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RURAL STATISTICS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 1966-67 SEASON

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I. RURAL HOLDINGS AND LAND UTILISATION

At 31 March 1967, there were 200 rural holdings in the Australian Capital Territory with an average area of 1,750 acres. In 1966-67, 96.3 per cent of the total area of rural holdings was used for grazing and 2.3 per cent for crops.

TABLE 1. - A.C.T. RURAL HOLDINGS (a) : NUMBER AND AREA, BY DISTRICT, 1966-67 SEASON

District	Number of Holdings	Total Area of Holdings	Area used for Crops (b)	Land Lying Fallow during Season	Area under Sown Grasses and Clovers	Other land used for Grazing	Balance of Holdings (c)
				- acres -			
Booth & Mt Clear	15	82,634	306	..	1,635	80,443	250
Canberra City (d)	65	35,899	3,366	532	16,684	14,943	374
Coree & Stromlo	18	34,508	1,039	30	19,597	12,446	1,390
Gungahlin & Kowen	19	31,434	884	122	8,233	22,193	2
Hall	15	10,692	427	120	4,405	5,740	..
Lanyon	18	30,986	996	260	14,175	15,448	107
Paddy's River	17	61,164	326	..	13,127	47,411	320
Tennent & Rendezvous Creek	14	44,853	74	68	1,111	42,582	1,018
Woden	19	17,813	722	45	8,595	8,375	76
<u>TOTAL</u>	200	350,003	8,140	1,183	87,562	249,581	3,537

(a) A rural holding is defined as a piece of land of one acre or more in extent used for agricultural purposes or the raising of livestock. (b) Excludes sown grasses and clovers cut for hay or seed. (c) Land not being used for agricultural or pastoral purposes. (d) Includes Belconnen; previously a separate rural district.

II. AGRICULTURE

TABLE 2. - AREA OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T.
(Acres)

Crop	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
Cereals for Grain -					
Wheat	2,406	2,824	2,094	1,342	2,666
Oats	663	1,132	1,487	1,458	1,797
Hay -					
Wheaten	35	91	114	12	22
Oaten	464	590	461	992	466
Lucerne	1,552	1,283	1,390	1,514	1,874
Other (a)	467	618	1,504	1,219	1,621
<u>Total Hay</u>	2,518	2,582	3,469	3,737	3,983
Green Fodder	1,106	1,261	1,166	840	1,100
Vegetables -					
Potatoes	42	23	16	14	14
Other	110	110	109	119	111
Orchards -					
Apples (bearing)	38	40	43	31	26
Other Fruits	17	14	13	11	12
All other Crops (b)	612	161	418	32	538
<u>TOTAL AREA UNDER CROPS</u>	7,512	8,147	8,815	7,584	10,247

(a) Mainly grass and clover. (b) Includes sown grasses harvested for seed.

TABLE 3. - PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T.

Crop		1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
Cereals for Grain -						
Wheat	bushels	70,413	69,384	57,792	27,855	86,577
Oats	"	16,974	22,446	32,100	37,338	47,004
Hay -						
Wheaten	tons	60	142	285	24	43
Oaten	"	853	1,044	963	1,345	1,012
Lucerne	"	4,351	2,555	2,977	2,071	5,188
Other (a)	"	717	680	2,678	1,392	2,273
<u>Total Hay</u>	"	5,981	4,421	6,903	4,832	8,516
Potatoes	tons	212	122	105	83	(b)
Apples	bushels	3,864	3,322	3,664	2,768	3,358

(a) Mainly grass and clover. (b) Not yet available.

TABLE 4. - YIELD PER ACRE OF PRINCIPAL CROPS IN THE A.C.T.

Crop		1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
Cereals for Grain -						
Wheat	bushels	29.3	24.6	27.6	20.8	32.5
Oats	"	25.6	19.8	21.6	25.6	26.2
Hay -						
Wheaten	tons	1.71	1.56	2.50	2.00	1.95
Oaten	"	1.84	1.77	2.09	1.36	2.17
Lucerne	"	2.80	1.99	2.14	1.37	2.77
Other (a)	"	1.54	1.10	1.78	1.14	1.40
<u>Total Hay</u>	"	2.38	1.71	1.99	1.29	2.14
Potatoes	tons	5.05	5.30	6.56	5.93	(b)
Apples	bushels	102	83	85	89	129

(a) Mainly grass and clover. (b) Not yet available.

TABLE 5. - AREA UNDER SOWN PASTURE AND IMPROVED NATIVE PASTURE IN THE A.C.T.
(Acres)

Particulars	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
Grasses & Clovers cut for hay	467	618	1,504	1,169	1,407
Grasses cut for seed	597	143	404	..	503
Grasses & Clovers for silage or for grazing	78,174	82,362	90,303	84,556	85,652
<u>TOTAL AREA OF SOWN GRASSES AND CLOVERS</u>	79,238	83,123	92,211	85,725	87,562
Area under Improved Native Pasture	40,875	46,052	39,585	35,298	35,618

III. PASTORAL AND DAIRYING

TABLE 6. - NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK IN THE A.C.T., BY DISTRICTS, AT 31 MARCH 1967

District	Sheep and Lambs	Cattle and Calves	Horses	Pigs
Booth and Mt Clear	18,851	1,799	51) (a)
Canberra City (b)	49,685	3,407	132	
Coree and Stromlo	48,992	1,797	91	
Gungahlin and Kowen	36,216	720	99	
Hall	17,205	331	26	
Lanyon	36,516	1,332	66	
Paddy's River	38,149	3,068	65	
Tennent and Rendezvous Creek	8,816	613	32	
Woden	26,179	835	99	
<u>TOTAL</u>	260,609	13,902	661	

(a) Not available for publication. (b) Includes Belconnen; previously a separate rural district.

In accordance with the reporting procedure instituted at 31 March 1964, the numbers of cattle contained in Table 7 are classified according to the main purpose for which they are kept, as distinct from the earlier classification according to breed. Comparability with years prior to 1964 is restricted to broad categories only, as shown in Table 8 on page 4.

TABLE 7. - NUMBER OF CATTLE ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

Description	Number at 31 March -			
	1964	1965	1966	1967
Bulls (1 year and over) used or intended for service -				
Dairy Breeds	35	27	32	31
Beef Breeds	233	252	267	235
<u>Total</u>	268	279	299	266
Cows and Heifers used or intended for production of milk or cream for sale -				
Cows - in milk	1,204	1,153	1,105	1,154
dry	309	387	382	397
Heifers (1 year and over)	163	134	190	170
Heifer Calves (under 1 year)	250	245	231	174
<u>Total</u>	1,926	1,919	1,908	1,895
House Cows (in milk or dry) and Heifers (1 year and over) being kept primarily for own milk supply	488	462	428	437
Other Cattle and Calves not included above (i.e. mainly for meat production) -				
Cows and Heifers (1 year and over)	6,377	6,336	5,680	6,172
Calves (under 1 year) including vealers and calves intended for service	3,912	3,694	3,596	3,829
Other (1 year and over) i.e. steers, bullocks, speyed cows, etc.	1,428	1,359	1,450	1,303
<u>Total</u>	11,717	11,389	10,726	11,304
<u>TOTAL CATTLE AND CALVES FOR ALL PURPOSES</u>	14,399	14,049	13,361	13,902

TABLE 8. - NUMBER OF CATTLE ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	Number at 31 March -				
	1963	1964 (a)	1965 (a)	1966 (a)	1967 (a)
Bulls (1 year and over)	262	268	279	299	266
Cows and Heifers (1 year and over)	8,567	8,541	8,472	7,785	8,330
Calves (under 1 year)	4,039	4,162	3,939	3,827	4,003
Other Cattle	1,287	1,428	1,359	1,450	1,303
<u>TOTAL</u>	14,155	14,399	14,049	13,361	13,902

(a) See text preceding Table 7.

TABLE 9. - NUMBER OF SHEEP AND LAMBS ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	Number at 31 March -				
	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Rams (1 year and over)	1,976	2,341	2,287	2,200	2,722
Breeding Ewes (including intended matings)	91,026	97,439	99,230	97,572	107,136
Other Ewes (1 year and over)	30,899	27,693	28,804	21,623	18,572
Wethers (1 year and over)	113,490	109,682	111,245	100,914	98,401
Lambs and Hoggets (under 1 year)	41,815	51,949	48,260	35,870	53,778
<u>TOTAL</u>	279,206	289,104	289,826	258,179	280,609

TABLE 10. - BREEDS OF SHEEP ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

Breed	Number at 31 March -				
	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Merino	237,271	244,078	245,229	207,394	} (a)
Corriedale	10,733	8,990	7,993	5,954	
Other Recognised Breeds (b)	2,363	3,750	5,334	6,091	
Merino Comeback (finer than Halfbred)	4,258	6,829	3,946	5,361	
Crossbred (Halfbred and coarser)	24,581	25,457	27,324	33,379	
<u>TOTAL</u>	279,206	289,104	289,826	258,179	280,609

(a) Not collected. (b) Principally Romney Marsh, Dorset Horn and Border Leicester.

TABLE 11. - LAMBING IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	Season -				
	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Number of Breeding Ewes at 31 March	93,151	91,026	97,439	99,230	97,572
Ewes Mated	79,763	88,183	86,958	80,933	91,878
Lambs Marked	55,139	68,359	66,005	45,869	73,494
Lambs Marked as Percentage of Ewes Mated	69.1	77.5	75.9	56.7	80.0

TABLE 12. - WOOL PRODUCTION IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	Sheep	Lambs	Sheeps	Lambs	Dead	Total
	Shorn	Shorn	Wool (including crutchings)	Wool	and Skin Wool	Wool Pro- duction
	- '000 -		- '000 lb -			
1962-63	255	30	2,264	54	25	2,343
1963-64	257	38	2,465	61	26	2,552
1964-65	261	43	2,368	83	24	2,475
1965-66	244	28	1,792	50	31	1,873
1966-67 -						
Booth and Mt Clear	19	..	162	..	2	164
Canberra City (a)	46	9	450	11	5	467
Coree and Stromlo	40	6	404	12	4	420
Gungahlin and Kowen	32	4	312	6	3	321
Hall	14	4	119	6	2	127
Lanyon	34	7	327	16	3	345
Paddy's River	30	4	320	4	4	328
Tennent and Rendezvous Creek	8	..	67	..	2	68
Woden	20	6	203	8	2	214
TOTAL, 1966-67	241	39	2,364	64	77	2,454

(a) Includes Belconnen; previously a separate rural district.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in the above table are due to rounding.

TABLE 13. - LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	
Livestock Slaughtered -						
Cattle and Calves	number	11,889	12,285	12,845	11,018	9,615
Sheep and Lambs	"	108,262	117,286	110,735	92,164	92,905
Pigs	"	7,418	7,210	4,640	9,307	8,457
Meat Produced (Carcass Weight) -						
Beef and Veal	tons	2,080	2,158	2,179	1,795	1,719
Mutton and Lamb	"	1,849	1,986	1,856	1,517	1,613
Pigmeat	"	328	326	218	428	388
TOTAL MEAT	"	4,257	4,470	4,253	3,740	3,720

TABLE 14. - PRODUCTION OF MILK AND AVERAGE YIELD PER DAIRY COW IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
Production of Milk for all purposes ('000 gal)	1,090	1,146	1,094	1,026	1,102
Average Annual Yield per Cow (in milk or dry) (gal) (a)	479	557	547	524	565

(a) See text preceding Table 7. As a result of the revised classification, the annual yield per cow (in milk or dry) for 1963-64 and subsequent years may not be comparable with the calculations made for previous years.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

TABLE 15. - ARTIFICIAL FERTILISERS USED IN THE A.C.T.

Particulars	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
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AREA FERTILISED
(Acres)

Wheat	2,313	2,737	1,834	1,450	2,697
Other Cereals	850	1,470	1,797	2,188	2,108
Vegetables	133	121	114	121	112
Fruit	15	12	13	8	15
Other Crops	1,074	1,998	847	2,285	1,275
Sown Pasture	54,247	56,253	66,293	49,189	44,051
Native Pasture	23,596	32,441	25,108	12,672	15,827

SUPERPHOSPHATE USED (a)
(Tons)

Wheat	115	144	87	79	122
Other Cereals	45	85	97	131	122
Vegetables	27	32	29	26	33
Fruit	1	1	1	..	1
Other Crops	60	117	66	143	108
Sown Pasture	2,908	2,866	3,454	2,549	1,798
Native Pasture	1,271	1,819	1,382	787	958

(a) In addition, the following quantities of other artificial fertilisers were used: 1962-63, 74 tons; 1963-64, 149 tons; 1964-65, 109 tons; 1965-66, 62 tons; 1966-67, 252 tons.

TABLE 16. - FARM MACHINERY ON HOLDINGS IN THE A.C.T.

Type of Machinery	At 31 March -				
	1963	1954	1965	1966	1967
Grain Drills - Combine Type	70	67	65	66	65
Other Types	43	42	35	37	35
Grain and Seed Harvesters (incl. Headers and Strippers)	30	28	28	27	27
Pick-up Balers	42	40	49	47	51
Fertiliser Distributors and Broadcasters (Spreaders)	121	116	114	94	99
Shearing Machines (No. of Stands)	298	297	305	292	298
Milking Machines (No. of Units)	84	83	93	94	94
Tractors - Wheeled	196	201	202	194	200
Crawler	5	7	5	6	7

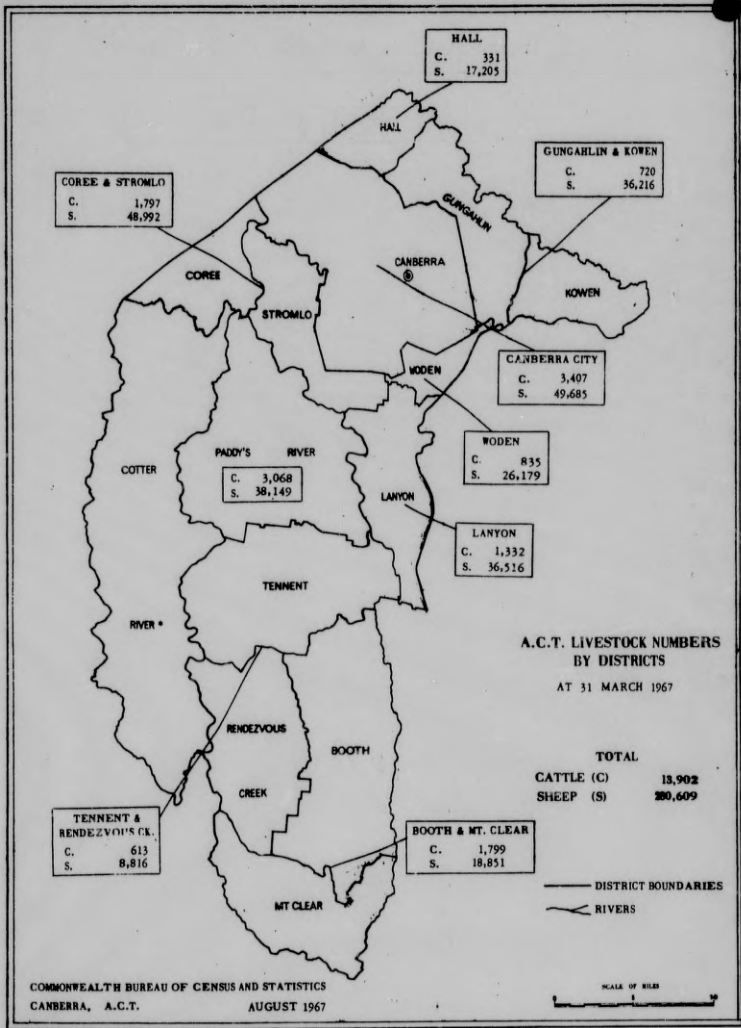
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NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning 63 9111 Extension 2277 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Bureau of Census and Statistics.



* No livestock was recorded in the Cotter River district.