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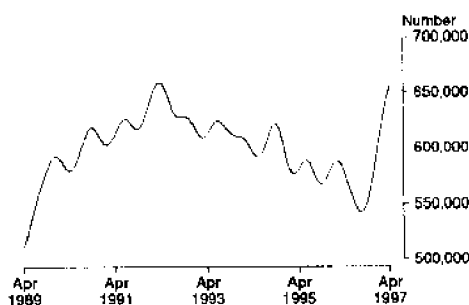
## LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA APRIL 1997

### MAIN FEATURES

#### Livestock Slaughtering

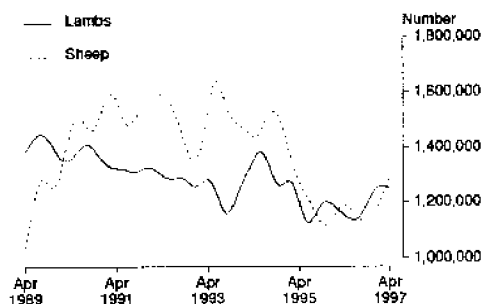
The trend estimate for cattle slaughterings rose 2.3% in April 1997. It is 20.8% above the last trough in August 1996. The trend estimate for calf slaughterings rose 1.3% in April 1997 and is 21.0% above the last trough in March 1996.

**CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS**  
Trend Series



The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings rose 2.7% in April 1997 and is 14.4% above the last trough in October 1996. The trend estimate for lamb slaughterings fell for the second consecutive month. It is 0.5% below the last peak in February 1997.

**SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS**  
Trend Series



The trend estimate for pig slaughterings has continued to rise, increasing 0.6% in April 1997. It is 10.4% lower than the peak in November 1994.

#### Red Meat

The trend estimate for total red meat production rose for the eighth consecutive month in April 1997, and is 16.6% above the last trough in August 1996. The trend estimate for beef production also rose for the eighth consecutive month in April 1997 and is 21.4% above the last trough in August 1996. The trend estimate for mutton production rose 2.1% in April 1997. It is 11.5% above the last trough in October 1996. The trend estimate for lamb production fell marginally for the second consecutive month. It is 0.1% below the last peak in February 1997. The trend estimate for pigmeat production continued to rise and is 3.7% above the last trough in September 1996.

#### Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production in April 1997 fell marginally for the sixth consecutive month. It is 3.2% below the last peak in October 1996.

#### Whole Milk Intake

In March 1997 the trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories continued its general decline falling by 0.4% in March 1997.

#### Wool Receipts by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receipts by brokers and dealers rose 3.4% in April 1997. Since the last trough in August 1996 it has risen 17.6%.

#### Live Exports

In March 1997 live sheep exports rose 2.9% to 470,500. The unit value (\$34.68) rose 3.0% and the gross value (\$16.3 million) rose 5.9%.

Live cattle exports rose 1.8% to 69,400 in March 1997. The unit value (\$482.10) fell 3.4% and the gross value (\$33.5 million) fell 1.6%.

#### INQUIRIES

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED  
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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate(b)</i>
<b>BULLS, BULLOCKS AND STEERS (a)</b>									
1993-94	1,008.5	772.0	1,700.5	199.0	271.2	101.8	4,070.0	..	..
1994-95	1,105.6	782.7	1,597.1	206.1	244.0	111.2	4,056.6	..	..
1995-96	1,024.0	946.9	1,438.2	180.4	218.0	95.4	3,920.6	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	92.9	87.7	95.2	17.9	18.6	8.3	320.7	333.5	336.3
March	97.7	86.3	130.3	16.3	16.9	8.6	356.3	351.8	341.7
April	85.4	77.8	119.9	11.4	15.3	6.3	316.4	338.2	341.9
May	102.4	91.4	131.5	12.6	16.0	10.4	365.3	336.9	336.6
June	90.3	72.5	117.1	10.6	15.2	8.7	316.1	339.2	326.7
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	89.6	83.2	120.6	9.7	13.1	7.3	324.8	321.2	313.9
August	83.9	67.6	118.1	9.1	14.3	6.2	301.5	286.2	302.0
September	86.2	61.0	118.1	12.3	16.6	6.4	302.6	290.2	296.2
October	94.5	79.0	117.3	15.8	20.1	7.6	335.7	295.4	298.3
November	96.9	72.1	123.0	17.5	20.3	9.4	341.8	301.9	307.6
December	81.1	80.7	67.6	14.0	21.2	12.3	278.0	315.8	321.2
January	86.0	89.4	67.8	16.3	20.3	12.8	294.1	348.2	334.4
February	88.2	85.3	123.8	14.5	16.7	10.6	340.5	368.2	345.1
March	93.8	66.3	122.8	14.7	14.2	10.1	323.0	326.0	353.3
April	101.7	74.9	130.9	17.3	14.2	10.3	350.8	365.0	359.5
<b>COWS AND HEIFERS (a)</b>									
1993-94	979.4	622.0	1,081.4	201.4	167.6	85.2	3,220.1	..	..
1994-95	943.4	684.6	960.7	218.1	186.4	96.7	3,163.4	..	..
1995-96	939.1	576.7	899.3	194.1	181.9	88.9	2,959.6	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	84.1	58.6	74.7	18.2	21.9	8.1	269.5	256.9	252.7
March	74.1	45.7	90.7	15.7	16.4	9.1	255.3	249.3	245.1
April	70.7	38.1	78.0	14.1	12.4	6.7	223.8	230.6	237.4
May	93.6	43.8	82.6	17.6	13.0	10.8	269.6	222.5	232.5
June	72.6	37.0	87.7	13.2	11.2	9.2	241.8	232.2	232.1
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	71.8	38.3	91.9	13.2	11.8	5.8	244.3	235.4	235.5
August	65.7	54.1	81.5	13.8	14.5	4.6	244.6	246.2	241.3
September	70.6	57.0	71.7	14.0	16.6	5.2	241.7	246.1	247.8
October	83.6	67.8	69.4	18.0	19.9	6.4	270.3	261.2	252.9
November	73.7	59.8	67.1	19.3	19.7	8.0	251.1	255.5	257.5
December	64.0	57.8	42.0	14.9	19.7	8.9	208.8	252.6	262.9
January	76.7	69.9	50.2	16.5	20.7	8.1	243.9	280.4	270.2
February	82.0	63.5	82.4	17.1	20.9	8.8	276.3	271.7	278.8
March	80.2	65.0	89.0	14.6	17.9	8.1	276.0	275.8	288.1
April	88.0	78.7	102.3	19.9	15.3	11.0	318.4	321.1	296.7

TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED  
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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
TOTAL CATTLE (excludes calves) (a)									
1993-94	1,987.9	1,393.9	2,781.8	400.3	438.8	187.0	7,290.1	..	..
1994-95	2,049.0	1,467.3	2,557.8	424.3	430.5	207.9	7,220.0	..	..
1995-96	1,963.1	1,523.6	2,337.5	374.5	399.9	184.2	6,880.3	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	176.9	146.3	169.9	36.1	40.5	16.4	590.1	590.4	589.0
March	171.8	132.0	221.0	32.0	33.3	17.7	611.7	601.2	586.8
April	156.0	115.9	197.9	25.5	27.7	13.0	540.2	568.8	579.3
May	196.1	135.3	214.1	30.2	29.0	21.2	635.0	559.4	569.1
June	162.9	109.5	204.8	23.7	26.4	18.0	557.9	571.4	558.8
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	161.4	121.6	212.5	22.8	24.9	13.2	569.0	556.5	549.4
August	149.6	121.7	199.6	22.8	28.8	10.8	546.1	532.4	543.3
September	156.8	118.0	189.8	26.3	33.2	11.6	544.3	536.3	544.0
October	178.1	146.7	186.6	33.8	40.0	14.0	606.0	556.6	551.3
November	170.6	131.9	190.1	36.8	40.0	17.4	592.8	557.4	565.1
December	145.0	138.4	109.6	28.9	40.9	21.2	486.8	568.5	584.1
January	162.7	159.3	118.0	32.9	41.0	21.0	538.0	628.6	604.6
February	170.2	148.8	206.2	31.6	37.5	19.4	616.8	639.9	623.9
March	173.9	131.2	211.8	29.3	32.1	18.2	599.0	601.8	641.5
April	189.7	153.7	233.2	37.2	29.5	21.3	669.3	686.1	656.1
CALVES									
1993-94	221.4	583.4	148.7	8.8	4.4	23.2	991.6	..	..
1994-95	248.3	635.6	117.1	12.0	3.8	28.8	1,047.7	..	..
1995-96	244.2	589.8	91.2	12.6	3.2	41.4	984.6	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	20.6	4.8	7.5	0.6	0.2	0.1	33.9	80.6	81.6
March	21.1	9.3	7.6	1.4	0.2	0.3	40.0	79.1	80.8
April	18.9	27.6	7.1	1.7	0.2	0.9	56.6	83.0	81.1
May	24.5	47.2	8.0	1.4	0.3	1.4	83.1	81.3	82.7
June	19.9	75.8	6.8	1.0	0.3	0.7	104.7	84.5	85.3
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	22.0	82.3	7.4	1.4	0.3	1.8	115.4	82.9	87.9
August	23.7	182.1	10.4	1.4	0.4	13.4	231.7	95.8	90.0
September	18.2	131.0	6.8	1.4	0.6	16.8	174.8	97.0	91.4
October	18.2	70.4	10.2	1.1	0.5	6.1	106.5	92.2	92.2
November	18.1	19.2	9.0	0.8	0.5	0.6	48.3	83.1	92.6
December	15.4	8.7	7.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	33.4	93.6	93.0
January	24.7	7.9	10.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	44.4	99.1	93.9
February	22.4	6.6	7.4	0.9	0.4	0.1	37.9	94.8	95.2
March	20.7	15.4	9.0	1.2	0.4	0.4	47.2	94.7	96.5
April	27.2	28.1	11.1	2.3	0.3	1.6	70.7	98.6	97.8

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
SHEEP									
1993-94	6,066.9	3,975.9	1,046.2	3,078.3	2,952.2	526.1	17,830.6	..	..
1994-95	6,577.8	3,229.6	770.9	3,114.4	2,438.1	569.3	16,849.9	..	..
1995-96	5,680.4	2,488.0	727.5	2,370.5	2,157.1	349.7	13,904.8	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	537.3	261.1	62.1	288.0	186.4	34.9	1,381.1	1,235.1	1,166.5
March	557.6	219.5	78.2	252.6	184.5	35.5	1,338.8	1,201.6	1,183.3
April	517.7	196.2	65.6	164.4	174.0	28.4	1,157.2	1,185.2	1,189.3
May	497.3	158.5	81.6	154.5	197.3	37.0	1,139.8	1,131.1	1,184.5
June	396.4	128.8	64.4	138.1	157.6	27.7	922.7	1,196.0	1,172.0
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	405.7	123.7	87.8	116.7	166.1	21.6	931.3	1,152.5	1,155.5
August	366.4	182.2	72.3	122.7	186.1	13.2	949.1	1,177.5	1,140.8
September	378.5	182.9	75.5	159.1	202.1	14.0	1,017.9	1,116.2	1,131.6
October	466.4	251.8	74.5	232.3	234.7	19.8	1,289.8	1,118.5	1,126.5
November	450.8	251.0	81.5	316.1	193.7	32.3	1,334.1	1,117.7	1,132.1
December	392.5	274.8	68.5	191.1	186.2	42.0	1,164.6	1,091.8	1,152.0
January	467.8	324.5	82.6	256.8	174.4	47.5	1,362.7	1,256.9	1,182.8
February	478.3	304.8	79.4	276.6	171.8	47.4	1,367.8	1,245.5	1,218.3
March	465.2	236.1	60.8	257.7	171.0	43.5	1,242.1	1,130.5	1,254.7
April	515.5	293.5	68.4	260.2	187.5	47.6	1,380.4	1,399.2	1,288.2
LAMBS									
1993-94	3,991.7	5,600.8	742.5	2,363.8	1,553.2	437.8	15,040.1	..	..
1994-95	4,133.7	6,303.2	608.7	1,914.8	1,263.7	477.2	15,089.5	..	..
1995-96	3,417.3	5,897.7	695.3	1,905.2	1,391.9	393.3	14,020.9	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	282.1	460.9	59.3	162.7	101.8	38.5	1,131.0	1,183.0	1,177.7
March	295.0	450.5	68.4	167.1	123.4	39.3	1,166.3	1,153.0	1,164.9
April	313.2	455.8	59.9	144.2	127.6	29.6	1,155.0	1,160.9	1,153.7
May	291.6	505.0	49.7	161.9	154.7	37.9	1,228.9	1,137.7	1,144.1
June	262.3	400.8	48.3	98.2	130.9	31.8	994.4	1,132.6	1,138.3
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	313.8	425.2	63.3	100.1	158.5	25.3	1,108.3	1,157.7	1,137.2
August	329.2	439.4	74.8	103.1	137.1	21.2	1,126.5	1,120.4	1,145.0
September	350.4	468.0	55.2	146.3	165.7	25.4	1,228.3	1,176.8	1,165.3
October	368.1	552.5	74.4	176.2	218.2	25.2	1,439.2	1,169.7	1,193.9
November	270.0	547.6	59.8	149.9	157.1	27.1	1,236.1	1,203.3	1,222.7
December	262.8	528.3	55.4	125.7	129.2	28.2	1,153.4	1,259.2	1,244.5
January	287.7	533.6	72.1	156.3	124.1	42.8	1,240.0	1,336.0	1,256.5
February	275.1	460.0	63.3	155.8	157.4	35.6	1,169.5	1,273.9	1,259.6
March	280.6	468.2	60.4	142.6	152.5	35.0	1,158.2	1,157.9	1,257.1
April	312.0	522.3	68.8	172.7	168.0	35.2	1,297.9	1,271.8	1,253.0

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(\*000)—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
	PIGS								
1993-94	1,490.9	1,188.5	1,207.9	562.1	550.4	95.8	5,190.2	..	..
1994-95	1,505.4	1,196.9	1,154.4	469.6	604.1	92.9	5,119.6	..	..
1995-96	1,408.0	1,142.1	1,080.0	393.4	562.8	86.5	4,750.1	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	106.6	92.5	87.6	34.2	46.4	6.7	379.7	392.0	394.0
March	113.4	93.8	96.5	28.6	47.9	7.6	393.4	390.0	390.7
April	106.6	94.5	81.4	28.9	45.9	6.4	369.1	386.1	388.3
May	124.4	107.2	90.0	37.9	50.5	7.7	424.8	385.2	386.1
June	117.3	87.0	91.5	27.8	44.2	7.0	380.5	378.1	383.5
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	117.6	103.0	88.1	36.4	48.5	7.2	407.0	397.8	380.1
August	112.8	91.7	81.2	35.1	43.7	6.3	376.9	373.7	376.3
September	121.4	91.3	73.1	27.0	42.5	6.3	366.5	370.9	373.9
October	109.6	102.8	79.5	25.5	39.2	5.9	368.7	358.7	373.1
November	109.6	94.3	77.7	32.5	44.9	5.7	370.6	377.4	374.2
December	130.6	103.0	78.6	23.6	46.9	7.0	396.3	382.3	376.8
January	96.7	92.9	81.5	24.5	42.6	6.8	350.3	385.7	380.0
February	94.2	96.8	82.3	30.2	45.7	6.2	360.2	387.1	382.7
March	108.3	90.2	80.3	25.0	49.7	6.6	364.9	362.1	384.9
April	107.1	111.1	86.0	27.9	49.4	6.8	393.1	401.1	387.2

(a) Domesticated buffaloes slaughtered in the Northern Territory are included in Australian totals. (b) Trend estimates for the most recent months are subject to revision when data for subsequent months become available.

TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)  
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
BEEF (c)									
1993-94	466,387	315,279	742,701	94,395	101,513	47,458	1,786,224	..	..
1994-95	471,183	335,059	697,750	99,108	97,140	49,907	1,765,607	..	..
1995-96	458,209	348,649	629,230	89,704	94,859	45,377	1,684,488	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	42,160	33,875	46,241	8,964	9,588	4,163	145,719	146,030	144,849
March	41,564	30,649	59,193	7,989	7,958	4,208	152,310	150,317	144,378
April	36,393	26,908	52,699	6,250	6,853	3,066	132,958	139,796	142,249
May	46,244	31,242	56,252	6,935	6,906	5,246	154,535	136,325	139,000
June	37,404	25,209	53,542	5,780	6,354	4,461	135,220	137,565	135,776
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	37,188	27,672	56,065	5,241	5,731	3,271	137,594	134,917	133,084
August	34,532	27,220	52,964	5,190	6,731	2,638	131,707	127,199	131,438
September	35,879	26,388	50,198	6,650	7,907	2,878	131,522	130,985	131,590
October	42,306	33,023	50,185	8,130	9,456	3,434	147,840	135,991	133,348
November	40,612	29,508	52,350	8,930	9,416	4,262	146,148	136,039	136,661
December	34,460	31,543	29,267	6,681	9,130	5,559	117,175	135,167	141,254
January	37,815	35,911	32,246	7,333	9,291	5,434	128,603	149,377	146,302
February	39,874	33,270	56,525	7,223	8,512	4,976	150,898	158,211	151,204
March	41,281	29,046	56,700	6,854	7,389	4,635	146,317	146,878	155,712
April	44,344	33,854	63,150	8,355	6,662	5,394	162,633	166,142	159,543
VEAL									
1993-94	17,551	13,466	6,352	302	296	515	38,581	..	..
1994-95	16,677	14,428	4,918	433	250	977	37,810	..	..
1995-96	16,273	12,009	3,854	396	213	875	33,774	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	1,384	139	310	23	16	5	1,888	2,801	2,783
March	1,410	220	312	42	14	9	2,018	2,767	2,705
April	1,258	583	283	49	13	22	2,219	2,656	2,671
May	1,617	961	331	45	16	34	3,023	2,658	2,695
June	1,259	1,496	274	33	21	18	3,114	2,579	2,769
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	1,397	1,720	293	41	23	39	3,527	2,709	2,870
August	1,509	3,589	499	44	23	272	5,942	3,437	2,983
September	1,157	2,643	286	38	29	339	4,498	3,183	3,096
October	1,090	1,469	484	35	24	125	3,232	2,912	3,187
November	1,169	494	437	27	25	15	2,172	3,113	3,243
December	1,012	226	384	22	26	7	1,684	3,435	3,271
January	1,630	218	518	26	23	5	2,425	3,421	3,292
February	1,517	174	395	40	21	6	2,157	3,380	3,310
March	1,325	350	439	36	21	13	2,189	3,049	3,320
April	1,732	596	530	69	17	38	2,989	3,376	3,326

TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)  
(Tonnes carcass weight)—continued

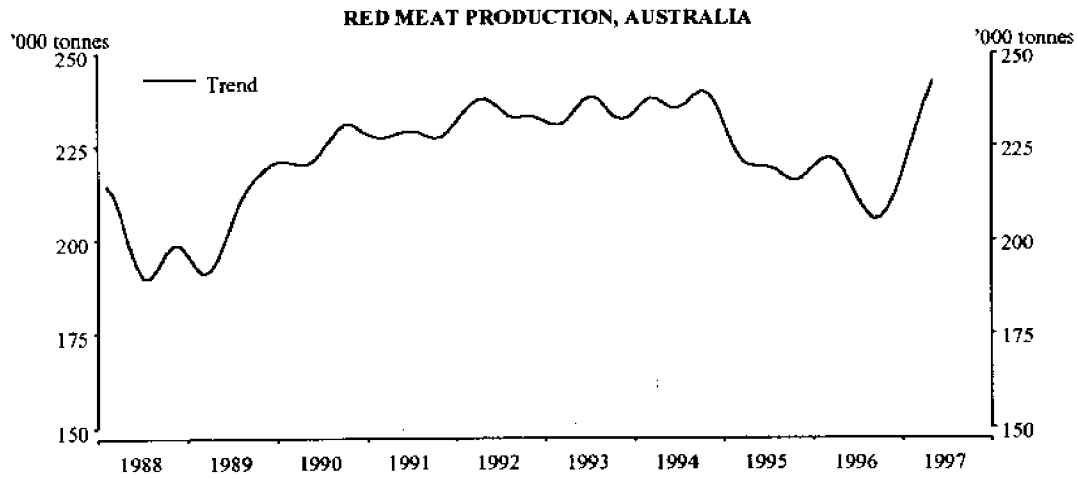
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
MUTTON									
1993-94	127,582	85,010	21,282	71,354	61,731	9,992	380,720	..	..
1994-95	131,052	64,440	15,308	66,759	47,776	11,230	339,498	..	..
1995-96	121,376	50,910	14,161	55,600	43,435	7,414	295,584	..	..
<i>1995-96</i>									
February	11,372	5,324	1,221	6,566	3,743	747	29,209	26,155	25,032
March	11,729	4,398	1,516	5,714	3,730	753	28,066	25,309	25,240
April	10,982	3,952	1,239	3,768	3,492	593	24,255	25,268	25,198
May	10,434	3,159	1,535	3,532	4,057	779	23,779	23,969	24,943
June	8,297	2,575	1,206	3,065	3,162	578	19,086	25,113	24,555
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	8,366	2,432	1,700	2,670	3,299	448	19,118	23,987	24,149
August	7,599	3,693	1,454	2,749	3,693	270	19,589	24,266	23,837
September	8,230	3,730	1,561	3,733	3,956	286	21,618	23,492	23,678
October	10,011	5,217	1,558	5,528	4,676	409	27,616	23,524	23,633
November	9,754	5,066	1,634	7,351	3,928	700	28,615	23,448	23,782
December	8,401	5,610	1,419	4,500	3,670	928	24,729	23,247	24,146
January	10,059	6,485	1,696	5,815	3,404	1,020	28,737	26,080	24,660
February	9,952	5,915	1,627	6,057	3,318	1,019	28,070	25,779	25,233
March	9,641	4,506	1,261	5,397	3,306	927	25,184	23,226	25,817
April	10,368	5,688	1,359	5,632	3,592	1,014	27,799	28,479	26,362
LAMB									
1993-94	69,246	101,386	12,447	45,199	24,936	7,047	266,800	..	..
1994-95	71,738	111,202	10,621	36,147	18,955	8,412	264,565	..	..
1995-96	62,648	110,172	12,584	37,735	24,738	7,407	261,320	..	..
<i>1995-96</i>									
February	5,222	8,815	1,069	3,206	1,831	726	21,356	22,074	21,963
March	5,411	8,481	1,227	3,377	2,204	741	21,869	21,549	21,680
April	5,787	8,449	1,071	2,957	2,267	557	21,558	21,679	21,422
May	5,437	9,685	882	3,274	2,695	715	23,224	21,375	21,176
June	4,857	7,543	858	1,909	2,328	600	18,515	20,531	21,000
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	5,770	7,664	1,136	1,896	2,698	474	20,057	21,070	20,945
August	6,046	7,990	1,362	1,856	2,352	398	20,415	20,764	21,103
September	6,480	8,468	1,000	2,776	2,834	478	22,365	21,975	21,538
October	6,882	10,158	1,345	3,422	3,595	474	26,345	21,485	22,126
November	5,041	10,074	1,093	2,983	2,644	510	22,813	22,384	22,699
December	4,936	9,866	999	2,574	2,226	528	21,582	23,760	23,112
January	5,377	10,024	1,347	3,247	2,161	806	23,385	24,445	23,341
February	5,082	8,720	1,168	3,154	2,782	670	21,935	23,578	23,429
March	5,183	8,838	1,124	2,899	2,700	658	21,705	21,657	23,428
April	5,777	9,959	1,278	3,501	2,901	663	24,382	23,930	23,416

TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)  
(Tonnes carcass weight)—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
PIGMEAT									
1993-94	98,606	78,488	84,553	38,394	32,423	6,019	344,260	..	..
1994-95	102,175	84,728	83,143	32,063	37,109	5,982	351,299	..	..
1995-96	95,788	83,052	77,696	27,335	35,341	5,634	329,607	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	6,948	6,747	6,140	2,363	2,901	436	25,918	27,145	27,209
March	7,572	6,642	6,864	1,964	3,001	496	26,856	26,755	27,062
April	7,607	6,624	5,852	2,051	2,899	423	25,788	26,637	26,935
May	8,576	8,048	6,538	2,711	3,225	502	30,022	27,085	26,788
June	8,193	6,325	6,742	2,027	2,754	456	26,846	26,363	26,584
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	8,203	7,446	6,552	2,627	2,892	469	28,545	27,301	26,346
August	7,791	6,594	6,066	2,519	2,913	411	26,686	26,144	26,089
September	7,454	6,624	5,414	1,961	2,991	410	25,153	25,063	25,986
October	7,491	7,416	5,868	1,840	2,919	386	26,313	25,685	26,049
November	7,223	6,671	5,742	2,280	3,165	368	25,828	26,132	26,258
December	8,239	7,365	5,591	1,593	3,261	456	26,917	27,064	26,526
January	6,244	6,607	5,886	1,754	3,095	456	24,279	27,216	26,756
February	6,270	6,835	5,974	2,167	3,310	413	25,186	27,708	26,884
March	6,792	6,312	5,830	1,807	3,555	431	24,942	24,840	26,955
April	7,187	7,972	6,264	2,037	3,528	445	27,652	27,832	26,958
TOTAL RED MEAT (c)									
1993-94	779,374	593,630	867,334	249,644	220,899	71,031	2,816,585	..	..
1994-95	792,826	609,857	811,740	234,511	201,230	76,509	2,758,779	..	..
1995-96	754,293	604,792	737,525	210,770	198,586	66,707	2,604,773	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
February	67,086	54,900	54,980	21,120	18,079	6,078	224,090	224,205	221,835
March	67,685	50,389	69,112	19,087	16,907	6,207	231,119	226,698	221,065
April	62,025	46,515	61,143	15,076	15,523	4,661	206,778	216,036	218,475
May	72,308	53,095	65,536	16,497	16,900	7,276	234,582	211,411	214,602
June	60,011	43,147	62,622	12,814	14,619	6,113	202,780	212,152	210,683
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	60,924	46,933	65,746	12,474	14,643	4,702	208,842	209,984	207,394
August	57,477	49,086	62,345	12,358	15,712	3,990	204,338	201,810	205,451
September	59,201	47,853	58,459	15,158	17,717	4,392	205,156	204,698	205,887
October	67,781	57,283	59,440	18,954	20,670	4,827	231,346	209,598	208,343
November	63,798	51,813	61,256	21,572	19,178	5,855	225,577	211,116	212,643
December	57,047	54,610	37,660	15,370	18,314	7,479	192,087	212,674	218,309
January	61,126	59,245	41,693	18,174	17,974	7,721	207,428	230,539	224,351
February	62,694	54,915	65,689	18,642	17,943	7,083	228,246	238,655	230,060
March	64,221	49,053	65,354	16,993	16,971	6,664	220,337	219,651	235,232
April	69,408	58,070	72,582	19,594	16,700	7,553	245,453	249,758	239,605

(a) Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal. (b) Trend estimates for the most recent months are subject to revision when data for subsequent months become available. (c) Buffalo meat produced in the Northern Territory is included in Australian totals.





**RELIABILITY OF APRIL TREND ESTIMATES  
FOR PRODUCTION OF RED MEAT**

Readers should exercise care in the interpretation of trend data as the last six observations, in particular, are likely to be revised with either revisions to the underlying data or the addition of data for the month of May.

The table below shows, for red meat production for the six months ended April:

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for May of 3% on the April figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for May of 3% on the April figure.

The percentage change of 3% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 3.28%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:</i>	
		<i>rises by 3%</i>	<i>falls by 3%</i>
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1996-97p			
November	212,643	212,217	212,534
December	218,309	217,628	218,185
January	224,351	224,051	224,328
February	230,060	230,758	230,023
March	235,232	237,534	235,108
April	239,605	244,069	239,496
May	---	250,009	243,109

**TABLE 3. STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT(a), AUSTRALIA**  
(Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation)  
(tonnes)

<i>At last Saturday of</i>	<i>Beef(b) and veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pork</i>	<i>Goat</i>	<i>Offal</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>1995-96 p—</i>							
January	29,050	7,687	2,175	3,008	38	6,813	48,771
February	31,481	7,910	2,137	2,147	28	6,981	50,684
March	27,205	7,751	2,181	2,078	26	6,972	46,213
April	30,098	7,484	2,292	2,107	48	7,318	49,347
May	30,356	7,545	2,737	2,191	78	7,015	49,922
June	25,487	7,595	3,072	1,380	39	6,388	43,961
<i>1996-97 p—</i>							
July	22,492	7,081	2,785	1,054	18	6,022	39,452
August	22,304	7,502	3,175	1,593	15	5,866	40,455
September	27,546	8,155	3,087	1,407	36	6,534	46,765
October	28,105	8,617	3,341	1,474	51	6,852	48,440
November	22,881	8,926	3,166	1,312	49	6,320	42,654
December	19,697	6,712	2,948	967	28	5,418	35,770
January	19,236	3,709	2,372	955	23	5,122	31,417
February	21,882	3,503	2,324	1,211	18	5,297	34,235
March	22,353	3,952	3,327	1,646	14	5,777	37,069

(a) Held in cold stores registered to handle meat for export, and includes meat passed for export, canning and other purposes. Includes boneless and carcass meat.

(b) Includes buffalo meat.

**TABLE 4. EXPORTS OF FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT(a), AUSTRALIA**  
(tonnes)

	<i>Fresh, chilled or frozen</i>								<i>Bacon and ham(d)</i>	<i>Canned meat(e)</i>	
	<i>Beef(b)(c)</i>		<i>Veal(b)</i>		<i>Mutton(b)</i>		<i>Lamb(b)</i>				
	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>			
1993-94	62,662	742,390	1,342	5,818	97,851	70,959	52,719	5,226	5,855	204	10,354
1994-95	59,811	716,750	1,983	6,920	103,259	65,380	48,539	4,595	5,496	160	11,531
1995-96 p	50,718	702,580	1,696	5,348	80,955	64,215	46,269	7,744	5,656	359	14,230
<i>1995-96 p—</i>											
January	2,224	40,759	195	76	6,987	5,398	3,063	424	246	—	851
February	3,948	49,793	151	270	7,264	5,239	3,344	682	234	76	1,244
March	5,643	70,780	154	324	9,632	5,810	4,359	754	431	48	1,624
April	4,174	57,152	89	363	6,408	5,444	3,599	774	328	48	784
May	2,965	56,505	173	377	6,392	4,987	3,961	855	515	24	883
June	1,448	54,503	84	207	5,664	4,459	4,102	639	914	51	876
<i>1996-97 p—</i>											
July	1,698	60,856	171	270	5,146	4,501	3,470	549	693	62	923
August	3,740	51,732	122	374	5,317	3,515	3,070	592	528	3	1,045
September	5,332	46,688	148	423	6,386	3,528	4,267	557	595	39	1,070
October	5,651	56,462	147	410	7,516	4,744	5,402	734	666	29	989
November	7,362	59,047	68	372	9,437	5,190	4,929	882	659	29	1,097
December	6,054	53,986	28	171	9,597	4,431	4,051	726	296	25	812
January	2,868	39,332	51	169	7,733	3,953	3,338	608	223	30	667
February	3,516	56,806	74	337	8,946	4,321	4,258	898	270	34	1,065
March	3,968	61,083	54	248	7,962	4,144	4,500	716	340	27	911

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Factors can be applied to beef, veal, mutton and lamb bone-out figures to derive bone-in carcass weight which, when added to bone-in figures, shows total exports in carcass weight. The factor for beef and veal is 1.5 and for mutton and lamb is 2.0 (Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation). (c) Includes buffalo meat. (d) Cured carcass weight of smoked or cooked bacon and ham. Includes stated net weight of packs of canned bacon and ham. (e) Canned weight. Excludes canned bacon and ham.

TABLE 5. EXPORTS OF LIVE SHEEP(a), AUSTRALIA

	Number ( '000)	Gross Weight ( '000 tonnes)	Gross Value (\$ '000)	Unit Value(b) (\$)
1993-94	5,433.1	287.6	149,027	27.43
1994-95	5,697.0	290.2	184,291	32.35
1995-96 p	5,879.9	296.9	226,911	38.59
<i>1995-96 p—</i>				
January	467.6	24.5	18,497	39.56
February	502.8	26.5	19,731	39.24
March	543.6	27.6	21,040	38.71
April	423.2	22.1	15,267	36.08
May	644.2	32.7	21,895	33.99
June	318.4	14.7	11,343	35.62
<i>1996-97 p—</i>				
July	274.4	13.7	9,969	36.32
August	387.3	19.1	14,359	37.08
September	559.2	28.5	20,973	37.50
October	578.8	30.3	21,137	36.52
November	468.5	25.8	16,748	35.75
December	474.9	25.6	16,088	33.87
January	546.3	30.0	18,776	34.37
February	457.4	24.0	15,406	33.68
March	470.5	23.2	16,319	34.68

(a) Excludes sheep for breeding. (b) Obtained by dividing the gross value by the number of sheep exported.

TABLE 6. EXPORTS OF LIVE CATTLE(a), AUSTRALIA

	Number ( '000)	Gross Weight ( '000 tonnes)	Gross Value (\$ '000)	Unit Value(b) (\$)
1993-94	234.7	79.9	115,021	489.97
1994-95	385.7	136.5	201,948	523.52
1995-96 p	615.9	219.0	343,699	558.07
<i>1995-96 p—</i>				
January	42.4	15.3	23,826	561.36
February	49.6	18.0	29,240	589.83
March	55.3	20.6	31,558	570.80
April	58.7	21.9	33,808	575.82
May	75.1	27.1	41,709	555.09
June	66.5	23.4	33,282	500.31
<i>1996-97 p—</i>				
July	71.0	25.7	35,967	506.76
August	72.9	24.4	35,024	480.73
September	56.3	19.8	27,252	484.38
October	63.8	22.7	29,884	468.56
November	47.3	16.8	23,192	490.72
December	66.8	23.2	31,700	474.47
January	66.1	24.9	33,503	506.66
February	68.2	25.1	34,018	499.07
March	69.4	26.6	33,479	482.10

(a) Excludes cattle for breeding. (b) Obtained by dividing the gross value by the number of cattle exported.

TABLE 7. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust.(b)
1993-94	129,735.5	85,797.9	54,133.1	28,376.4	31,481.8	329,524.7
1994-95	133,927.4	77,193.1	56,570.1	28,866.2	33,938.6	330,495.3
1995-96	133,756.6	85,410.9	55,333.1	26,948.2	34,931.2	336,380.0
<i>1995-96</i>						
February	11,172.0	6,856.1	4,386.7	2,154.2	2,717.3	27,286.3
March	11,828.7	7,303.2	4,890.0	2,310.9	3,030.4	29,363.3
April	10,660.8	7,047.4	4,505.4	2,395.9	2,922.3	27,531.7
May	10,983.4	7,538.6	4,164.3	2,029.7	2,797.8	27,513.8
June	11,323.1	6,689.1	4,326.5	2,091.2	2,927.4	27,357.4
<i>1996-97 p—</i>						
July	11,323.1	7,397.0	4,875.5	2,344.6	3,222.5	29,162.6
August	10,352.7	7,155.9	4,484.2	2,139.6	2,828.4	26,960.8
September	11,601.2	7,308.5	4,882.2	2,206.1	3,203.6	29,201.6
October	11,729.3	8,282.4	5,312.9	2,396.1	3,192.3	30,912.9
November	10,148.7	6,957.6	4,855.2	2,221.8	2,952.5	27,135.8
December	11,478.0	7,780.8	5,395.2	2,570.2	3,330.8	30,554.9
January	11,254.9	7,661.6	5,423.8	2,506.3	3,253.8	30,100.4
February	10,398.5	6,863.8	4,759.9	2,056.1	2,892.5	26,970.9
March	11,517.4	6,520.7	5,301.6	2,457.2	2,714.6	28,511.5
April	11,475.7	7,244.5	5,389.8	2,577.4	3,019.1	29,706.5

(a) Comprises broilers, fryers and roasters. (b) Excludes Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

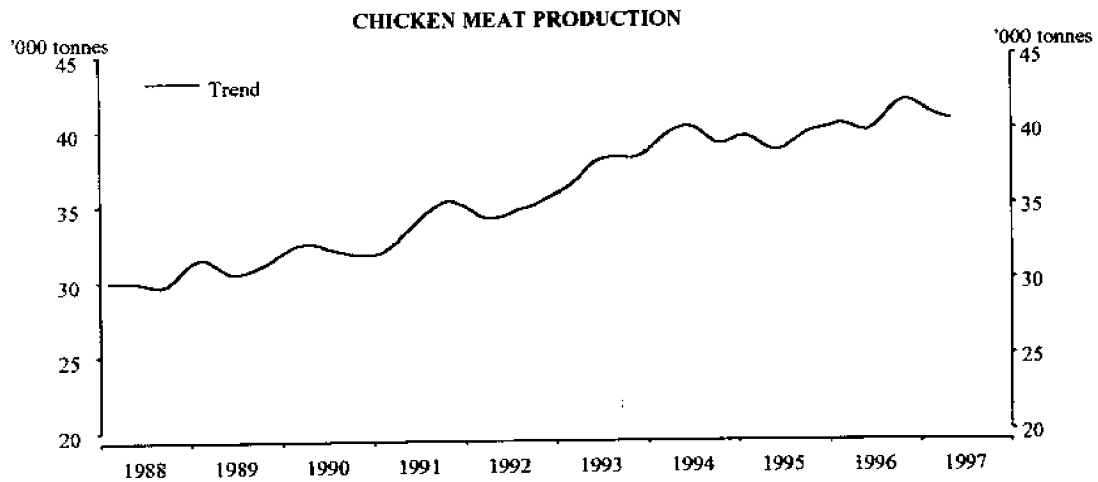
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)  
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust.(b)	Trend estimate(c)
1993-94	193,137	123,529	72,000	40,671	39,386	468,722	..
1994-95	199,589	109,515	76,337	39,103	42,007	466,551	..
1995-96	199,152	127,736	71,607	37,691	44,358	480,544	..
<i>1995-96—</i>							
February	16,810	10,279	5,750	2,991	3,365	39,196	40,328
March	18,093	10,894	6,496	3,359	3,863	42,705	40,153
April	15,987	10,543	5,783	3,438	3,698	39,448	39,933
May	16,509	10,675	5,427	2,880	3,642	39,132	39,868
June	16,496	10,212	5,677	2,942	3,922	39,249	40,145
<i>1996-97 p—</i>							
July	16,763	10,739	6,304	3,110	4,329	41,245	40,662
August	15,510	11,366	5,786	2,827	3,757	39,246	41,239
September	17,422	11,122	6,318	3,042	4,227	42,130	41,736
October	17,938	12,457	6,881	3,155	4,187	44,617	41,960
November	15,114	10,453	6,291	3,167	3,835	38,860	41,828
December	16,605	11,780	7,041	3,600	4,262	43,288	41,511
January	16,623	11,173	7,077	3,502	4,071	42,446	41,180
February	15,234	11,030	6,314	2,819	3,699	39,097	40,935
March	17,246	9,188	7,077	3,440	3,371	40,323	40,762
April	17,574	10,256	7,162	3,729	3,771	42,491	40,627

(a) Chicken meat is shown in dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets. (b) Excludes Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Trend estimates for the most recent months are subject to revision when data for subsequent months become available.

Note: Some slaughtering and meat production statistics for 'Ducks and Drakes' and 'Other Fowls and Turkeys' are available by contacting the ABS on Canberra 252 5337 or by writing to PO Box 10, Belconnen ACT 2616 (Attention: Agriculture Section).



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FOR CHICKEN MEAT**

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- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for May of 4% on the April figure.

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	Trend as published	What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:	
		rises by 4%	falls by 4%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1996-97p			
November	41,828	41,805	41,866
December	41,511	41,461	41,568
January	41,180	41,150	41,203
February	40,935	41,033	40,892
March	40,762	41,090	40,625
April	40,627	41,246	40,369
May	—	41,501	40,178

**TABLE 9. WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES (a)**  
(Source: Australian Dairy Corporation)  
(Million Litres)

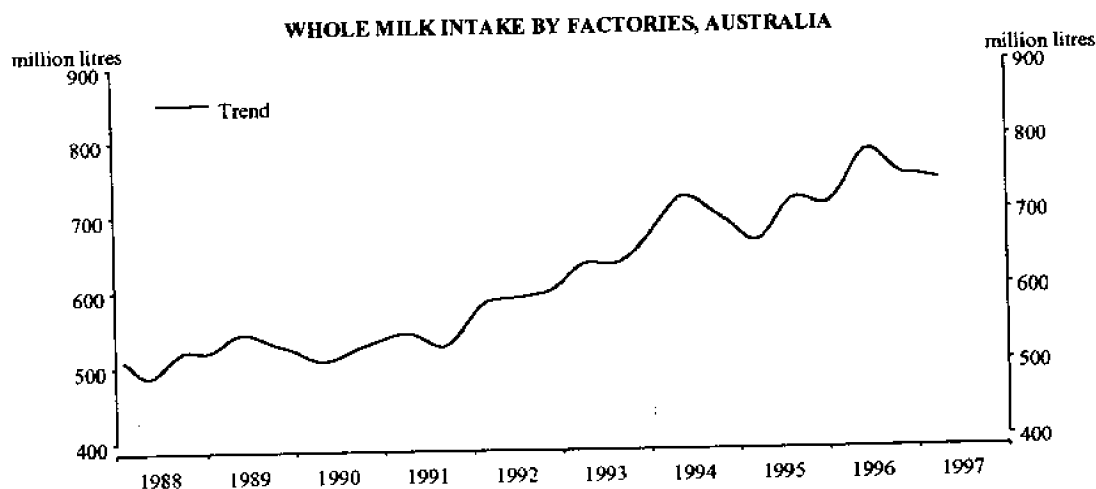
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate(b)</i>
1993-94	1,098	4,967	764	456	344	447	8,077	..	..
1994-95	1,087	5,113	741	484	343	436	8,206	..	..
1995-96	1,114	5,481	751	513	342	514	8,716	..	..
<i>1995-96</i>									
January	100	563	68	44	26	56	857	720	719
February	86	445	60	36	26	49	701	730	733
March	90	392	60	36	27	46	650	727	751
April	83	307	54	35	26	37	542	767	768
May	86	274	57	37	27	31	512	795	779
June	86	239	60	36	29	17	466	825	781
<i>1996-97 p--</i>									
July	91	259	64	39	30	12	494	765	775
August	97	394	66	44	30	22	653	741	765
September	105	599	67	50	31	49	900	738	755
October	115	758	72	57	32	69	1,104	748	748
November	109	748	69	54	29	74	1,083	756	746
December	109	691	72	51	28	71	1,021	764	746
January	105	568	71	47	27	56	874	736	745
February	91	430	61	39	26	48	695	726	743
March	98	390	67	40	29	48	671	749	740

(a) Includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake. (b) Trend estimates for the most recent months are subject to revision when data for subsequent months become available.

**TABLE 10. MARKET MILK SALES BY FACTORIES (a)**  
(Source: Australian Dairy Corporation)  
(Million Litres)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1993-94	607	454	356	159	181	53	1,811
1994-95	605	452	368	167	188	52	1,832
1995-96	611	456	372	163	187	50	1,840
<i>1995-96</i>							
January	51	36	31	13	15	4	151
February	47	37	30	13	16	4	147
March	53	39	32	14	16	4	157
April	51	38	31	13	14	4	151
May	53	41	32	14	17	4	162
June	51	37	30	13	15	4	150
<i>1996-97 p--</i>							
July	52	39	33	14	17	4	159
August	53	40	33	14	17	4	161
September	51	37	30	14	15	4	151
October	52	39	32	15	17	4	159
November	50	38	31	15	15	4	153
December	50	37	30	15	15	4	151
January	51	37	32	15	16	4	154
February	47	34	29	13	15	4	142
March	52	37	31	14	16	4	155

(a) Includes white, flavoured, high and low fat milk, uht milk.



**RELIABILITY OF MARCH TREND ESTIMATES  
FOR WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES**

Readers should exercise care in the interpretation of trend data as the last six observations, in particular, are likely to be revised with either revisions to the underlying data or the addition of data for the month of April.

The table below shows, for whole milk intake by factories for the six months ended March:

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for April of 2% on the March figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for April of 2% on the March figure.

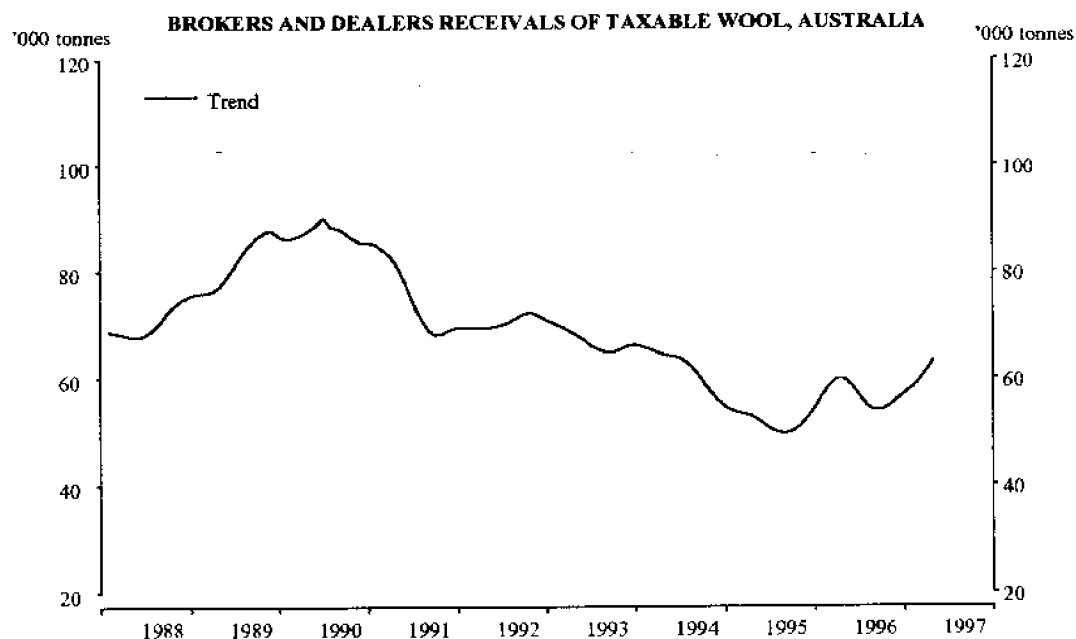
The percentage change of 2% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 2.14%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:</i>	
		<i>rises by 2%</i>	<i>falls by 2%</i>
(million litres)			
1996-97p			
October	748	747	748
November	746	745	746
December	746	746	746
January	745	746	745
February	743	746	741
March	740	747	738
April	—	748	735

**TABLE 11. BROKERS AND DEALERS RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL**  
(Tonnes)

							Australia			
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Total	% of Total received by brokers	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(a)
1993-94	205,822	190,047	55,110	102,340	212,266	18,633	784,218	81.0	..	..
1994-95	177,649	171,915	51,935	86,977	173,383	17,577	679,435	83.4	..	..
1995-96	165,523	161,388	44,639	87,764	165,979	15,997	641,290	85.5	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>										
February	13,969	11,162	3,850	6,315	16,748	871	52,915	85.1	58,356	58,544
March	13,441	10,416	4,125	7,884	16,422	675	52,963	83.3	57,216	59,736
April	11,353	9,464	3,511	6,566	12,719	604	44,217	84.5	61,824	59,652
May	11,164	8,683	4,076	4,787	9,334	1,798	39,841	82.7	62,332	58,379
June	10,223	4,856	4,196	2,878	4,426	957	27,537	80.3	56,580	56,531
<i>1996-97 p--</i>										
July	14,065	8,383	4,845	4,775	9,510	1,290	42,868	79.5	52,198	54,744
August	18,953	14,687	4,853	8,317	17,932	1,693	66,436	85.5	49,462	53,820
September	24,843	22,966	4,303	12,574	21,734	1,894	88,314	84.8	55,797	53,973
October	25,111	26,198	2,902	13,334	21,541	2,335	91,421	85.2	54,213	54,694
November	19,639	26,233	2,977	10,558	14,957	2,900	77,264	82.6	58,823	55,790
December	11,998	17,582	1,679	5,184	6,274	1,818	44,535	79.1	56,151	56,890
January	12,270	13,075	2,927	3,846	11,233	1,641	44,993	82.1	62,020	57,986
February	11,210	10,917	1,865	6,094	15,002	838	45,926	81.0	52,211	59,414
March	13,990	9,906	4,794	8,029	15,259	845	52,822	82.7	56,905	61,185
April	14,571	9,412	5,596	7,823	14,166	962	52,530	82.0	72,977	63,268

(a) Trend estimates for the most recent months are subject to revision when data for the subsequent months become available.





**RELIABILITY OF APRIL TREND ESTIMATES  
FOR WOOL RECEIVALS**

Readers should exercise care in the interpretation of trend data as the last six observations, in particular, are likely to be revised with either revisions to the underlying data or the addition of data for the month of May.

The table below shows, for wool receivals for the six months ended April:

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for May of 9% on the April figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for May of 9% on the April figure.

The percentage change of 9% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 8.74%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:</i>	
		<i>rises by 9%</i>	<i>falls by 9%</i>
	(tonnes)		
<i>1996-97p</i>			
November	55,790	55,444	55,691
December	56,890	56,341	56,775
January	57,986	57,731	57,947
February	59,414	60,078	59,506
March	61,185	63,481	61,591
April	63,268	67,498	63,937
May	—	71,402	66,030

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Introduction**

This publication contains information (preliminary where indicated) on livestock slaughterings, meat production, stocks of frozen meat, exports of live sheep and live cattle, exports of fresh, frozen and processed meat, and whole milk intake by factories, market milk sales by factories and receivals of taxable wool by wool brokers and dealers.

**Livestock slaughterings and meat production**

2. The statistics on slaughterings and meat production 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 and other small slaughtering establishments.

3. Care should be taken when using this information as the figures only relate to slaughterings for human consumption and do not include animals condemned or those killed for boiling down.

4. Poultry slaughterings statistics have been compiled from returns supplied by commercial poultry slaughtering establishments. Producers in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory and the many very small producers are excluded from the collection; however, the statistics represent a high level of coverage.

**Live sheep and cattle exports**

5. These tables contain statistics of the number of live sheep and cattle exported, the gross weight, gross value and unit value. Sheep or cattle exported for breeding are excluded.

**Milk**

6. Tables 9 and 10 contain statistics collected by the Australian Dairy Corporation (ADC) on whole milk intake and market milk sales by factories.

**Wool receivals**

7. The statistics in Table 11 show the amount of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. It excludes wool received by brokers on which tax has already been paid by other dealers (private buyers) or brokers.

8. The information shown is on the basis of the State in which wool has actually been received and does not necessarily reflect the production of wool in that State.

**Seasonal adjustment**

9. Details of seasonally adjusted figures for livestock slaughterings, red meat, milk and wool are shown in Tables 1, 2, 9 and 11 respectively. Information on the methods used in seasonally adjusting these series is available on request.

**Trend Estimates and Sensitivity Analysis**

10. A trend estimate is obtained by reducing the irregular component from the seasonally adjusted series. In this publication trend estimates are generally derived by applying a 13 term Henderson

moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. The 13 term Henderson, (like all Henderson averages) is symmetric, but as the end of a time series is approached, asymmetric forms of the average are applied. While the asymmetric weights enable the trend to be calculated for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the last six estimates as additional observations become available.

11. Sensitivity analysis indicates the potential magnitude and direction of revisions created to the last six estimates. It aims to show how a specified movement in the seasonally adjusted data in the next period will affect the trend path of the time series. By showing how sensitive the trend estimates are to the addition of new data, the analysis provides information which can be used in the assessment of the trend's stability. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring "Trends", an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

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12. Users may also wish to refer to the following priced publication which is available on request:

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p	preliminary
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

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