Tasmania	31.5	39.9	100.6	112.3	532	643	1,672	1,836
AUSTRALIA: (b)	1,306.8	1,298.8	3,169.2	3,391.4	19,807	19,743	47,038	51,431

(a) Carcass weight. Subject to revision. (b) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 4. - SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTERED AND MUTTON AND LAMB PRODUCED (a) (Cont'd.e)

State	Month of -		Three Months Ended -		Month of -		Three Months Ended -	
	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961
	<u>SHEEP AND LAMBS Slaughtered ('000)</u>				<u>MUTTON AND LAMB Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	944.9	964.0	2,721.5	2,868.0	15,858	16,751	45,125	49,609
Victoria	896.2	972.1	2,258.9	2,454.9	15,889	17,822	40,096	44,583
Queensland	278.1	225.4	719.2	738.9	4,477	3,656	11,604	11,946
South Australia	260.6	280.9	677.0	757.9	4,730	4,944	12,314	13,642
Western Australia	352.4	323.4	740.8	704.3	5,856	5,386	12,499	11,947
Tasmania	66.3	79.0	195.1	219.5	1,240	1,424	3,594	3,935
<u>AUSTRALIA: (b)</u>	2,805.1	2,851.0	7,332.6	7,762.3	48,166	50,086	125,585	135,972

(a) Carcass weight. Subject to revision. (b) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 5. - PIGS SLAUGHTERED AND PIGMEAT PRODUCED (a)

State	Month of -		Three Months Ended -		Month of -		Three Months Ended -	
	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961
	<u>PIGS Slaughtered ('000)</u>				<u>PIGMEAT Produced (Tons)</u>			
New South Wales	57.6	62.1	160.3	178.2	2,536	2,751	7,124	7,877
Victoria	41.1	43.0	111.1	120.0	2,104	2,125	5,590	6,006
Queensland	50.8	52.1	137.0	146.6	2,383	2,646	6,631	7,339
South Australia	15.4	16.4	47.6	51.7	819	846	2,517	2,700
Western Australia	16.1	23.2	46.9	64.7	880	1,201	2,602	3,432
Tasmania	8.0	8.1	20.9	21.3	356	365	938	917
<u>AUSTRALIA: (b)</u>	189.6	205.6	525.5	584.6	9,104	9,962	25,480	28,359

(a) Carcass weight. Subject to revision. (b) Includes N.T. and A.C.T.

TABLE 6. - TOTAL ALL MEAT (a) (Tons)

State	Month of -		Three Months Ended -	
	September, 1960	September, 1961	September, 1960	September, 1961
New South Wales	30,500	37,905	89,415	108,900
Victoria	27,074	33,600	74,641	87,850
Queensland	29,028	29,302	93,603	106,408
South Australia	7,774	7,958	21,906	23,176
Western Australia	9,919	10,383	28,910	29,569
Tasmania	3,045	3,137	9,276	8,992
<u>AUSTRALIA: (b)</u>	108,090	122,917	319,965	366,879

(a) Carcass weight. Subject to revision. (b) 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: 1957-58	36,667	79,764	1960-61 (c) : January	2,272	3,811
1958-59	38,671	73,950	February	2,535	3,802
1959-60	36,582	69,908	March	2,725	4,040
1960-61 (c)	36,895	49,716	April	2,866	3,483
1960-61 (c) : August	2,855	3,328	May	3,281	5,948
September	3,181	3,329	June	2,819	6,042
October	3,097	2,966	1961-62 (c) : July	2,744	5,729
November	3,962	3,997	August	3,084	5,913
December	4,637	4,611	September	2,924	4,619

(a) Cured 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 (a) (Tons)

State	Month of -		Three Months Ended -		Month of -		Three Months Ended -	
	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1961
	BACON AND HAM Produced (b) (Tons - Cured Carcass Weight)				CANNED MEAT Produced (c) (Tons - Canned Weight)			
New South Wales	987	838	2,664	2,528	524	725	1,560	2,173
Victoria	813	702	2,186	2,206	1,578	1,975	4,865	6,629
Queensland	801	743	2,196	2,329	1,119	1,820	4,247	7,134
South Australia	267	285	749	777	108	99	342	325
Western Australia	245	311	724	781				
Tasmania	68	45	182	131				
AUSTRALIA:	3,181	2,924	8,701	8,752	3,329	4,619	11,014	16,261

(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 : 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
1959-60	183,850	3,048	32,037	26,460	353	154	47,344
1960-61 (c)	132,003	2,010	37,086	28,777	440	168	30,356
1960-61 (c) : August	15,020	158	1,781	511	47	8	2,696
September	14,564	290	987	1,246	31	11	2,372
October	7,436	315	2,327	6,042	38	20	2,554
November	6,103	153	2,271	4,521	11	33	1,951
December	6,635	92	4,200	7,404	32	11	2,713
January	6,089	93	4,570	4,093	51	14	2,375
February	8,858	213	3,700	1,551	31	10	4,287
March	11,621	141	4,089	1,071	41	12	2,553
April	6,937	85	4,468	534	33	4	1,726
May	11,384	130	2,649	479	36	14	2,306
June	16,902	165	3,793	434	52	9	2,588
1961-62 (c) : July	15,922	159	2,413	317	39	15	3,000
August	18,577	394	2,241	227	33	5	3,473
September	15,627	419	2,765	866	98	17	3,115

(a) Cured carcass 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 1ST OCTOBER, 1960						
New South Wales	574	96	36	578	259	1,543
Victoria	1,099	689	526	377	258	2,949
Queensland	14,868	606	12	118	1,230	16,834
South Australia	101	132	120	155	45	553
Western Australia	6,865	1,613	2,563	44	696	11,781
Tasmania	79	23	-	73	13	188
AUSTRALIA:	23,586	3,159	3,257	1,345	2,501	33,848
STOCKS HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1961						
New South Wales	3,368	861	129	817	597	5,772
Victoria	4,390	2,374	681	950	950	9,345
Queensland	19,353	690	13	259	1,626	21,941
South Australia	103	76	690	133	69	1,071
Western Australia	2,621	540	996	706	221	5,084
Tasmania	210	172	-	253	20	655
AUSTRALIA:	30,045	4,713	2,509	3,118	3,483	43,868