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STATISTICAL BULLETIN : CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS, MAY 1969

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, and the many very small producers, including producers in the Northern Territory, 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 December 1968, New South Wales slaughtering statistics include poultry slaughterings by producers in the Australian Capital Territory.

As no allowance has been made for interstate movement of dressed poultry, or changes in stocks held, figures for individual States should not be taken as necessarily representing the level of consumption in the States concerned.

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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)
(¹000 lb)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld (b)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (c)	Australia
Year - 1965-66	68,730	34,370	27,305	7,496	12,234	1,867	152,002
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
1967-68- April	7,868	3,510	3,001	1,070	1,330	227	17,006
May	11,012	4,512	3,858	1,214	1,610	278	22,485
June	9,250	3,707	2,745	1,086	1,548	248	18,564
1968-69p- July	10,029	3,377	3,161	1,224	2,017	274	20,081
August	9,349	3,609	3,360	954	1,668	267	19,208
September	9,479	3,963	3,429	794	1,684	261	19,610
October	10,759	3,718	3,283	1,015	1,907	384	21,367
November	10,202	4,091	4,118	942	1,573	367	21,292
December	9,401	4,343	3,578	1,012	1,649	307	20,490
January	9,722	3,993	3,241	887	1,756	311	19,910
February	9,443	3,619	3,125	938	1,972	247	19,341
March	10,046	3,735	3,162	1,028	1,838	280	20,089
April	8,451	4,021	2,871	1,180	1,501	270	18,693
May	9,718	3,736	3,609	1,149	2,140	315	20,736

(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) Includes, prior to July 1968, dressed weight of geese slaughtered.

TABLE 2. - CHICKENS (a) SLAUGHTERED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	23,553	12,039	9,272	2,716	4,426	545	52,551
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	6,937	861	76,361
1967-68 - April	2,513	1,169	1,063	374	502	77	5,698
May	3,379	1,499	1,368	417	596	95	7,353
June	2,992	1,150	930	347	596	82	6,897
1968-69p - July	2,968	1,027	1,120	407	731	85	6,338
August	2,943	1,088	1,208	324	623	86	6,271
September	2,828	1,156	1,067	267	588	74	5,979
October	3,175	1,080	1,104	344	664	86	6,453
November	2,981	1,174	1,289	321	545	101	6,410
December	2,809	1,262	1,104	379	643	74	6,270
January	2,955	1,224	1,013	351	650	88	6,280
February	2,912	1,117	975	358	707	74	6,144
March	2,995	1,145	964	404	662	77	6,247
April	2,624	1,235	890	447	699	84	5,979
May	2,916	1,161	1,128	399	773	90	6,468
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) ('000 lb)							
(c)							
Year - 1965-66	56,894	28,995	23,365	6,447	10,540	1,310	127,551
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
1967-68 - April	6,745	3,082	2,602	953	1,179	191	14,752
May	9,554	4,117	3,349	1,110	1,436	255	19,822
June	7,980	3,288	2,277	998	1,399	211	16,153
1968-69p - July	8,570	2,911	2,743	1,149	1,851	221	17,445
August	7,937	3,094	2,957	830	1,567	242	16,627
September	7,935	3,442	3,000	656	1,571	207	16,810
October	8,995	3,081	3,106	884	1,674	258	17,999
November	8,255	3,355	3,626	802	1,353	302	17,693
December	7,826	3,643	3,104	888	1,641	215	17,318
January	8,351	3,507	2,850	839	1,575	263	17,384
February	8,096	3,147	2,743	839	1,879	209	16,913
March	8,367	3,178	2,712	915	1,673	210	17,056
April	7,194	3,504	2,504	1,094	1,770	240	16,306
May	8,149	3,196	3,171	1,016	1,948	280	17,761

(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

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	2,068	1,013	860	197	346	117	4,601
1966-67	2,249	911	922	192	357	129	4,760
1967-68	2,464	990	1,154	285	362	148	5,403
1967-68 - April	183	84	91	23	28	8	417
May	260	90	120	22	38	6	536
June	205	90	111	19	30	7	461
1968-69p - July	264	91	94	13	40	7	509
August	230	89	84	30	27	6	465
September	234	99	93	30	25	10	491
October	253	111	101	31	35	30	560
November	256	104	91	29	37	15	531
December	202	114	98	25	36	13	488
January	246	117	86	12	47	10	520
February	253	106	83	21	22	9	494
March	256	109	88	19	35	10	518
April	186	122	73	21	32	6	442
May	221	139	112	30	43	9	555
DRESSED WEIGHT (b) ('000 lb)							
Year - 1965-66	6,873	3,376	(c) 3,363	653	1,227	418	15,910
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
1967-68 - April	687	288	354	81	111	31	1,552
May	994	291	469	73	135	19	1,981
June	743	300	433	63	118	23	1,679
1968-69p - July	872	306	367	45	135	26	1,751
August	837	319	329	108	88	22	1,704
September	886	359	363	106	92	36	1,843
October	898	430	394	118	128	95	2,063
November	926	377	352	103	146	51	1,958
December	757	412	364	85	133	43	1,812
January	882	403	336	41	171	39	1,873
February	900	372	324	71	70	26	1,765
March	987	394	345	65	125	38	1,954
April	646	419	287	64	107	23	1,545
May	789	432	441	108	178	33	1,980

(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

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas. (a)	Australia
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)							
Year - 1965-66	327	326	73	52	42	21	841
1966-67	306	253	73	59	49	35	775
1967-68	335	248	78	35	45	49	790
1967-68 - April	30	21	7	5	6	1	70
May	31	17	6	3	6	1	63
June	29	15	5	2	5	2	58
1968-69p - July	39	11	7	2			63
August	27	12	9	1			51
September	43	18	8	1			71
October	45	25	10	2			83
November	49	44	10	4			113
December	58	47	12	4	(b)	(b)	130
January	56	21	10	2			95
February	38	(b)	11	4			77
March	55	(b)	12	4			99
April	47	22	8	4			86
May	45	(b)	9	3			81
DRESSED WEIGHT (c) ('000 lb)							
Year - 1965-66	1,218	1,329	329	209	195	139	3,419
1966-67	1,140	897	328	235	225	172	2,997
1967-68	1,259	883	353	138	225	241	3,099
1967-68 - April	125	80	32	20	29	5	291
May	123	63	26	15	28	3	258
June	115	57	22	8	22	14	239
1968-69p - July	151	40	32	8			248
August	101	45	41	5			201
September	156	69	35	4			270
October	159	90	45	7			309
November	171	161	46	15			416
December	203	175	56	16	(b)	(b)	483
January	201	75	47	7			348
February	133	(b)	49	14			288
March	199	(b)	52	16			379
April	176	83	37	12			336
May	176	(b)	43	10			319

(a) Includes, prior to July 1968, 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

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)	
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)								
Year - 1965-66	340	67	28	20	26	(b)	481	
1966-67	441	166	31	28	28	(b)	694	
1967-68	483	95	31	15	36	(b)	660	
1967-68 - April	39	6	2	2	1	) (b) (	50
May	36	3	2	2	1		43	
June	39	5	2	2	1		49	
1968-69p - July	44	13	3	2		) (c) (	66
August	51	19	4	1			76	
September	57	10	4	2			76	
October	83	13	5	1			115	
November	99	21	11	3			140	
December	82	13	4	3	(c)		(c)	114
January	37	1	1	..				39
February	33	(c)	1	2				40
March	52	(c)	7	3				74
April	41	1	5	1				49
May	59	(c)	2	2				66
DRESSED WEIGHT (a) ('000 lb)								
(e)								
Year - 1965-66	3,745	670	248	187	272		(b)	5,122
1966-67	4,636	1,618	276	295	268		(b)	7,093
1967-68	4,658	963	252	155	335	(b)	6,363	
1967-68 - April	311	60	13	16	10	) (b) (	410
May	341	41	14	16	12		424	
June	412	62	13	17	8		512	
1968-69p - July	436	120	20	22		) (c) (	637
August	474	151	33	10			675	
September	501	94	31	27			688	
October	706	118	39	6			995	
November	849	190	90	21			1,224	
December	615	113	34	23	(c)		(c)	877
January	287	8	9	..				305
February	314	(c)	10	14				378
March	493	(c)	53	32				700
April	435	15	43	8				507
May	604	(c)	14	15				676

(a) Incomplete prior to July 1968 ; 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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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia			
MEAT STRAINS										
Year - 1965-66	40,226	18,758	n.a.	5,089	(b)	953	(c) 65,026			
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			
1967-68 - April	3,951	1,122	1,549	670	(b)	(b)	(
May	4,365	1,692	1,518	649				8,479		
June	4,171	1,431	1,901	526				9,495		
1968-69p - July	4,586	1,479	1,580	470	(b)	(b)	(
August	4,459	1,836	1,633	507				9,163		
September	4,524	1,691	1,521	510				9,432		
October	4,070	1,841	1,422	569				9,247		
November	4,077	1,603	2,029	476				9,068		
December	4,306	1,639	1,482	633				9,293		
January	4,138	1,665	1,388	533				9,103		
February	3,800	1,606	1,375	532				8,929		
March	4,318	1,581	1,480	592				8,425		
April	4,389	1,869	1,360	651				9,190		
May	4,415	1,632	1,474	548				9,310		
										9,180
EGG STRAINS										
Year - 1965-66	19,096	10,956	n.a.	4,464				3,362	1,067	(c) 38,945
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			
1967-68 - April	1,608	879	716	273	269	59	3,804			
May	1,563	1,043	784	254	309	99	4,052			
June	1,640	1,056	899	430	330	119	4,474			
1968-69p - July	2,175	1,474	1,102	766	507	176	6,199			
August	2,197	1,766	1,112	852	453	220	6,599			
September	2,216	1,549	895	585	322	153	5,720			
October	1,510	1,144	647	390	299	120	4,110			
November	951	762	404	268	201	88	2,673			
December	714	640	236	193	124	17	1,924			
January	1,097	663	327	315	151	5	2,557			
February	1,520	880	480	300	169	25	3,374			
March	1,974	1,067	740	298	297	15	4,391			
April	1,892	963	1,008	303	288	33	4,487			
May	1,899	1,033	970	343	424	107	4,777			

(a) Includes eggs which failed to hatch. (b) Not available for publication.

(c) Incomplete; see individual States.

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

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - MEAT STRAINS (Unsexed)							
Year - 1965-66	26,136	13,705	n.a.	3,501	(b)	582	(c)43,924
1966-67	34,163	14,486	n.a.	4,383	(b)	833	(c)53,865
1967-68	37,629	15,806	13,456	5,218	(b)	(b)	80,874
1967-68 - April	3,007	1,264	1,090	494	)	(	6,655
May	2,842	921	1,265	522	) (b)	(b)	6,485
June	2,932	1,156	1,535	384	)	(	6,755
1968-69p - July	3,158	1,296	1,194	356	)	(	6,745
August	3,142	1,077	1,246	365	)	(	6,578
September	3,036	1,432	1,241	377	)	(	6,817
October	3,062	1,418	1,091	429	)	(	6,851
November	2,799	1,241	1,562	380	)	(	6,775
December	3,135	1,319	1,032	467	) (b)	(b)	6,737
January	2,959	1,241	1,061	448	)	(	6,580
February	2,466	1,203	921	401	)	(	5,768
March	2,691	1,289	1,133	444	)	(	6,451
April	2,785	1,398	1,138	537	)	(	6,713
May	3,171	1,370	1,032	429	)	(	6,827

INTENDED FOR CHICKEN MEAT - EGG STRAINS
(Crossbred and other Cockerels) (d)

Year - 1965-66	3,109	2,135	n.a.	274	324	107	(c)5,949
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
1967-68 - April	95	160	63	3	8	3	332
May	105	105	69	4	10	7	299
June	87	105	63	5	7	..	268
1968-69p - July	111	97	77	12	9	4	309
August	143	120	71	15	11	8	368
September	163	112	69	18	9	8	378
October	133	76	55	31	9	5	310
November	85	67	15	20	4	2	194
December	52	68	8	15	2	2	147
January	67	45	12	10	)	(b)	135
February	61	50	21	13	) (b)	(b)	146
March	97	60	26	11	3	3	199
April	118	63	32	15	6	..	233
May	77	55	36	12	5	..	185

For footnotes see next page.

TABLE 7. - CHICKENS HATCHED (a) IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES - continued
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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
INTENDED FOR EGG PRODUCTION - EGG STRAINS (Pullets) (d)							
Year - 1965-66	5,934	3,710	n.a.	1,525	1,077	372	(c)12,618
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
1967-68 - April	490	325	230	100	83	20	1,248
May	496	294	255	98	99	33	1,276
June	486	330	269	105	99	40	1,329
1968-69 - July	563	427	341	179	137	43	1,699
August	689	584	349	308	167	77	2,174
September	706	577	319	312	135	49	2,098
October	691	446	245	198	108	45	1,733
November	422	275	143	103	90	29	1,053
December	239	205	94	76	62	6	682
January	256	214	78	90	51	2	690
February	383	235	128	98	52	8	904
March	566	363	215	115	77	8	1,344
April	584	357	354	112	102	12	1,521
May	607	358	362	137	122	33	1,619

(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.

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