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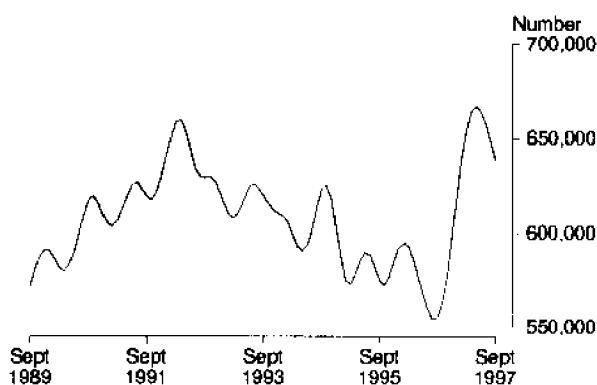
**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA
SEPTEMBER 1997**

MAIN FEATURES

Livestock Slaughterings

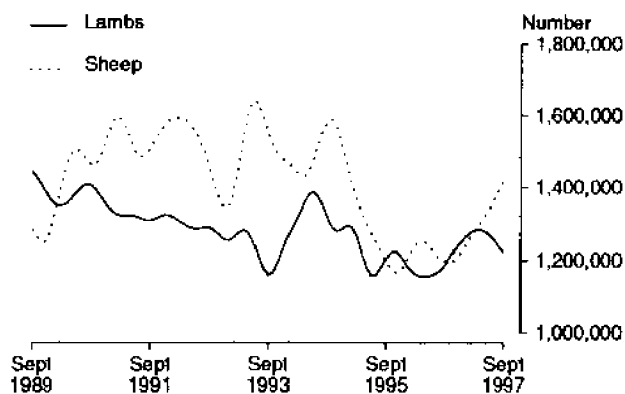
The trend estimate for cattle slaughterings fell 1.4% in September 1997 and is 4.0% below the peak in May 1997. However, it is 15.5% above the last trough in August 1996. The trend estimate for calf slaughterings fell 1.0% from August 1997 and is 8.0% below the last peak in April 1997.

**CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series**



The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings rose 2.1% in September 1997 and is 21.1% above the last trough in October 1996. Lamb slaughterings fell 1.3% from the previous month and is 4.4% below the last peak in April 1997.

**SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series**



The trend estimate for pig slaughterings has risen 5.4% above the last trough in October 1996.

Red Meat

The trend estimate for total red meat production in September 1997 continued to decrease from the peak in May 1997. The trend estimate for beef fell 1.6% in September 1997 and is 5.0% below the last peak in April 1997. The trend estimate for veal rose 1.5% from last month and is 2.6% above the last trough in June 1997. Mutton production rose for the eleventh consecutive month and is 18.8% above the last trough in October 1996. The trend estimate for pig-meat production rose 1.2% from the previous month and is 9.6% above the last trough in September 1996.

Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production rose marginally in September 1997 and is 8.5% above the last trough in February 1997.

Whole Milk Intake

The trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories rose 1.0% in August 1997, and is 7.6% above the last trough in February 1997.

Wool Receivals by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receivals by brokers and dealers fell 7.4% in September 1997 and is 18.1% below the last peak in May 1997.

Live Exports

In August 1997 live sheep exports fell 48.4% to 279,000. The unit value (\$37.01) fell 6.2% and the gross value (\$10.3 million) fell 51.6%.

Live cattle exports fell 5.2% to 80,100 in August 1997. The unit value (\$488.42) fell 2.4% and the gross value (\$39.1 million) fell 7.5%.

INQUIRIES

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED
(^{'000})

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
BULLS, BULLOCKS AND STEERS (a)									
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	1,505.8	180.4	218.0	95.4	3,988.2	..	..
1996-97 p	1,069.7	900.1	1,506.2	170.0	198.2	110.1	3,977.5	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	89.6	83.2	130.9	9.7	13.1	7.3	335.0	328.4	322.6
August	83.9	67.6	126.8	9.1	14.3	6.2	310.2	301.4	312.6
September	80.4	61.0	125.2	12.3	16.6	6.4	303.8	301.6	308.0
October	94.5	79.0	127.3	15.8	20.1	7.6	345.8	307.5	310.9
November	96.9	72.1	136.0	17.5	20.3	9.4	354.7	317.0	320.9
December	81.1	80.7	78.3	14.0	21.2	12.3	288.7	328.8	334.7
January	86.0	89.4	75.4	16.3	20.3	12.8	301.8	352.5	347.3
February	88.2	85.3	137.3	14.5	16.7	10.6	353.9	379.8	355.4
March	93.7	66.2	136.8	14.7	14.2	10.1	336.8	349.9	357.5
April	99.3	81.9	141.3	17.3	14.2	10.3	366.1	355.6	353.9
May	95.9	71.1	150.4	15.2	14.1	9.7	360.4	337.2	347.1
June	80.1	62.7	140.6	13.7	13.1	7.5	320.0	340.9	340.0
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	87.2	74.5	156.4	12.0	14.7	8.6	355.5	342.3	334.1
August	80.4	71.4	133.9	10.4	14.6	7.2	321.8	321.8	328.9
September	79.3	71.0	147.9	17.0	19.4	5.6	342.2	324.7	326.0
COWS AND HEIFERS (a)									
1994-95	943.4	684.6	960.7	218.1	186.4	96.7	3,163.4	..	..
1995-96	939.1	576.7	901.2	194.1	181.9	88.9	2,961.5	..	..
1996-97 p	959.9	778.3	995.3	198.8	207.8	98.3	3,302.7	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	71.8	38.3	92.2	13.2	11.8	5.8	244.6	238.8	236.7
August	65.7	54.1	81.8	13.8	14.5	4.6	244.9	243.7	241.7
September	70.6	57.0	71.7	14.0	16.6	5.2	241.7	248.1	246.9
October	83.6	67.8	70.6	18.0	19.9	6.4	271.5	256.3	251.5
November	73.7	59.8	68.0	19.3	19.7	8.0	252.0	254.8	256.4
December	64.0	57.8	42.4	14.9	19.7	8.9	209.1	256.5	263.0
January	76.6	69.9	50.4	16.5	20.7	8.1	244.0	274.4	271.8
February	82.0	63.5	84.4	17.1	20.9	8.8	278.3	275.9	283.1
March	80.2	65.0	89.1	14.5	17.9	8.1	276.1	299.8	297.2
April	93.6	83.7	109.6	19.9	15.3	11.0	336.6	313.4	310.6
May	102.7	84.0	124.0	18.9	16.5	12.7	368.2	316.3	320.0
June	95.5	77.4	111.2	18.7	14.4	10.7	335.6	326.9	324.2
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	100.5	73.5	130.2	19.5	17.4	9.9	356.9	348.6	323.9
August	90.2	70.3	110.3	19.2	17.2	6.8	319.8	323.6	320.5
September	76.2	67.6	102.1	15.2	15.6	5.3	288.9	279.2	314.1

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
TOTAL CATTLE (excludes calves) (a)									
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	2,406.9	374.5	399.9	184.2	6,949.7	..	..
1996-97 p	2,029.5	1,678.4	2,501.5	368.8	406.0	208.3	7,280.2	..	..
<i>1996-97 p</i>									
July	161.4	121.6	223.1	22.8	24.9	13.2	579.6	567.3	559.3
August	149.6	121.7	208.6	22.8	28.8	10.8	555.1	545.0	554.3
September	151.0	118.0	196.8	26.3	33.2	11.6	545.6	549.6	554.9
October	178.1	146.7	197.9	33.8	40.0	14.0	617.3	563.8	562.4
November	170.6	131.9	204.0	36.8	40.0	17.4	606.7	571.9	577.2
December	145.0	138.4	120.7	28.9	40.9	21.2	497.9	585.3	597.6
January	162.6	159.3	125.8	32.9	41.0	21.0	545.8	627.0	619.1
February	170.2	148.8	221.7	31.6	37.5	19.4	632.3	655.7	638.5
March	173.9	131.2	225.9	29.3	32.1	18.2	613.0	649.7	654.6
April	192.9	165.6	250.9	37.2	29.5	21.3	702.7	669.0	664.5
May	198.6	155.2	274.4	34.1	30.6	22.4	728.7	653.5	667.1
June	175.6	140.1	251.8	32.4	27.5	18.2	655.6	667.8	664.1
<i>1997-98 p</i>									
July	187.7	148.0	286.7	31.5	32.2	18.5	712.4	691.0	658.0
August	170.6	141.7	244.2	29.6	31.9	14.0	641.6	645.4	649.4
September	155.5	138.6	250.0	32.2	34.9	10.9	631.1	603.9	640.1
CALVES									
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	..	..
1996-97 p	256.9	697.9	108.8	15.8	5.2	43.7	1,129.7	..	..
<i>1996-97 p</i>									
July	22.0	82.3	7.4	1.4	0.3	1.8	115.4	85.0	88.3
August	23.7	182.1	10.4	1.4	0.4	13.4	231.7	93.8	89.7
September	18.2	131.0	6.8	1.4	0.6	16.8	174.8	94.7	90.7
October	18.2	70.4	10.2	1.1	0.5	6.1	106.5	90.5	91.0
November	18.1	19.2	9.0	0.8	0.5	0.6	48.3	85.1	91.6
December	15.4	8.7	7.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	33.4	94.1	93.4
January	24.7	7.9	10.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	44.4	98.3	96.2
February	22.5	6.6	7.4	0.9	0.4	0.1	37.9	96.5	99.6
March	20.7	15.9	9.0	1.2	0.4	0.4	47.7	96.9	102.1
April	27.2	42.4	11.1	2.3	0.3	1.6	85.1	120.1	102.5
May	23.9	55.9	10.2	2.0	0.6	1.7	94.5	97.7	101.0
June	22.2	75.5	8.9	1.9	0.4	1.0	110.0	92.1	98.7
<i>1997-98 p</i>									
July	28.5	101.5	9.9	1.7	0.5	1.9	144.0	103.0	96.7
August	24.4	138.0	9.3	2.0	0.3	14.8	188.9	80.2	95.3
September	26.1	148.8	9.2	2.1	0.4	18.7	205.4	105.7	94.3

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SHEEP									
1994-95	6,577.8	3,229.6	770.9	3,114.4	3,088.1	569.3	17,499.8
1995-96	5,680.4	2,488.0	727.5	2,370.5	2,833.3	349.7	14,581.1
1996-97 p	5,232.1	2,790.9	956.8	2,583.2	2,784.9	397.9	14,839.6	..	..
1996-97 p—									
July	405.7	123.7	87.8	116.7	171.8	21.6	937.0	1,180.0	1,217.8
August	366.4	182.2	72.3	122.7	229.6	13.2	992.5	1,219.7	1,203.5
September	378.5	182.9	76.5	159.1	275.3	14.0	1,092.1	1,201.0	1,196.4
October	466.4	251.8	84.6	232.3	314.4	19.8	1,379.6	1,185.5	1,193.9
November	450.8	251.0	91.1	316.1	269.6	32.3	1,419.6	1,189.7	1,199.6
December	392.5	274.8	75.9	191.1	235.2	42.0	1,221.0	1,184.2	1,215.8
January	467.8	324.5	92.5	256.8	219.0	47.5	1,417.2	1,279.1	1,238.0
February	478.3	304.8	86.6	276.6	223.2	47.4	1,426.4	1,280.2	1,256.8
March	465.2	234.3	66.3	257.7	239.1	43.5	1,313.7	1,198.9	1,275.3
April	513.9	261.1	79.7	260.2	226.7	47.6	1,398.6	1,404.5	1,295.3
May	462.1	225.4	73.8	211.3	250.1	37.0	1,267.4	1,279.7	1,319.6
June	384.6	174.5	69.7	182.7	130.8	32.1	974.3	1,279.8	1,349.4
1997-98 p—									
July	454.2	188.8	98.6	144.4	149.7	31.7	1,067.4	1,364.2	1,382.9
August	441.7	202.3	92.0	249.0	224.7	23.6	1,233.4	1,536.4	1,415.8
September	437.2	229.4	103.7	280.8	283.0	19.5	1,353.7	1,409.6	1,445.9
LAMBS									
1994-95	4,133.7	6,303.2	608.7	1,914.8	1,463.7	477.2	15,289.4	..	..
1995-96	3,417.3	5,897.7	695.3	1,905.2	1,594.0	393.3	14,223.1	..	..
1996-97 p	3,607.4	5,973.8	775.5	1,765.1	2,093.7	374.4	14,838.7	..	..
1996-97 p—									
July	313.8	425.2	63.3	100.1	163.2	25.3	1,113.0	1,178.1	1,162.7
August	329.2	439.4	74.8	103.1	172.6	21.2	1,162.0	1,162.4	1,171.1
September	350.4	468.0	55.2	146.3	179.0	25.4	1,241.7	1,184.5	1,187.1
October	368.1	552.5	74.4	176.2	242.0	25.2	1,463.0	1,192.4	1,207.3
November	270.0	547.6	59.8	149.9	157.1	27.1	1,236.1	1,210.6	1,228.2
December	262.8	528.3	55.4	125.7	129.2	28.2	1,153.4	1,267.0	1,247.2
January	287.7	533.6	72.1	156.3	125.5	42.8	1,241.3	1,306.3	1,262.1
February	275.1	460.0	63.3	155.8	180.5	35.6	1,192.6	1,287.0	1,273.7
March	280.6	466.0	60.4	142.6	176.4	35.0	1,179.9	1,178.2	1,282.3
April	322.9	559.2	70.3	172.7	198.5	35.2	1,383.8	1,328.5	1,285.7
May	287.7	518.7	68.4	171.8	228.6	42.7	1,342.7	1,303.3	1,283.0
June	259.2	475.4	58.2	164.4	141.0	30.7	1,128.9	1,286.0	1,275.1
1997-98 p—									
July	301.3	524.6	72.9	146.7	155.0	36.7	1,237.2	1,292.6	1,261.6
August	293.9	505.4	75.3	122.7	154.6	22.9	1,174.9	1,205.2	1,244.3
September	306.8	530.8	77.2	140.9	221.5	24.0	1,301.2	1,195.2	1,228.5

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Old</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>	<i>Seas- onally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate(b)</i>
PIGS									
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	466.8	562.8	86.5	4,823.4	..	..
1996-97 p	1,334.8	1,195.7	988.6	428.5	550.8	79.2	4,640.1	..	..
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
July	117.6	103.0	88.1	43.4	48.5	7.2	413.9	398.8	386.3
August	112.8	91.7	81.2	40.9	43.7	6.3	382.8	381.5	382.4
September	121.4	91.3	73.1	32.9	42.5	6.3	372.4	378.3	380.0
October	109.6	102.8	79.5	32.0	39.2	5.9	375.2	365.4	379.2
November	109.6	94.3	77.7	38.3	44.9	5.7	376.5	383.6	380.2
December	130.6	103.0	78.6	30.4	46.9	7.0	403.1	387.7	382.7
January	96.6	92.9	81.5	30.9	42.6	6.8	356.6	390.8	385.9
February	94.2	96.8	82.3	36.9	45.7	6.2	366.9	392.8	389.2
March	108.2	90.2	80.6	31.6	50.0	6.6	371.9	370.0	391.8
April	108.0	111.1	92.5	35.7	44.8	6.8	404.7	414.1	394.0
May	108.0	113.4	89.4	39.6	49.3	7.9	413.0	387.0	396.0
June	118.3	105.2	84.1	35.8	52.7	6.3	403.0	399.9	397.7
<i>1997-98 p</i>									
July	119.3	118.8	93.7	34.6	46.8	8.0	421.8	404.1	398.8
August	105.0	104.7	85.7	37.2	44.8	6.0	384.0	396.4	399.1
September	119.4	108.3	91.1	32.8	45.4	5.8	403.4	395.2	399.5

(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)									
1994-95	471,183	335,059	697,750	99,108	97,140	49,907	1,765,607	..	..
1995-96	458,209	348,649	655,664	89,704	94,859	45,377	1,710,922	..	..
1996-97 p	469,973	373,717	683,174	85,350	93,625	52,485	1,774,758	..	..
<i>1996-97 p</i>									
July	37,188	27,672	59,902	5,241	5,731	3,271	141,431	138,646	137,209
August	34,532	27,220	56,446	5,190	6,731	2,638	135,189	133,420	136,075
September	35,879	26,388	52,985	6,650	7,907	2,878	134,309	135,653	136,442
October	42,306	33,023	54,345	8,130	9,456	3,434	152,000	138,338	138,458
November	40,612	29,508	57,380	8,930	9,416	4,262	151,178	142,392	141,964
December	34,460	31,543	33,378	6,681	9,130	5,559	121,286	143,388	146,627
January	37,809	35,911	35,151	7,333	9,291	5,434	131,502	152,441	151,440
February	39,880	33,269	61,801	7,223	8,512	4,976	156,179	158,921	155,596
March	41,293	28,956	61,834	6,845	7,389	4,635	151,364	158,872	158,815
April	43,290	36,391	68,552	8,355	6,662	5,394	169,646	161,417	160,483
May	44,429	33,595	73,879	7,606	7,024	5,524	174,643	158,668	160,439
June	38,296	30,242	67,523	7,168	6,375	4,479	156,031	158,582	159,131
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	40,497	31,437	76,729	6,809	7,555	4,530	169,158	163,110	157,187
August	37,294	30,120	64,968	6,033	7,465	3,614	151,350	155,307	154,843
September	33,321	30,052	66,536	6,670	8,344	2,690	149,168	144,545	152,428
VEAL									
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	..	..
1996-97 p	16,513	14,359	5,194	530	290	920	37,901	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	1,397	1,720	293	41	23	39	3,527	2,722	2,897
August	1,509	3,589	499	44	23	272	5,942	3,436	2,980
September	1,157	2,643	286	38	29	339	4,498	3,083	3,062
October	1,090	1,469	484	35	24	125	3,232	2,910	3,120
November	1,169	494	437	27	25	15	2,172	3,045	3,167
December	1,012	226	384	22	26	7	1,684	3,348	3,224
January	1,631	218	518	26	23	5	2,425	3,331	3,284
February	1,517	174	395	40	21	6	2,157	3,337	3,337
March	1,325	363	438	36	21	13	2,201	3,119	3,349
April	1,731	895	529	69	17	38	3,295	3,791	3,311
May	1,550	1,106	499	71	37	40	3,319	3,150	3,267
June	1,425	1,461	432	81	22	22	3,448	2,991	3,246
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	1,851	2,002	447	64	24	43	4,438	3,293	3,253
August	1,548	2,751	428	80	20	303	5,135	3,117	3,284
September	1,644	2,989	419	91	24	382	5,554	3,653	3,332

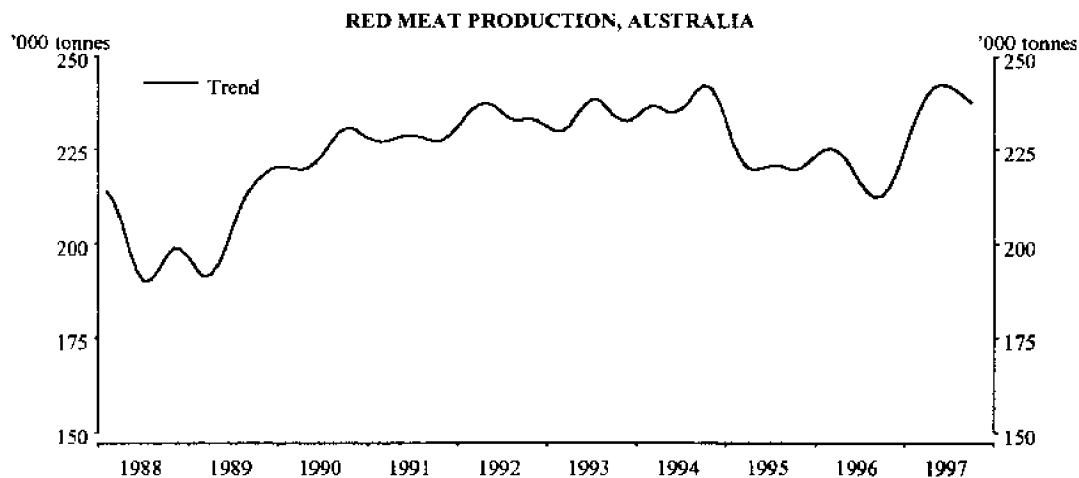
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(Tonnes carcass weight)—continued

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MUTTON									
1994-95	131,052	64,440	15,308	66,759	61,868	11,230	353,590
1995-96	121,376	50,910	14,161	55,600	57,428	7,414	309,577
1996-97 p	109,280	55,367	19,328	58,025	55,337	8,464	307,757	..	..
1996-97 p—									
July	8,366	2,432	1,700	2,670	3,412	448	19,232	24,466	25,449
August	7,599	3,693	1,454	2,749	4,532	270	20,428	25,266	25,090
September	8,230	3,730	1,583	3,733	5,383	286	23,068	24,980	24,920
October	10,011	5,217	1,770	5,528	6,272	409	29,424	24,844	24,888
November	9,754	5,066	1,837	7,351	5,466	700	30,356	24,743	25,034
December	8,401	5,610	1,575	4,500	4,693	928	25,908	25,110	25,361
January	10,059	6,485	1,902	5,815	4,245	1,020	29,783	26,360	25,768
February	9,952	5,915	1,778	6,057	4,280	1,019	29,183	26,439	26,064
March	9,641	4,469	1,375	5,396	4,982	927	26,938	24,924	26,350
April	10,343	4,990	1,587	5,632	4,681	1,014	28,415	28,900	26,688
May	9,263	4,301	1,411	4,637	4,835	774	25,365	26,251	27,135
June	7,660	3,459	1,356	3,957	2,556	669	19,658	26,391	27,711
1997-98 p—									
July	9,229	3,676	1,910	3,146	3,026	664	21,650	27,620	28,360
August	9,081	3,887	1,784	5,335	4,680	477	25,243	31,969	28,996
September	8,829	4,479	2,025	6,087	6,074	394	27,887	28,596	29,576
LAMB									
1994-95	71,738	111,202	10,621	36,147	22,359	8,412	267,968	..	..
1995-96	62,648	110,172	12,584	37,735	28,139	7,407	264,721	..	..
1996-97 p	66,909	111,306	14,171	35,081	35,881	7,043	274,979	..	..
1996-97 p—									
July	5,770	7,664	1,136	1,896	2,778	474	20,137	21,368	21,403
August	6,046	7,990	1,362	1,856	2,951	398	21,014	21,526	21,553
September	6,480	8,468	1,000	2,776	3,054	478	22,585	22,081	21,892
October	6,882	10,158	1,345	3,422	3,985	474	26,734	21,902	22,315
November	5,041	10,074	1,093	2,983	2,644	510	22,813	22,355	22,737
December	4,936	9,866	999	2,574	2,226	528	21,582	23,754	23,109
January	5,377	10,024	1,347	3,247	2,181	806	23,405	24,061	23,393
February	5,082	8,721	1,168	3,154	3,110	670	22,263	23,731	23,631
March	5,183	8,804	1,124	2,899	2,990	658	21,961	21,846	23,830
April	5,973	10,656	1,287	3,501	3,381	663	25,937	25,037	23,949
May	5,473	9,840	1,251	3,469	3,974	804	25,293	24,396	23,975
June	4,666	9,041	1,059	3,304	2,606	578	21,253	23,738	23,926
1997-98 p—									
July	5,686	9,804	1,380	3,006	2,834	691	23,402	24,455	23,772
August	5,528	9,487	1,431	2,396	2,590	429	21,861	22,918	23,548
September	5,663	9,900	1,492	2,782	4,006	451	24,294	22,804	23,336

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
PIGMEAT									
1994-95	102,175	84,728	83,143	32,063	37,109	5,982	351,299	..	..
1995-96	95,788	83,052	77,696	31,695	35,341	5,634	333,967	..	..
1996-97 p	88,530	85,765	72,834	29,853	38,897	5,171	324,863	..	..
1996-97 p—									
July	8,203	7,446	6,552	3,043	2,892	469	28,961	28,210	26,803
August	7,791	6,594	6,066	2,864	2,913	411	27,031	26,472	26,575
September	7,454	6,624	5,414	2,308	2,991	410	25,499	25,558	26,466
October	7,491	7,416	5,868	2,232	2,919	386	26,705	26,086	26,481
November	7,223	6,671	5,742	2,629	3,165	368	26,177	26,653	26,618
December	8,239	7,365	5,591	2,000	3,261	456	27,324	27,312	26,836
January	6,232	6,607	5,886	2,136	3,095	456	24,649	27,452	27,062
February	6,260	6,836	5,974	2,570	3,310	413	25,579	27,979	27,277
March	6,782	6,313	5,848	2,202	3,575	431	25,365	25,304	27,410
April	7,242	7,973	6,829	2,508	3,149	445	28,602	28,710	27,555
May	7,458	8,236	6,747	2,828	3,734	516	29,950	27,641	27,782
June	8,155	7,685	6,317	2,533	3,893	409	29,021	28,197	28,079
1997-98 p—									
July	8,220	8,593	7,076	2,446	3,077	457	29,891	28,645	28,386
August	7,081	7,622	6,510	2,669	2,944	382	27,232	27,692	28,671
September	9,771	7,952	7,404	2,320	2,628	365	30,468	29,740	29,007
TOTAL RED MEAT (c)									
1994-95	792,826	609,857	811,740	234,511	218,725	76,509	2,776,274	..	..
1995-96	754,293	604,792	763,960	215,131	215,979	66,707	2,652,960	..	..
1996-97 p	751,205	640,515	794,701	208,839	224,030	74,083	2,720,259	..	..
1996-97 p—									
July	60,924	46,933	69,583	12,890	14,837	4,702	213,288	215,413	213,761
August	57,477	49,086	65,827	12,703	17,151	3,990	209,605	210,120	212,273
September	59,201	47,853	61,268	15,505	19,365	4,392	209,959	211,355	212,781
October	67,781	57,283	63,811	19,346	22,656	4,827	238,095	214,080	215,263
November	63,798	51,813	66,489	21,921	20,716	5,855	232,696	219,188	219,521
December	57,047	54,610	41,927	15,777	19,336	7,479	197,784	222,911	225,156
January	61,109	59,245	44,804	18,557	18,834	7,721	211,765	233,646	230,948
February	62,690	54,915	71,115	19,045	19,233	7,083	235,362	240,407	235,905
March	64,224	48,905	70,620	17,378	18,957	6,664	227,828	234,064	239,754
April	68,579	60,905	78,783	20,065	17,890	7,553	255,896	247,856	241,986
May	68,174	57,078	83,787	18,611	19,604	7,659	258,570	240,107	242,598
June	60,203	51,887	76,686	17,042	15,452	6,157	229,410	239,899	242,092
1997-98 p—									
July	65,483	55,513	87,542	15,472	16,516	6,385	248,540	247,122	240,959
August	60,532	53,867	75,121	16,513	17,699	5,204	230,820	241,003	239,343
September	59,227	55,372	77,875	17,951	21,077	4,281	237,371	229,338	237,679

(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 SEPTEMBER TREND ESTIMATES FOR PRODUCTION OF RED MEAT

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for October of 3% on the September figure;
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	<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			
April	241,986	242,178	242,455
May	242,598	242,867	243,354
June	242,092	242,189	242,432
1997-98p			
July	240,959	240,826	240,185
August	239,343	239,119	237,000
September	237,679	237,344	233,350
October	—	235,127	229,100

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 —</i>							
June	29,187	7,595	3,072	1,380	39	6,388	47,661
<i>1996-97 p —</i>							
July	26,974	7,180	2,819	1,580	18	6,543	45,114
August	26,215	7,627	3,177	1,593	15	6,205	44,832
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	22,364	3,518	2,651	1,211	18	5,526	35,288
March	22,353	3,952	3,327	1,646	14	5,777	37,069
April	23,584	4,594	3,537	1,962	24	5,608	39,309
May	24,182	4,062	3,896	1,563	43	5,867	39,613
June	24,732	3,839	3,348	1,758	28	5,760	39,465
<i>1997-98 p —</i>							
July	21,785	3,873	3,207	1,955	47	4,991	35,858
August	22,496	4,105	3,132	2,739	64	4,862	37,398

(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>Pork</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>				
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	50,718	702,614	1,696	5,348	80,955	64,215	46,269	7,744	5,656	359	13,289	
1996-97 p	48,488	692,251	1,172	3,761	92,339	50,682	54,075	8,343	6,622	320	11,669	
<i>1995-96 —</i>												
June	1,448	54,505	84	207	5,664	4,459	4,102	639	914	51	876	
<i>1996-97 p —</i>												
July	1,698	60,893	171	270	5,146	4,501	3,470	549	693	62	923	
August	3,740	51,735	121	374	5,317	3,515	3,070	592	528	3	1,045	
September	5,332	46,702	148	423	6,386	3,528	4,267	557	595	39	1,070	
October	5,651	56,495	147	411	7,516	4,744	5,402	734	666	29	1,008	
November	7,362	59,147	68	372	9,453	5,190	4,937	882	659	29	1,102	
December	6,056	53,919	28	171	9,597	4,431	4,061	726	296	25	816	
January	2,853	39,361	51	169	7,770	4,052	3,359	609	223	29	667	
February	3,596	57,231	80	337	9,256	4,374	4,370	906	305	35	1,090	
March	4,059	62,789	54	239	8,340	4,288	4,658	733	340	16	937	
April	2,877	69,165	87	334	8,557	3,672	5,424	825	401	3	989	
May	1,829	71,015	123	305	8,176	4,157	5,558	656	949	17	995	
June	3,434	63,801	93	355	6,826	4,229	5,500	575	967	33	1,026	
<i>1997-98 p —</i>												
July	4,339	72,089	157	460	5,747	4,046	4,895	671	1,189	6	1,096	
August	6,337	65,438	151	592	5,882	4,421	3,976	494	906	—	1,040	

(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 (<i>'000</i>)	Gross Weight (<i>'000 tonnes</i>)	Gross Value (<i>\$ '000</i>)	Unit Value(b) (<i>\$</i>)
1994-95	5,697.0	290.2	184,291	32.35
1995-96	5,879.9	296.9	226,911	38.59
1996-97 p	5,237.2	269.8	189,943	36.27
<i>1995-96 —</i>				
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	474.7	25.6	16,081	33.87
January	546.3	30.0	18,776	34.37
February	489.3	25.3	17,251	35.25
March	471.7	23.2	17,206	36.48
April	335.5	17.4	12,285	36.62
May	357.3	17.6	13,314	37.26
June	294.0	13.3	11,844	40.28
<i>1997-98 p —</i>				
July	540.8	27.3	21,342	39.46
August	279.0	14.5	10,326	37.01

(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 (<i>'000</i>)	Gross Weight (<i>'000 tonnes</i>)	Gross Value (<i>\$ '000</i>)	Unit Value(b) (<i>\$</i>)
1994-95	385.7	136.5	201,948	523.52
1995-96	615.9	219.0	343,699	558.07
1996-97 p	863.8	313.9	427,721	495.19
<i>1995-96 —</i>				
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	65.3	22.7	31,170	477.62
January	64.6	24.4	32,843	508.60
February	66.5	24.6	33,759	507.52
March	67.9	26.1	32,870	484.16
April	89.6	32.9	44,544	497.06
May	93.0	33.9	48,174	517.93
June	105.8	39.9	53,042	501.56
<i>1997-98 p —</i>				
July	84.5	29.6	42,268	500.50
August	80.1	31.3	39,104	488.42

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

TABLE 7. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)
(*000)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust. (b)
1994-95	133,927.4	77,193.1	56,570.1	28,866.2	33,938.6	330,495.3
1995-96	133,736.6	85,410.9	55,333.1	26,948.2	34,931.2	336,380.0
1996-97 p	133,365.4	86,732.6	61,088.9	27,986.2	36,360.2	345,533.4
<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	5,373.5	2,444.9	3,019.1	29,557.6
May	10,609.1	6,867.5	4,956.8	2,297.7	2,834.1	27,565.2
June	11,476.9	6,692.3	5,468.2	2,345.8	2,915.9	28,899.0
<i>1997-98 p—</i>						
July	12,723.4	8,263.5	6,286.6	2,603.9	3,316.4	33,193.9
August	10,364.2	7,152.4	5,126.9	n.p.	n.p.	27,706.7
September	11,442.7	7,296.2	5,500.8	n.p.	n.p.	29,177.9

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

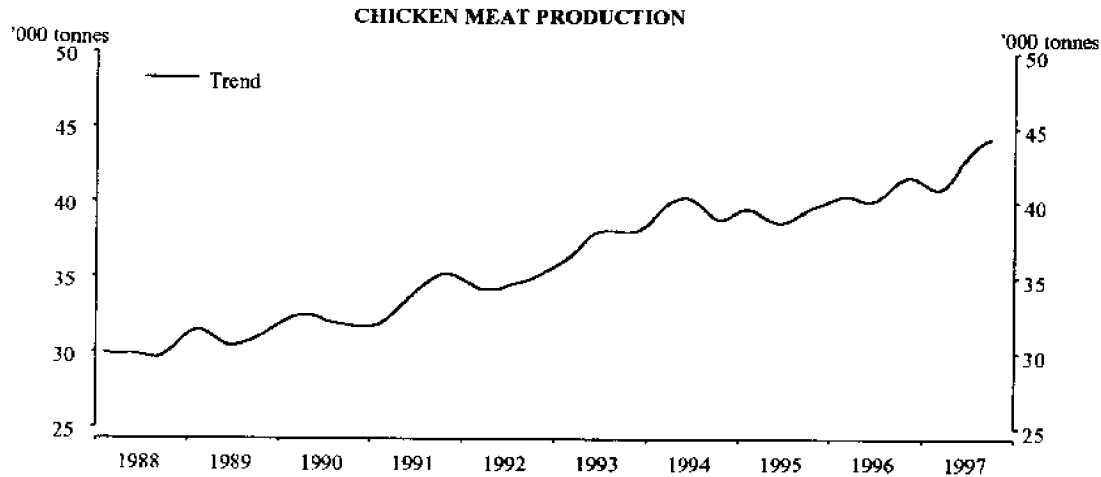
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust. (b)	Trend estimate (c)
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	..
1996-97 p	200,280	129,930	80,485	38,907	46,789	496,392	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>							
July	16,763	10,739	6,304	3,110	4,329	41,245	40,582
August	15,510	11,366	5,786	2,827	3,757	39,246	41,044
September	17,422	11,122	6,318	3,042	4,227	42,130	41,497
October	17,938	12,457	6,881	3,155	4,187	44,617	41,750
November	15,114	10,453	6,291	3,167	3,835	38,860	41,667
December	16,605	11,780	7,041	3,600	4,262	43,288	41,368
January	16,623	11,173	7,077	3,502	4,071	42,446	41,004
February	15,234	11,030	6,314	2,819	3,699	39,097	40,857
March	17,246	9,188	7,077	3,440	3,371	40,323	41,135
April	17,574	10,256	7,141	3,595	3,771	42,336	41,762
May	16,571	10,367	6,751	3,321	3,573	40,583	42,540
June	17,681	9,999	7,505	3,327	3,707	42,220	43,250
<i>1997-98 p—</i>							
July	19,392	13,039	8,246	3,926	4,172	48,775	43,783
August	16,554	10,842	6,717	n.p.	n.p.	40,879	44,118
September	17,842	11,388	7,325	n.p.	n.p.	43,179	44,323

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(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 Poultry and Turkeys' are available by contacting the ABS on Canberra 6252 5337 or by writing to PO Box 10, Belconnen ACT 2616 (Attention: Agriculture Section).



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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			
April	41,762	41,748	41,813
May	42,540	42,525	42,639
June	43,250	43,246	43,303
1997-98p			
July	43,783	43,789	43,638
August	44,118	44,121	43,622
September	44,323	44,318	43,379
October	—	44,324	42,907

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>
1994-96	1,087	5,113	741	484	343	436	8,206	..	..
1995-96	1,114	5,481	751	513	342	514	8,716	..	..
1996-97 p	1,192	5,622	797	535	349	529	9,023	..	..
<i>1995-96 ---</i>									
June	86	239	60	36	29	17	466	774	763
<i>1996-97 p ---</i>									
July	91	255	64	39	30	12	490	747	759
August	97	394	66	44	30	22	653	746	755
September	105	599	67	50	31	49	900	740	751
October	116	758	72	57	32	69	1,104	752	749
November	109	748	69	54	29	74	1,083	760	749
December	110	691	72	51	28	71	1,021	759	748
January	105	568	71	47	27	56	874	740	746
February	91	429	61	39	26	48	694	734	746
March	98	390	67	40	29	48	672	756	750
April	90	284	61	37	28	37	537	743	759
May	91	263	62	39	29	28	511	776	772
June	90	245	64	38	30	16	483	793	784
<i>1997-98 p ---</i>									
July	96	276	69	42	33	12	528	805	795
August	105	420	73	47	34	21	698	796	803

(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>
1994-96	605	452	368	167	188	52	1,832
1995-96	611	456	372	163	187	50	1,840
1996-97 p	576	452	376	173	193	50	1,820
<i>1995-96 ---</i>							
June	51	37	30	13	15	4	150
<i>1996-97 p ---</i>							
July	50	39	33	14	17	4	157
August	50	40	33	14	17	4	158
September	48	37	30	14	15	4	148
October	49	39	32	15	17	4	156
November	47	38	31	15	15	4	150
December	47	37	30	15	15	4	148
January	48	37	32	15	16	4	151
February	44	34	29	13	15	4	139
March	49	37	31	14	16	4	152
April	48	37	31	16	16	4	152
May	49	39	33	15	16	4	157
June	47	37	30	15	16	4	149
<i>1997-98 p ---</i>							
July	49	37	33	15	16	4	154
August	49	39	32	14	16	4	155

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



**RELIABILITY OF AUGUST 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 September.

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

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

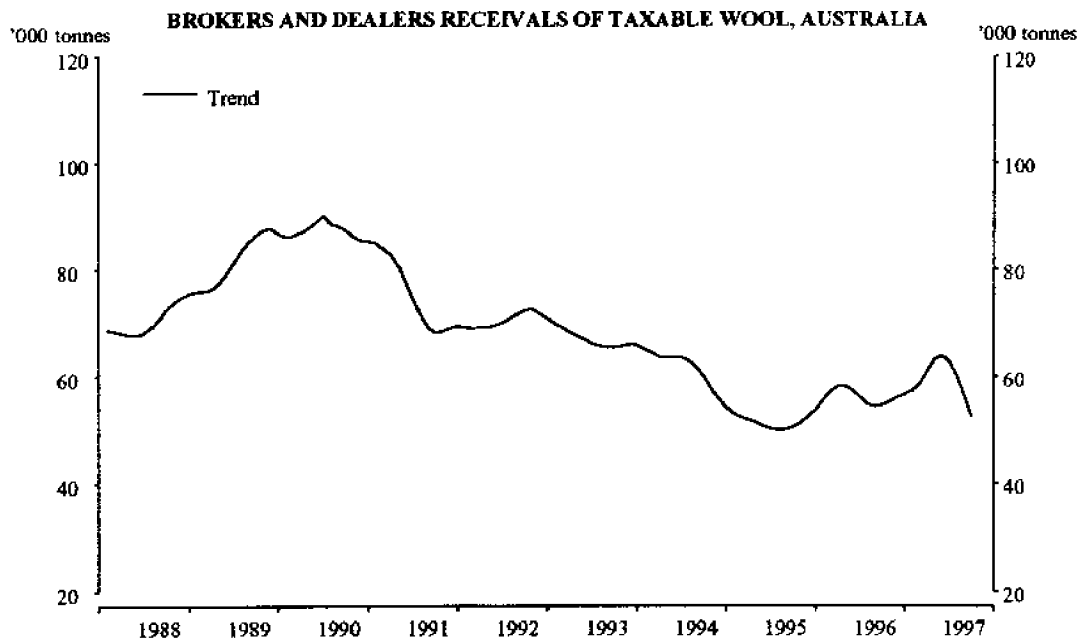
The percentage change of 2% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 2.02%

	Trend as published	What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:	
		rises by 2%	falls by 2%
(million litres)			
1996-97p			
March	750	750	750
April	759	759	760
May	772	771	772
June	784	784	783
1997-98p			
July	795	796	791
August	803	805	796
September	—	811	798

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

	Australia						Total	% of Total received by brokers	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(a)
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.				
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	..	..
1996-97 p	194,888	174,978	45,850	89,590	160,017	18,876	684,200	82.5	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>										
July	14,065	8,383	4,845	4,775	9,510	1,290	42,868	79.5	53,574	54,857
August	18,953	14,687	4,853	8,317	17,932	1,693	66,436	85.5	50,502	54,373
September	24,843	22,966	4,303	12,574	21,734	1,894	88,314	84.8	56,007	54,692
October	25,111	26,202	2,902	13,334	21,541	2,335	91,425	85.2	55,407	55,308
November	19,639	26,239	2,977	10,558	14,957	2,900	77,269	82.6	59,083	56,010
December	11,544	17,585	1,679	4,907	6,273	1,778	43,766	79.1	55,945	56,638
January	13,237	13,094	2,930	3,846	11,221	1,641	45,970	82.0	60,158	57,270
February	12,340	10,932	1,864	6,091	14,989	838	47,055	80.9	52,097	58,661
March	14,552	9,947	4,795	8,115	15,237	835	53,482	82.3	56,810	60,952
April	14,497	9,397	5,652	8,343	13,833	945	52,668	82.2	69,512	63,092
May	13,537	8,834	4,614	5,217	6,962	1,620	40,784	80.0	63,176	63,880
June	12,569	6,713	4,436	3,513	5,827	1,106	34,163	78.4	65,691	62,778
<i>1997-98 p—</i>										
July	16,900	10,194	5,625	7,052	11,075	1,352	52,198	79.7	67,876	60,056
August	18,543	14,237	5,120	9,731	15,806	1,612	65,048	82.7	50,685	56,528
September	20,496	17,413	4,524	10,142	17,186	1,378	71,138	83.9	43,971	52,341

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



**RELIABILITY OF SEPTEMBER 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 October.

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for October of 9% on the September figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for October of 9% on the September 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 8.81%

	<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>			
April	63,092	63,277	63,427
May	63,880	64,179	64,442
June	62,778	62,923	63,054
<i>1997-98p</i>			
July	60,056	59,724	59,377
August	56,528	55,497	54,349
September	52,341	51,160	48,998
October	—	46,902	43,639

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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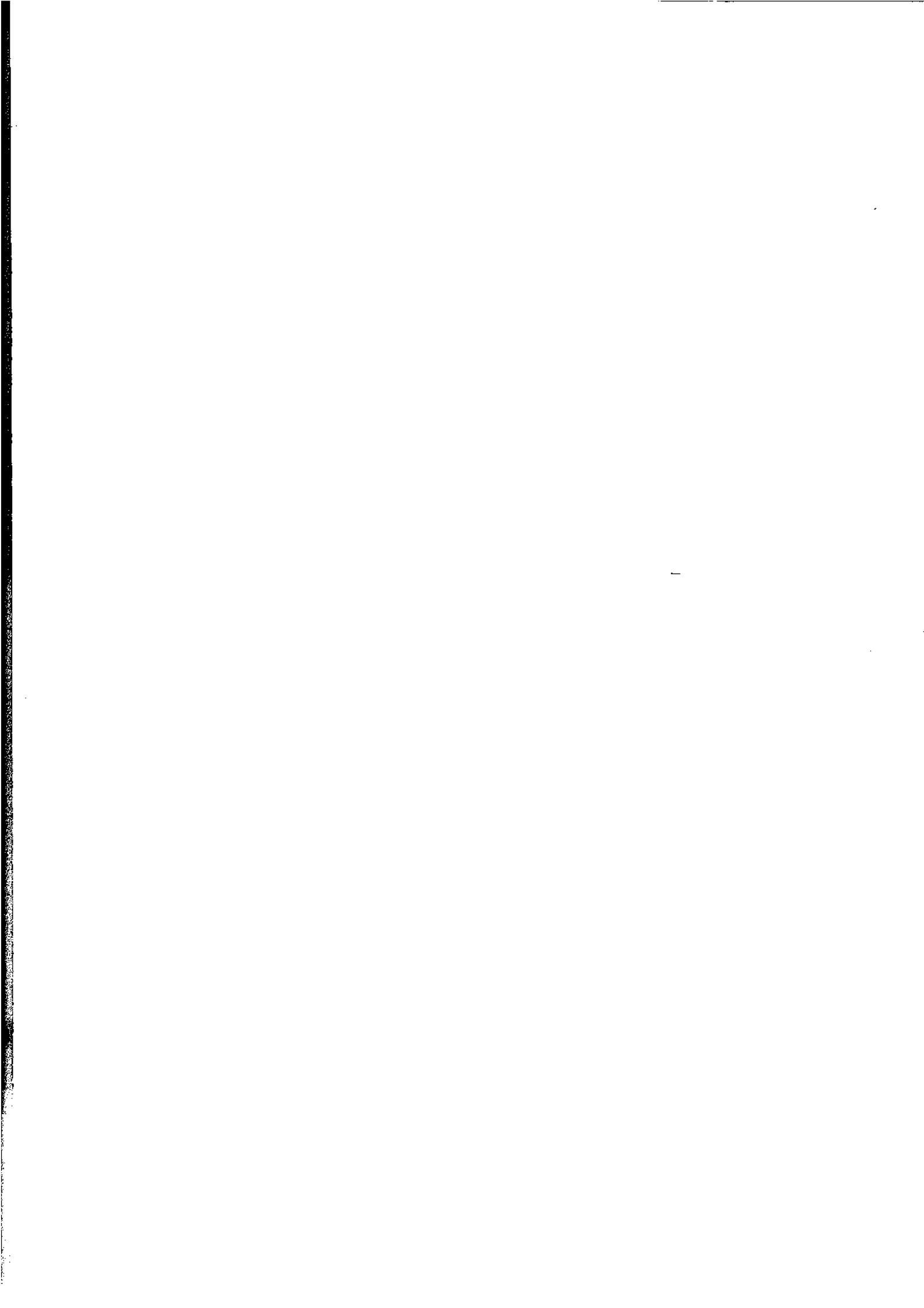
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