

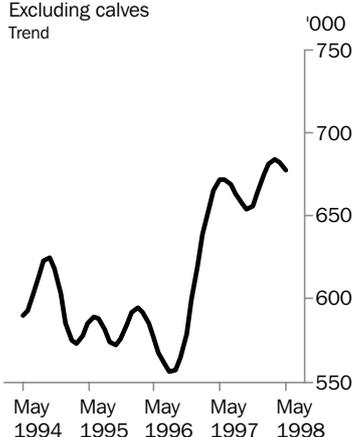


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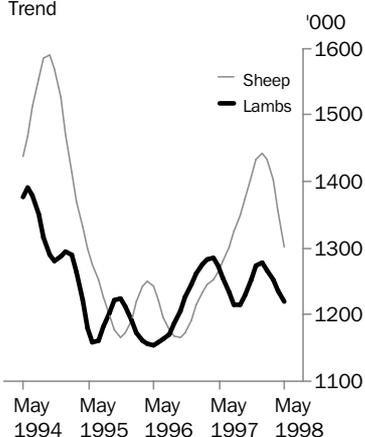
## Cattle slaughtering

Excluding calves  
Trend



## Sheep and lambs slaughtering

Trend



## MAY KEY FIGURES

### TREND ESTIMATES

	May 97 '000	Apr 98 '000	May 98 '000
Number slaughtered			
Cattle	671.6	682.4	677.9
Calves	103.3	109.3	107.2
Sheep	1 263.3	1 355.2	1 303.0
Lambs	1 274.9	1 237.3	1 220.3
Pigs	397.7	417.7	420.1
Chickens	29 388.3	30 891.8	30 914.1

	May 97 tonnes	Apr 98 tonnes	May 98 tonnes
Meat produced			
Beef	161 575	159 408	157 959
Veal	3 310	3 862	3 845
Mutton	25 807	27 411	26 294
Lamb	23 792	23 399	23 151
Pig meat	27 935	29 454	29 657
Chicken meat	42 512	46 443	46 602
Wool receivals	63 990	55 419	56 182

	Apr 97 ML	Mar 98 ML	Apr 98 ML
Whole milk intake by factories	759	758	757

## MAY KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for the number of cattle slaughtered in May 1998 was 677,900, a slight fall from the April 1998 figure.
- The trend estimate for the number of sheep slaughtered in May 1998 was 1.3 million, a fall of 3.9% from the April 1998 figure.

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for cattle slaughtering fell by 13.9% in May and follows a rise of 7.8% in April.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for sheep slaughtering fell by 19.0% in May and follows a fall of 1.3% in April.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Graeme Lakin on 03 6222 5793, or any ABS Office.

# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

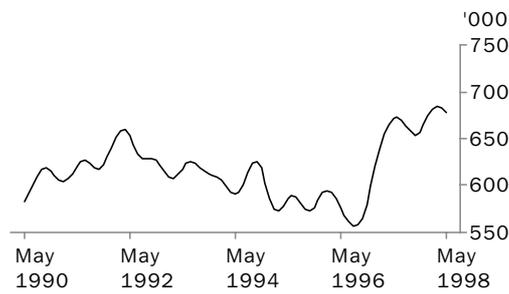
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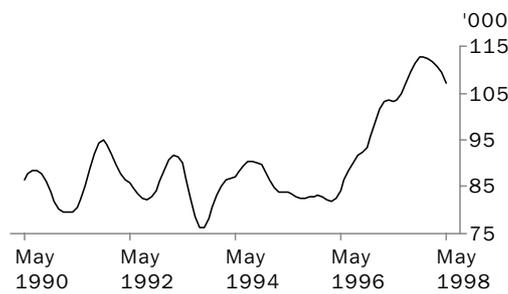
# LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED: Trend

## CATTLE (EXCLUDING CALVES)



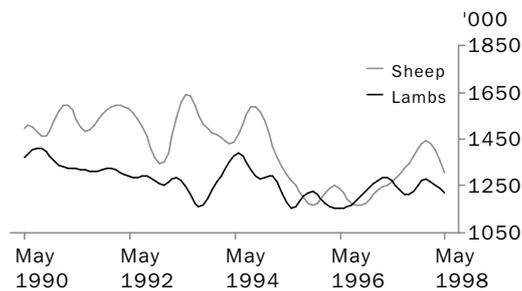
The May 1998 trend estimate for cattle slaughterings fell slightly to 677,900, the second monthly decrease since March 1998.

## CALVES



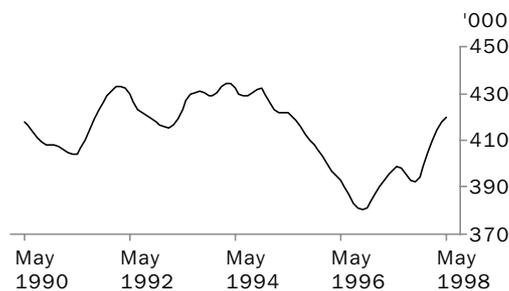
The trend estimate for calf slaughterings fell slightly in May 1998 to 107,200, and is 3.8% above the May 1997 estimate.

## SHEEP AND LAMBS



The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings fell by 3.9% in May 1998 to 1.3 million and follows a fall of 3.3% in April. The trend estimate for lamb slaughterings fell by 1.4% from the previous month and follows a similar fall in April.

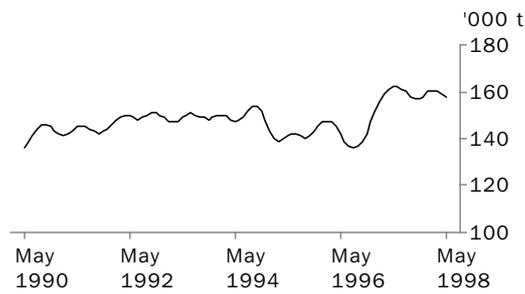
## PIGS



The trend estimate for pig slaughterings rose marginally in May 1998 to 420,100, the seventh consecutive monthly increase. Slaughter levels continue to be affected by lower prices for pig meat.

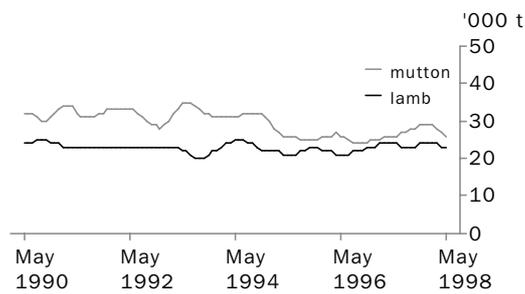
# MEAT PRODUCTION: Trend

## BEEF



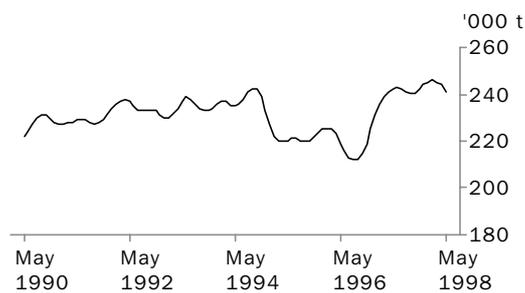
The trend estimate for beef production fell marginally in May to 158,000 tonnes. It is 2.2% below the estimate of May 1997.

## MUTTON AND LAMB



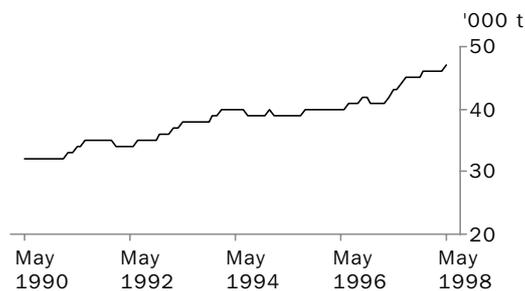
The trend estimate for mutton production fell by 4.1% in May; the trend estimate for lamb production fell by 1.1% in the same period.

## TOTAL RED MEAT



The trend estimate for total red meat production fell by 1.1% in May, as a result of a fall in all red meat categories with the exception of pig meat which rose 0.7%.

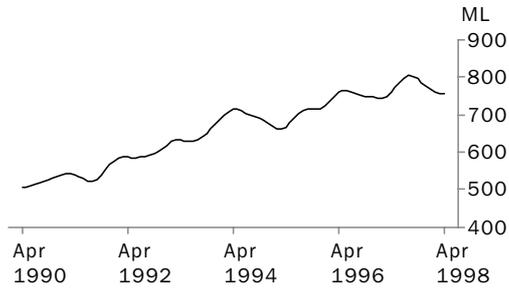
## CHICKEN MEAT



The trend estimate for chicken meat production rose marginally in May, and is 14.1% above the last trough in February 1997.

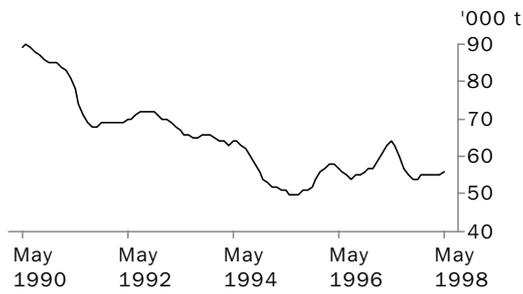
# LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: Trend

WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES



The trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories fell marginally in April to 757 million litres and is 5.8% below the last peak in August 1997.

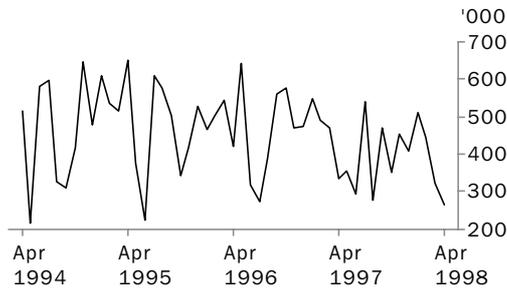
BROKERS AND DEALERS RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL



The trend estimate for wool receivals by brokers and dealers rose by 1.4% in May to 56,200 tonnes, and follows a rise of 0.6% in April.

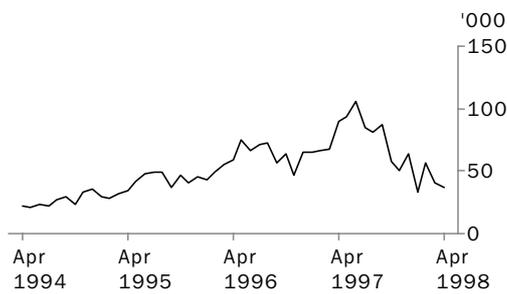
# LIVESTOCK EXPORTS: Original

EXPORTS OF LIVE SHEEP



In April 1998 live sheep exports fell by 17.5% to 267,400. The unit value (\$41.97) rose by 9.8% and the gross value (\$11.2 million) fell by 9.4%.

EXPORTS OF LIVE CATTLE



In April 1998 live cattle exports fell by 9.6% to 36,700. The unit value (\$418.21) fell by 11.5% and the gross value (\$15.3 million) fell by 20.2%. Economic conditions in South East Asia continue to impact heavily on the live cattle trade.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED, Australia(a): All Series

Month	Bulls, bullocks and steers	Cows and heifers	Total cattle (excluding calves)	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs	Chickens
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL								
<b>1997</b>								
May	358.9	370.5	729.4	95.5	1 212.4	1 341.2	414.2	27 571.6
June	318.4	338.4	656.8	110.7	920.1	1 134.4	405.1	28 905.4
July	354.8	359.8	714.5	148.8	986.0	1 195.5	422.8	33 470.0
August	347.3	326.2	673.4	236.9	1 149.0	1 120.6	384.3	27 781.0
September	368.8	300.1	668.8	237.1	1 302.4	1 306.9	396.3	30 370.8
October	371.7	322.7	694.4	127.9	1 595.8	1 431.0	398.8	32 332.5
November	349.5	301.8	651.3	62.5	1 528.8	1 273.8	376.7	28 812.2
December	294.0	302.0	596.0	41.3	1 473.9	1 249.2	418.9	32 503.0
<b>1998</b>								
January	279.8	296.8	576.6	46.6	1 618.2	1 203.5	370.7	31 510.4
February	341.2	324.9	666.1	44.6	1 742.7	1 167.1	392.1	28 703.8
March	354.1	344.1	698.2	60.6	1 570.7	1 239.5	415.5	31 681.5
April	327.7	375.2	703.0	78.4	1 325.2	1 309.2	403.5	31 782.2
May	299.8	386.3	686.2	88.8	1 092.1	1 219.2	435.0	28 787.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
<b>1997</b>								
May	335.8	318.3	654.1	98.7	1 224.2	1 301.9	388.2	29 176.4
June	339.1	329.6	668.7	92.7	1 208.5	1 292.2	402.0	29 532.0
July	341.6	351.5	693.1	106.4	1 260.2	1 249.0	405.2	31 361.6
August	347.3	330.1	677.3	100.6	1 431.2	1 149.5	396.7	30 254.8
September	349.9	289.9	639.9	122.1	1 356.3	1 200.5	388.3	30 483.6
October	335.5	303.9	639.5	110.8	1 370.7	1 183.9	390.7	30 258.4
November	322.2	324.5	646.7	112.9	1 352.2	1 276.4	395.3	30 882.6
December	322.7	349.4	672.1	109.2	1 364.3	1 330.8	382.3	29 886.7
<b>1998</b>								
January	331.6	347.2	678.8	107.3	1 488.8	1 313.0	417.4	31 154.5
February	366.2	322.0	688.2	113.8	1 562.0	1 256.7	419.6	30 363.3
March	340.3	335.2	675.4	120.2	1 400.2	1 185.1	409.4	31 188.8
April	340.6	387.5	728.1	110.8	1 382.6	1 269.9	413.6	30 940.1
May	288.6	338.2	626.8	96.4	1 120.1	1 213.5	421.5	30 734.3
TREND ESTIMATES								
<b>1997</b>								
May	348.1	323.6	671.6	103.3	1 263.3	1 274.9	397.7	29 388.3
June	344.6	327.9	672.5	103.5	1 280.6	1 255.6	399.1	29 826.1
July	342.6	326.4	669.0	104.9	1 302.4	1 232.8	398.4	30 199.2
August	340.7	322.5	663.2	107.1	1 324.5	1 216.1	395.7	30 448.9
September	338.1	319.5	657.6	109.4	1 347.9	1 214.5	392.9	30 546.6
October	335.1	318.7	653.9	111.3	1 375.0	1 228.8	392.1	30 540.0
November	334.6	321.8	656.4	112.6	1 408.5	1 253.3	394.4	30 513.4
December	335.8	328.6	664.5	112.8	1 432.6	1 272.6	398.8	30 542.8
<b>1998</b>								
January	337.7	337.0	674.7	112.4	1 442.1	1 277.4	404.7	30 643.2
February	338.2	343.8	681.9	111.8	1 433.1	1 267.5	410.1	30 748.8
March	335.7	348.3	684.0	110.8	1 402.0	1 252.1	414.4	30 829.7
April	330.6	351.7	682.4	109.3	1 355.2	1 237.3	417.7	30 891.8
May	324.3	353.6	677.9	107.2	1 303.0	1 220.3	420.1	30 914.1

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 5 to 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

## LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, Australia(a): All Series

## RED MEAT.....

Month	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pig meat	Total red meat	Chicken meat	Whole milk intake by factories	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	ML	tonnes
ORIGINAL									
<b>1997</b>									
May	174 827	3 339	24 124	25 274	30 040	257 605	40 589	511	40 780
June	156 204	3 457	18 431	21 364	29 167	228 624	42 228	483	34 161
July	169 720	4 522	19 769	22 335	29 976	246 322	48 978	528	52 352
August	160 903	6 044	23 539	20 833	27 264	238 584	41 013	698	65 847
September	161 053	6 130	27 046	24 358	28 129	246 716	44 901	973	74 280
October	167 562	4 025	33 753	26 743	28 465	260 548	48 426	1 197	90 445
November	158 580	2 679	31 958	24 088	26 519	243 824	42 578	1 124	69 040
December	140 653	2 079	30 617	23 545	28 275	225 168	47 854	1 033	44 859
<b>1998</b>									
January	133 572	2 478	33 311	22 888	25 491	217 740	46 974	880	44 859
February	161 349	2 495	35 414	22 109	27 441	248 807	42 859	716	43 482
March	166 855	2 899	31 697	23 466	29 269	254 186	48 085	684	53 092
April	163 111	3 537	26 437	24 889	28 899	246 873	47 255	550	39 884
May	157 280	3 606	21 253	23 277	31 326	236 741	44 230	n.a.	39 324
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
<b>1997</b>									
May	158 835	3 169	24 968	24 377	27 725	239 075	42 659	776	63 170
June	158 759	2 999	24 743	23 862	28 339	238 703	43 045	793	65 693
July	163 652	3 355	25 220	23 339	28 726	244 293	46 073	805	68 071
August	165 110	3 669	29 812	21 840	27 725	248 156	43 933	796	51 292
September	156 063	4 032	27 734	22 865	27 456	238 149	44 628	800	45 961
October	153 528	3 672	28 581	22 352	27 972	236 104	45 647	815	55 339
November	154 841	3 830	27 400	24 082	27 566	237 719	45 968	791	55 246
December	158 844	3 864	28 428	25 208	27 006	243 349	44 352	769	57 481
<b>1998</b>									
January	160 022	3 586	29 882	24 398	29 213	247 101	47 320	747	61 299
February	163 862	3 861	32 063	23 511	30 009	253 306	45 134	758	47 199
March	159 409	4 005	28 670	22 214	28 908	243 207	46 768	772	53 947
April	165 700	4 042	27 656	24 402	28 721	250 521	46 219	763	53 791
May	148 332	3 588	22 568	22 994	29 967	227 449	46 775	n.a.	61 865
TREND									
<b>1997</b>									
May	161 575	3 310	25 807	23 792	27 935	242 418	42 512	772	63 990
June	161 603	3 351	26 149	23 502	28 103	242 709	43 411	786	63 013
July	160 834	3 450	26 644	23 162	28 129	242 219	44 187	797	60 270
August	159 579	3 578	27 164	22 927	27 971	241 220	44 765	804	57 132
September	158 258	3 697	27 705	22 957	27 759	240 377	45 107	803	54 731
October	157 226	3 779	28 293	23 232	27 677	240 208	45 309	797	53 829
November	157 261	3 823	28 959	23 648	27 826	241 518	45 490	786	53 951
December	158 237	3 825	29 378	23 941	28 136	243 518	45 677	776	54 499
<b>1998</b>									
January	159 617	3 824	29 468	23 996	28 544	245 448	45 898	767	55 037
February	160 497	3 840	29 187	23 832	28 920	246 276	46 096	762	55 042
March	160 327	3 856	28 459	23 601	29 222	245 465	46 276	758	55 063
April	159 408	3 862	27 411	23 399	29 454	243 534	46 443	757	55 419
May	157 959	3 845	26 294	23 151	29 657	240 906	46 602	n.a.	56 182

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 5 to 9 and 14 to 16 of the Explanatory Notes

## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Bulls, Bullocks and Steers: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	94.7	71.0	150.6	15.3	13.6	9.7	358.9
June	78.8	62.2	140.8	13.8	12.6	7.5	318.4
July	86.1	74.4	156.7	12.1	14.3	8.6	354.8
August	86.2	67.1	158.2	10.5	14.2	7.2	347.3
September	86.9	72.0	171.3	13.5	17.6	5.3	368.8
October	87.7	75.3	160.8	18.0	20.6	6.7	371.7
November	81.2	72.4	150.5	18.2	19.6	7.3	349.5
December	79.5	79.1	92.4	15.2	18.6	9.1	294.0
<b>1998</b>							
January	70.5	88.2	81.9	14.1	15.8	9.2	279.8
February	82.3	84.6	131.0	19.1	16.0	8.1	341.2
March	85.3	82.8	144.9	14.6	18.2	8.2	354.1
April	76.6	79.4	132.9	15.4	14.9	7.5	327.7
May	72.8	74.4	118.3	9.6	15.2	8.4	299.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	88.4	68.3	140.5	15.4	15.4	8.4	335.8
June	85.4	69.0	143.2	17.5	14.0	7.3	339.1
July	85.1	71.1	140.3	17.7	15.2	9.1	341.6
August	87.7	81.6	135.6	15.4	16.0	10.7	347.3
September	83.6	85.0	143.1	12.8	16.4	7.9	349.9
October	82.3	73.4	137.7	14.2	17.1	8.2	335.5
November	78.6	69.6	133.7	13.6	17.2	7.7	322.2
December	86.8	73.6	109.0	14.7	14.6	7.6	322.7
<b>1998</b>							
January	76.7	82.0	146.2	12.7	16.5	7.4	331.6
February	86.3	79.8	160.5	18.0	16.6	7.9	366.2
March	79.8	77.1	153.9	13.0	19.0	6.9	340.3
April	77.0	79.6	135.1	18.4	18.3	6.8	340.6
May	71.3	74.7	111.6	9.8	17.6	7.4	288.6
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	89.7	72.5	145.9	17.0	15.2	8.7	348.1
June	87.8	73.2	143.2	17.0	15.0	8.7	344.6
July	86.1	74.7	140.5	16.4	15.3	8.8	342.6
August	84.6	75.9	138.1	15.5	15.8	8.8	340.7
September	83.5	76.4	135.6	14.5	16.1	8.6	338.1
October	82.9	76.4	133.6	13.9	16.3	8.4	335.1
November	82.5	76.5	134.4	13.9	16.4	8.0	334.6
December	82.2	76.4	137.2	14.2	16.5	7.7	335.8
<b>1998</b>							
January	81.6	76.9	140.3	14.7	16.7	7.5	337.7
February	80.7	77.7	142.0	14.9	17.1	7.4	338.2
March	79.2	78.3	141.4	14.8	17.5	7.3	335.7
April	77.4	78.4	138.5	14.5	17.9	7.2	330.6
May	75.7	78.2	134.6	14.0	18.3	7.1	324.3

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Cows and Heifers: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	103.9	84.0	125.1	18.8	17.0	12.3	370.5
June	97.8	77.0	112.3	18.6	15.0	10.3	338.4
July	102.4	73.9	131.3	19.4	18.0	9.5	359.8
August	93.1	65.1	119.4	19.1	17.8	6.4	326.2
September	87.6	57.4	108.7	15.1	19.2	4.9	300.1
October	90.1	72.0	107.0	16.3	22.0	9.4	322.7
November	92.4	68.2	94.9	16.8	19.1	9.7	301.8
December	93.4	84.9	76.3	14.0	23.0	10.1	302.0
<b>1998</b>							
January	91.3	77.1	73.5	12.8	28.4	13.3	296.8
February	92.7	74.7	104.9	16.1	25.6	10.4	324.9
March	97.5	76.1	121.9	20.1	18.5	9.7	344.1
April	104.8	83.8	130.8	19.5	18.9	12.9	375.2
May	118.6	74.3	134.7	15.5	19.1	15.2	386.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	90.9	79.9	104.6	17.4	19.2	8.9	318.3
June	95.8	84.2	96.1	19.8	19.7	9.1	329.6
July	99.8	83.8	105.9	23.0	21.4	10.7	351.5
August	100.5	79.5	102.3	20.4	18.9	10.5	330.1
September	87.4	56.8	102.6	15.0	17.3	7.5	289.9
October	81.2	61.3	111.4	16.2	19.8	10.5	303.9
November	95.1	67.0	112.4	15.0	19.6	10.3	324.5
December	100.6	82.4	112.9	15.3	20.4	9.3	349.4
<b>1998</b>							
January	101.1	72.4	126.5	13.2	25.3	13.4	347.2
February	94.4	76.0	112.2	14.9	20.8	10.2	322.0
March	99.4	73.6	115.7	18.8	17.3	8.2	335.2
April	107.4	82.7	121.3	20.4	24.2	10.6	387.5
May	106.9	73.0	115.2	14.0	21.6	11.6	338.2
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	93.8	80.6	99.9	18.8	19.4	8.9	323.6
June	95.0	80.8	101.6	19.6	19.6	9.3	327.9
July	94.7	78.0	102.6	19.7	19.5	9.6	326.4
August	93.7	73.7	104.2	19.1	19.3	9.7	322.5
September	92.7	69.9	106.4	17.8	19.3	9.8	319.5
October	92.3	67.9	109.3	16.2	19.6	10.0	318.7
November	92.9	68.5	112.5	15.1	20.2	10.2	321.8
December	94.7	71.0	115.1	14.8	20.8	10.4	328.6
<b>1998</b>							
January	97.4	74.1	116.8	15.3	21.2	10.5	337.0
February	100.0	76.1	117.6	16.0	21.5	10.5	343.8
March	102.1	77.0	117.8	16.6	21.5	10.5	348.3
April	104.0	77.2	117.8	17.0	21.6	10.4	351.7
May	105.1	76.9	117.7	17.3	21.7	10.5	353.6

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Total Cattle (excluding Calves): All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	198.5	155.0	275.7	34.1	30.7	22.0	729.4
June	176.6	139.3	253.1	32.4	27.6	17.8	656.8
July	188.4	148.3	288.0	31.5	32.2	18.1	714.5
August	179.2	132.2	277.7	29.5	31.9	13.6	673.4
September	174.5	129.4	279.9	28.6	36.9	10.1	668.8
October	177.9	147.3	267.8	34.3	42.6	16.1	694.4
November	173.6	140.6	245.4	35.0	38.7	17.0	651.3
December	173.0	163.9	168.8	29.2	41.6	19.1	596.0
<b>1998</b>							
January	161.8	165.3	155.4	26.9	44.2	22.5	576.6
February	175.0	159.4	235.9	35.2	41.6	18.5	666.1
March	182.8	158.9	266.8	34.7	36.7	17.9	698.2
April	181.5	163.2	263.7	34.9	33.8	20.3	703.0
May	191.4	148.7	253.0	25.1	34.3	23.7	686.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	179.4	148.2	245.1	32.8	34.6	17.3	654.1
June	181.2	153.2	239.3	37.3	33.7	16.5	668.7
July	184.9	154.9	246.2	40.7	36.6	19.8	693.1
August	188.2	161.1	237.9	35.7	35.0	21.2	677.3
September	171.0	141.8	245.7	27.8	33.7	15.4	639.9
October	163.5	134.7	249.1	30.4	36.9	18.7	639.5
November	173.8	136.6	246.1	28.5	36.8	18.0	646.7
December	187.4	156.0	221.9	30.0	35.0	16.8	672.1
<b>1998</b>							
January	177.7	154.4	272.7	25.9	41.8	20.8	678.8
February	180.7	155.8	272.7	32.8	37.5	18.1	688.2
March	179.2	150.7	269.6	31.8	36.2	15.1	675.4
April	184.4	162.3	256.5	38.8	42.5	17.5	728.1
May	178.3	147.6	226.8	23.8	39.3	19.0	626.8
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	183.6	153.1	245.7	35.8	34.5	17.6	671.6
June	182.9	154.1	244.8	36.5	34.6	18.0	672.5
July	180.8	152.7	243.2	36.1	34.8	18.3	669.0
August	178.2	149.6	242.3	34.5	35.0	18.4	663.2
September	176.2	146.3	242.0	32.3	35.4	18.4	657.6
October	175.2	144.3	242.9	30.1	35.9	18.3	653.9
November	175.4	145.0	246.9	29.0	36.6	18.2	656.4
December	176.9	147.4	252.3	29.0	37.2	18.0	664.5
<b>1998</b>							
January	179.0	150.9	257.1	30.0	37.9	17.9	674.7
February	180.7	153.9	259.5	30.9	38.5	17.8	681.9
March	181.3	155.3	259.2	31.4	39.1	17.7	684.0
April	181.5	155.7	256.3	31.5	39.5	17.6	682.4
May	180.8	155.2	252.3	31.4	39.9	17.7	677.9

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Calves: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Month	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	23.9	55.8	11.3	2.0	0.6	1.7	95.5
June	22.3	75.1	9.9	1.9	0.4	0.9	110.7
July	28.5	105.2	10.9	1.7	0.5	1.9	148.8
August	24.4	185.5	9.8	2.0	0.4	14.7	236.9
September	25.7	178.5	9.8	2.1	0.4	20.4	237.1
October	26.3	80.0	10.3	1.4	0.4	9.4	127.9
November	22.9	28.3	8.5	1.1	0.4	1.2	62.5
December	20.3	11.8	7.5	1.1	0.4	0.2	41.3
<b>1998</b>							
January	23.7	11.1	10.2	1.0	0.4	0.2	46.6
February	24.8	8.3	9.6	0.9	0.6	0.2	44.6
March	25.4	21.3	10.5	2.1	0.6	0.6	60.6
April	29.6	33.7	10.3	2.1	0.4	2.2	78.4
May	27.8	47.2	9.0	2.4	0.4	1.9	88.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	22.6	63.0	9.9	1.7	0.7	5.8	98.7
June	22.1	54.5	9.7	1.9	0.4	5.1	92.7
July	25.0	66.4	10.3	1.7	0.4	4.2	106.4
August	23.6	60.2	10.3	1.5	0.3	4.0	100.6
September	26.0	75.6	10.1	1.6	0.4	3.9	122.1
October	24.6	67.8	9.8	1.4	0.4	5.9	110.8
November	24.9	84.5	9.9	1.3	0.4	6.4	112.9
December	25.3	73.7	8.7	1.8	0.4	3.9	109.2
<b>1998</b>							
January	25.3	88.7	10.0	1.5	0.4	6.0	107.3
February	26.3	85.5	10.2	1.5	0.8	7.3	113.8
March	25.2	100.1	10.4	1.8	0.7	7.6	120.2
April	28.3	58.3	9.0	1.5	0.6	9.8	110.8
May	27.3	54.9	8.5	2.0	0.4	6.7	96.4
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	23.3	65.6	10.0	1.7	0.5	5.5	103.3
June	23.4	63.9	10.1	1.7	0.5	5.2	103.5
July	23.8	63.5	10.2	1.7	0.4	4.8	104.9
August	24.3	65.1	10.1	1.6	0.4	4.6	107.1
September	24.7	68.4	9.9	1.6	0.4	4.6	109.4
October	25.0	73.4	9.8	1.5	0.4	4.8	111.3
November	25.2	78.9	9.8	1.5	0.4	5.2	112.6
December	25.3	82.9	9.8	1.5	0.5	5.7	112.8
<b>1998</b>							
January	25.6	84.3	9.8	1.6	0.5	6.3	112.4
February	26.0	82.7	9.7	1.6	0.6	6.9	111.8
March	26.4	78.9	9.6	1.7	0.6	7.5	110.8
April	26.9	73.7	9.4	1.8	0.6	7.9	109.3
May	27.3	67.3	9.2	1.8	0.6	8.3	107.2

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 6 of the Explanatory notes.

## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Sheep: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	463.6	226.7	75.5	165.5	237.6	35.9	1 212.4
June	386.0	175.8	71.4	136.9	118.3	31.0	920.1
July	455.5	192.3	100.4	70.1	137.2	30.6	986.0
August	425.3	195.8	89.9	203.2	212.3	22.5	1 149.0
September	429.5	234.5	103.0	235.1	282.3	18.0	1 302.4
October	555.3	322.7	119.4	238.4	327.1	32.9	1 595.8
November	534.7	310.1	101.6	265.0	277.9	39.5	1 528.8
December	506.6	340.5	107.4	246.5	215.7	57.1	1 473.9
<b>1998</b>							
January	536.5	339.3	131.3	291.3	263.3	56.5	1 618.2
February	596.3	419.6	117.5	300.6	252.4	56.2	1 742.7
March	536.5	361.8	117.3	283.7	222.8	48.6	1 570.7
April	454.7	268.6	109.9	224.1	225.3	42.6	1 325.2
May	422.0	211.4	87.0	131.8	207.8	32.0	1 092.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	448.7	267.6	70.3	185.3	219.6	31.1	1 224.2
June	458.9	264.4	82.3	204.7	187.1	32.2	1 208.5
July	484.8	280.4	91.2	132.3	189.1	38.4	1 260.2
August	496.3	302.7	93.3	307.7	241.0	49.6	1 431.2
September	433.8	268.4	104.0	199.9	270.4	32.2	1 356.3
October	503.0	269.6	118.1	205.5	273.2	44.9	1 370.7
November	501.7	263.9	103.7	184.5	230.4	37.6	1 352.2
December	526.8	274.3	128.5	256.6	205.8	46.6	1 364.3
<b>1998</b>							
January	523.3	273.3	121.2	259.2	262.6	43.1	1 488.8
February	563.1	328.7	120.5	260.1	244.0	44.7	1 562.0
March	499.4	317.9	102.3	241.6	194.1	36.7	1 400.2
April	446.6	275.7	112.0	219.8	229.1	35.8	1 382.6
May	420.1	253.6	83.4	150.4	193.4	29.6	1 120.1
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	466.8	262.4	76.8	206.2	204.6	35.7	1 263.3
June	468.7	271.5	81.5	204.7	211.0	36.6	1 280.6
July	470.6	278.1	88.3	204.6	221.1	37.9	1 302.4
August	473.7	279.1	96.1	207.2	232.0	39.2	1 324.5
September	480.6	275.8	104.0	212.3	242.1	40.6	1 347.9
October	493.3	273.4	110.9	219.8	248.2	41.9	1 375.0
November	509.5	276.0	116.5	229.8	248.7	42.8	1 408.5
December	520.8	282.0	119.1	238.0	243.1	42.9	1 432.6
<b>1998</b>							
January	523.0	289.0	118.3	242.0	234.4	42.3	1 442.1
February	514.1	293.8	114.8	241.1	226.8	40.9	1 433.1
March	496.4	293.8	109.7	232.5	220.2	38.7	1 402.0
April	474.7	290.0	103.9	218.2	213.5	36.0	1 355.2
May	453.5	284.2	98.6	202.3	208.9	33.8	1 303.0

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 6 of the Explanatory notes.

## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Lambs: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	287.8	519.1	69.2	170.9	227.5	41.8	1 341.2
June	263.0	475.1	59.0	163.5	140.0	29.9	1 134.4
July	311.1	541.0	73.7	79.9	153.9	35.9	1 195.5
August	299.6	452.2	71.3	121.8	153.6	22.0	1 120.6
September	313.4	537.6	72.4	140.0	220.5	23.1	1 306.9
October	337.8	582.7	67.8	191.1	219.3	32.3	1 431.0
November	294.0	565.1	52.3	156.2	175.1	31.1	1 273.8
December	308.0	583.1	53.3	140.5	132.9	31.3	1 249.2
<b>1998</b>							
January	289.2	539.2	66.1	147.7	117.5	43.9	1 203.5
February	300.6	473.3	58.8	167.6	133.9	33.0	1 167.1
March	317.9	500.4	65.2	189.3	125.9	40.9	1 239.5
April	330.8	547.4	68.3	181.2	137.0	44.6	1 309.2
May	284.6	479.7	60.2	193.5	158.3	42.9	1 219.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	283.6	517.5	66.2	164.0	214.0	35.2	1 301.9
June	286.6	535.3	67.0	190.5	186.1	27.2	1 292.2
July	295.4	550.7	67.1	101.6	199.1	37.9	1 249.0
August	293.5	489.5	65.5	145.9	154.2	30.1	1 149.5
September	287.9	511.8	77.5	122.6	140.7	28.3	1 200.5
October	298.3	513.8	58.4	152.5	143.2	36.9	1 183.9
November	346.4	525.4	59.6	148.0	154.2	35.1	1 276.4
December	342.8	547.9	64.2	158.8	192.3	31.0	1 330.8
<b>1998</b>							
January	311.8	550.8	64.7	155.0	169.7	37.3	1 313.0
February	317.1	518.0	59.3	165.7	163.1	31.5	1 256.7
March	298.8	505.4	66.2	163.4	125.1	35.4	1 185.1
April	306.9	554.7	63.7	178.1	140.2	41.4	1 269.9
May	289.4	491.5	56.9	193.0	149.0	37.9	1 213.5
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	284.9	526.0	66.0	156.1	201.5	32.6	1 274.9
June	284.8	524.9	67.0	151.2	191.0	32.3	1 255.6
July	287.7	521.7	67.6	145.1	177.5	32.1	1 232.8
August	294.2	518.6	67.5	140.1	165.2	32.3	1 216.1
September	303.7	518.5	66.4	138.1	158.1	32.6	1 214.5
October	313.6	521.2	65.0	140.4	156.7	33.0	1 228.8
November	321.3	526.4	63.7	146.4	159.3	33.4	1 253.3
December	324.6	531.4	62.9	153.3	162.1	33.8	1 272.6
<b>1998</b>							
January	322.4	533.6	62.6	159.1	161.8	34.5	1 277.4
February	316.1	531.0	62.6	164.6	157.3	35.3	1 267.5
March	308.4	526.1	62.4	170.7	150.7	36.3	1 252.1
April	301.0	520.7	62.2	176.7	144.6	37.3	1 237.3
May	293.1	514.7	61.3	182.9	139.0	38.4	1 220.3

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## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Pigs: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	108.4	113.5	90.5	39.5	49.2	7.5	414.2
June	118.7	105.4	85.2	35.7	52.7	5.9	405.1
July	119.7	118.8	94.9	34.5	46.7	7.7	422.8
August	105.4	104.2	86.6	37.1	44.8	5.7	384.3
September	119.0	108.1	85.2	32.7	45.4	5.4	396.3
October	116.4	107.9	92.1	32.2	42.9	6.8	398.8
November	107.5	98.9	88.9	33.5	41.7	5.7	376.7
December	134.1	115.7	89.2	27.5	44.2	7.5	418.9
<b>1998</b>							
January	100.3	104.7	87.1	29.9	41.4	6.9	370.7
February	104.8	102.4	93.3	37.8	47.7	5.6	392.1
March	119.1	120.4	91.5	31.1	47.3	5.4	415.5
April	116.1	120.8	88.7	26.2	44.9	6.2	403.5
May	119.1	128.3	95.0	32.7	52.6	6.7	435.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	106.9	105.5	86.1	33.5	47.0	6.7	388.2
June	113.0	107.4	80.7	38.3	48.0	5.9	402.0
July	116.1	109.7	92.8	33.9	44.1	7.0	405.2
August	114.5	110.4	89.2	33.1	45.5	6.1	396.7
September	113.0	108.0	83.6	33.1	45.7	5.8	388.3
October	115.5	98.4	92.6	33.4	42.2	7.0	390.7
November	115.6	109.8	93.2	29.5	44.1	6.0	395.3
December	109.8	105.4	85.7	30.6	43.1	6.4	382.3
<b>1998</b>							
January	115.6	118.5	95.7	32.5	49.9	7.4	417.4
February	116.7	113.0	97.2	37.6	51.7	6.3	419.6
March	116.9	119.7	88.0	34.2	45.5	5.5	409.4
April	118.0	116.6	91.6	28.5	43.8	6.1	413.6
May	121.7	124.6	93.1	28.4	50.3	6.3	421.5
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	109.8	106.1	87.6	36.2	46.6	6.5	397.7
June	111.8	107.5	87.7	35.7	46.0	6.4	399.1
July	113.5	107.9	87.8	34.8	45.4	6.3	398.4
August	114.3	107.5	88.1	33.7	44.7	6.3	395.7
September	114.5	106.7	88.7	32.6	44.3	6.3	392.9
October	114.3	106.4	89.7	32.0	44.3	6.4	392.1
November	114.0	107.3	90.9	32.0	44.9	6.5	394.4
December	114.1	109.4	91.7	32.4	45.8	6.5	398.8
<b>1998</b>							
January	114.8	112.2	92.3	32.8	46.7	6.5	404.7
February	115.9	115.2	92.5	32.8	47.4	6.3	410.1
March	117.2	117.8	92.5	32.4	47.7	6.2	414.4
April	118.5	120.1	92.3	31.6	48.0	6.1	417.7
May	119.8	121.6	92.3	30.8	48.0	6.1	420.1

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 6 of the Explanatory notes.

## NUMBER OF CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED(a): All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL						
<b>1997</b>						
May	10 608.2	6 867.5	4 956.8	2 305.0	2 834.1	27 571.6
June	11 476.0	6 692.3	5 468.2	2 353.1	2 915.9	28 905.4
July	12 721.0	8 263.5	6 286.6	2 882.4	3 316.4	33 470.0
August	10 361.9	7 152.4	5 111.3	n.p.	n.p.	27 781.0
September	11 842.7	7 546.2	5 489.5	n.p.	n.p.	30 370.8
October	12 015.3	8 442.6	5 847.4	n.p.	n.p.	32 332.5
November	10 772.6	7 187.8	5 201.6	n.p.	n.p.	28 812.2
December	12 191.4	8 240.7	5 901.5	n.p.	n.p.	32 503.0
<b>1998</b>						
January	11 404.4	8 063.1	5 809.9	n.p.	n.p.	31 510.4
February	10 077.3	7 695.9	5 248.4	n.p.	n.p.	28 703.8
March	11 704.5	8 175.4	5 760.0	n.p.	n.p.	31 681.5
April	11 533.6	8 538.9	5 711.3	n.p.	n.p.	31 782.2
May	10 809.8	7 596.2	5 080.9	n.p.	n.p.	28 787.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
<b>1997</b>						
May	11 308.5	7 031.6	5 341.8	2 532.1	2 962.5	29 176.4
June	11 236.3	7 120.5	5 722.1	2 450.0	3 003.1	29 532.0
July	11 945.0	7 842.5	5 875.4	2 683.2	3 015.4	31 361.6
August	11 306.4	7 694.4	5 449.2	n.p.	n.p.	30 254.8
September	11 420.0	7 949.8	5 598.6	n.p.	n.p.	30 483.6
October	11 554.7	7 712.7	5 232.5	n.p.	n.p.	30 258.4
November	11 477.9	7 850.7	5 581.8	n.p.	n.p.	30 882.6
December	11 334.4	7 421.9	5 475.0	n.p.	n.p.	29 886.7
<b>1998</b>						
January	12 058.7	7 653.5	5 519.5	n.p.	n.p.	31 154.5
February	10 617.3	8 041.7	5 646.2	n.p.	n.p.	30 363.3
March	10 869.9	8 303.4	5 794.6	n.p.	n.p.	31 188.8
April	11 550.5	8 212.1	5 634.7	n.p.	n.p.	30 940.1
May	11 627.8	7 821.7	5 492.5	n.p.	n.p.	30 734.3
TREND ESTIMATES						
<b>1997</b>						
May	11 348.4	7 135.7	5 503.4	2 423.8	2 977.0	29 388.3
June	11 409.5	7 336.5	5 582.8	2 502.9	2 994.4	29 826.1
July	11 453.3	7 542.2	5 609.3	2 578.7	3 015.7	30 199.2
August	11 498.1	7 697.5	5 585.2	n.p.	n.p.	30 448.9
September	11 534.3	7 764.2	5 533.6	n.p.	n.p.	30 546.6
October	11 534.9	7 757.6	5 486.4	n.p.	n.p.	30 540.0
November	11 478.2	7 743.7	5 473.9	n.p.	n.p.	30 513.4
December	11 399.6	7 759.3	5 507.9	n.p.	n.p.	30 542.8
<b>1998</b>						
January	11 329.2	7 828.8	5 567.7	n.p.	n.p.	30 643.2
February	11 277.0	7 927.1	5 613.2	n.p.	n.p.	30 748.8
March	11 259.1	8 018.1	5 637.1	n.p.	n.p.	30 829.7
April	11 279.4	8 085.8	5 647.4	n.p.	n.p.	30 891.8
May	11 330.6	8 122.0	5 628.0	n.p.	n.p.	30 914.1

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(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a): **Original**

Month	New South Wales '000	Victoria '000	Queensland '000	South Australia '000	Western Australia '000	Tasmania '000	Australia '000
<b>BULLS, BULLOCKS AND STEERS</b>							
<b>1994-95</b>	1 105.6	782.7	1 597.1	206.1	244.0	111.2	<b>4 056.6</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	1 024.0	946.9	1 505.8	180.4	218.0	95.4	<b>3 988.2</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	1 073.3	898.7	1 509.3	171.1	192.3	110.2	<b>3 977.6</b>
<b>COWS AND HEIFERS</b>							
<b>1994-95</b>	943.4	684.6	960.7	218.1	186.4	96.7	<b>3 163.4</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	939.1	576.7	901.2	194.1	181.9	88.9	<b>2 961.5</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	966.9	777.2	1 008.5	197.6	214.5	93.4	<b>3 322.0</b>
<b>TOTAL CATTLE (excluding calves)</b>							
<b>1994-95</b>	2 049.0	1 467.3	2 557.8	424.3	430.5	207.9	<b>7 220.0</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	1 963.1	1 523.6	2 406.9	374.5	399.9	184.2	<b>6 949.7</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	2 040.2	1 675.9	2 517.9	368.7	406.8	203.6	<b>7 299.7</b>
<b>CALVES</b>							
<b>1994-95</b>	248.3	635.6	117.1	12.0	3.8	28.8	<b>1 047.7</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	244.2	589.8	91.2	12.6	3.2	41.4	<b>984.6</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	257.4	697.3	120.9	15.7	5.6	43.6	<b>1 141.9</b>
<b>SHEEP</b>							
<b>1994-95</b>	6 577.8	3 229.6	770.9	3 114.4	3 088.1	569.3	<b>17 499.8</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	5 680.4	2 488.0	727.5	2 370.5	2 833.3	349.7	<b>14 581.1</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	5 241.3	2 806.6	977.3	2 311.8	2 635.2	384.4	<b>14 451.2</b>
<b>LAMBS</b>							
<b>1994-95</b>	4 133.7	6 303.2	608.7	1 914.8	1 463.7	477.2	<b>15 289.4</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	3 417.3	5 897.7	695.3	1 905.2	1 594.0	393.3	<b>14 223.1</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	3 621.4	5 978.9	785.1	1 754.0	2 081.2	364.0	<b>14 837.2</b>
<b>PIGS</b>							
<b>1994-95</b>	1 505.4	1 196.9	1 154.4	469.6	604.1	92.9	<b>5 119.6</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	1 408.0	1 142.1	1 080.0	466.8	562.8	86.5	<b>4 823.5</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	1 338.4	1 197.3	1 002.3	427.4	550.2	74.9	<b>4 653.9</b>
<b>CHICKENS</b>							
<b>1994-95</b>	133 927.4	77 193.1	56 570.1	28 866.2	33 938.6	n.p.	<b>330 495.4</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	133 756.6	85 410.9	55 333.1	26 948.2	34 931.2	n.p.	<b>336 380.0</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	133 363.7	86 732.6	61 088.9	28 008.1	36 360.2	n.p.	<b>345 553.5</b>

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 5 to 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

## RED MEAT PRODUCED(a), Beef: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	44 471	33 598	74 265	7 616	6 836	5 461	174 827
June	38 345	30 312	67 908	7 178	6 187	4 416	156 204
July	40 660	31 773	77 114	6 820	7 367	4 467	169 720
August	39 292	28 256	74 685	6 042	7 277	3 550	160 903
September	38 786	28 241	75 324	5 842	8 744	2 478	161 053
October	40 657	31 971	71 366	7 881	10 077	4 113	167 562
November	39 575	30 971	66 473	7 870	9 249	4 251	158 580
December	39 131	35 616	44 691	6 574	9 665	4 890	140 653
<b>1998</b>							
January	37 022	35 728	39 894	5 790	9 934	5 115	133 572
February	39 704	35 579	64 000	7 883	9 397	4 693	161 349
March	40 722	35 013	70 467	7 716	8 216	4 629	166 855
April	39 695	34 408	68 184	7 477	7 425	4 813	163 111
May	40 641	31 788	64 679	5 194	7 556	5 431	157 280
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	40 087	31 842	65 479	7 366	7 936	4 430	158 835
June	40 116	33 773	64 063	8 456	8 081	4 261	158 759
July	40 902	33 142	67 820	8 430	8 916	4 621	163 652
August	40 986	37 662	65 045	7 696	8 187	5 858	165 110
September	38 061	31 736	65 485	5 626	8 580	3 802	156 063
October	37 758	29 364	65 661	7 152	8 633	4 930	153 528
November	39 179	30 534	65 128	6 601	7 651	4 591	154 841
December	42 699	32 681	56 493	6 653	8 076	4 142	158 844
<b>1998</b>							
January	40 195	33 210	69 717	5 161	9 569	4 457	160 022
February	40 532	33 859	72 935	7 249	8 079	4 457	163 862
March	38 543	32 267	71 735	7 082	8 295	3 773	159 409
April	40 264	32 907	68 483	8 732	8 852	4 352	165 700
May	38 409	31 775	57 460	4 970	8 837	4 463	148 332
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	41 106	32 860	66 932	8 037	7 931	4 480	161 575
June	40 556	33 433	66 536	8 079	8 173	4 592	161 603
July	39 938	33 625	65 908	7 883	8 352	4 701	160 834
August	39 485	33 312	65 334	7 489	8 431	4 748	159 579
September	39 382	32 671	64 673	7 016	8 423	4 730	158 258
October	39 519	32 055	64 220	6 588	8 388	4 647	157 226
November	39 762	31 794	64 704	6 394	8 361	4 527	157 261
December	40 068	31 936	65 861	6 416	8 379	4 396	158 237
<b>1998</b>							
January	40 258	32 366	67 190	6 599	8 446	4 309	159 617
February	40 191	32 791	68 046	6 772	8 529	4 273	160 497
March	39 881	32 921	68 078	6 865	8 609	4 248	160 327
April	39 504	32 861	67 335	6 865	8 683	4 228	159 408
May	39 053	32 623	66 187	6 842	8 781	4 261	157 959

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

## RED MEAT PRODUCED(a), Veal: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	1 544	1 102	531	69	40	39	3 339
June	1 422	1 442	464	80	24	21	3 457
July	1 848	2 060	479	63	27	42	4 522
August	1 541	3 658	438	78	23	302	6 044
September	1 596	3 565	436	90	27	412	6 130
October	1 664	1 618	463	56	26	192	4 025
November	1 516	638	397	49	23	51	2 679
December	1 363	286	350	42	26	7	2 079
<b>1998</b>							
January	1 627	281	496	41	22	6	2 478
February	1 731	205	470	41	37	7	2 495
March	1 798	454	542	56	30	14	2 899
April	2 169	705	533	55	22	49	3 537
May	2 024	944	481	86	23	44	3 606
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	1 412	1 152	480	62	47	116	3 169
June	1 379	1 027	454	80	24	106	2 999
July	1 588	1 331	473	65	21	79	3 355
August	1 452	1 404	440	60	20	88	3 669
September	1 685	1 623	451	74	21	84	4 032
October	1 549	1 347	437	52	24	121	3 672
November	1 717	1 558	463	52	22	203	3 830
December	1 838	1 111	395	59	24	81	3 864
<b>1998</b>							
January	1 702	1 413	485	56	22	96	3 586
February	1 834	969	501	61	45	123	3 861
March	1 863	1 478	532	51	35	124	4 005
April	1 970	1 027	478	47	33	179	4 042
May	1 925	1 026	456	77	28	126	3 588
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	1 468	1 177	474	63	31	106	3 310
June	1 467	1 253	469	67	29	102	3 351
July	1 491	1 325	462	68	26	99	3 450
August	1 534	1 391	452	66	23	101	3 578
September	1 587	1 430	442	63	21	107	3 697
October	1 641	1 437	439	60	21	114	3 779
November	1 695	1 404	445	57	23	120	3 823
December	1 742	1 340	456	56	26	122	3 825
<b>1998</b>							
January	1 788	1 273	470	55	30	123	3 824
February	1 832	1 218	482	56	32	125	3 840
March	1 873	1 170	490	57	34	130	3 856
April	1 913	1 128	492	59	34	135	3 862
May	1 936	1 081	491	61	35	139	3 845

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## RED MEAT PRODUCED(a), Mutton: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Month	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	9 270	4 315	1 438	3 638	4 570	749	24 124
June	7 666	3 474	1 383	2 958	2 292	644	18 431
July	9 233	3 733	1 936	1 466	2 761	639	19 769
August	8 802	3 773	1 762	4 335	4 416	452	23 539
September	8 764	4 663	2 076	5 089	6 090	365	27 046
October	11 863	6 521	2 378	5 338	6 978	675	33 753
November	11 257	6 189	1 970	5 826	5 895	820	31 958
December	10 392	6 861	2 102	5 605	4 488	1 169	30 617
<b>1998</b>							
January	11 038	6 505	2 574	6 604	5 432	1 158	33 311
February	12 078	8 193	2 227	6 757	5 044	1 115	35 414
March	10 687	6 917	2 258	6 270	4 552	1 013	31 697
April	8 800	4 872	2 052	4 805	4 596	1 313	26 437
May	8 197	3 945	1 530	2 815	4 130	636	21 253
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	9 262	5 151	1 375	4 240	4 276	657	24 968
June	9 084	5 289	1 609	4 533	3 574	674	24 743
July	10 124	5 482	1 784	2 808	3 867	800	25 220
August	10 372	5 891	1 830	6 608	4 913	1 016	29 812
September	8 398	5 361	2 084	4 281	5 864	644	27 734
October	10 624	5 175	2 301	4 485	5 893	942	28 581
November	10 428	5 141	1 993	3 935	4 763	755	27 400
December	10 489	5 592	2 514	5 724	4 280	917	28 428
<b>1998</b>							
January	10 729	5 223	2 360	5 752	5 474	884	29 882
February	11 495	6 417	2 214	5 876	4 928	879	32 063
March	9 876	6 309	1 981	5 493	3 935	764	28 670
April	9 183	5 048	2 123	4 829	4 665	1 167	27 656
May	8 307	4 750	1 508	3 382	3 905	593	22 568
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	9 601	5 122	1 522	4 532	4 069	762	25 807
June	9 598	5 308	1 606	4 479	4 238	773	26 149
July	9 626	5 446	1 736	4 448	4 507	789	26 644
August	9 698	5 474	1 888	4 473	4 810	808	27 164
September	9 852	5 413	2 041	4 568	5 090	829	27 705
October	10 114	5 373	2 170	4 751	5 254	841	28 293
November	10 430	5 428	2 270	5 020	5 251	853	28 959
December	10 629	5 543	2 304	5 259	5 083	863	29 378
<b>1998</b>							
January	10 638	5 659	2 273	5 389	4 844	875	29 468
February	10 419	5 711	2 189	5 395	4 643	883	29 187
March	10 020	5 659	2 075	5 215	4 478	876	28 459
April	9 534	5 530	1 948	4 901	4 321	857	27 411
May	9 089	5 356	1 833	4 548	4 222	841	26 294

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## RED MEAT PRODUCED(a), Lamb: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Month	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	5 475	9 849	1 266	3 453	3 959	791	25 274
June	4 738	9 036	1 073	3 288	2 591	564	21 364
July	5 883	10 112	1 395	1 448	2 819	677	22 335
August	5 669	8 498	1 296	2 380	2 575	415	20 833
September	5 830	10 001	1 332	2 766	3 992	436	24 358
October	6 339	10 759	1 255	3 846	3 933	612	26 743
November	5 610	10 558	951	3 226	3 164	578	24 088
December	5 673	11 001	982	2 891	2 416	583	23 545
<b>1998</b>							
January	5 451	10 135	1 209	3 092	2 170	831	22 888
February	5 684	8 753	1 073	3 552	2 427	619	22 109
March	6 053	9 248	1 169	3 917	2 271	809	23 466
April	6 279	10 294	1 210	3 740	2 520	846	24 889
May	5 397	9 045	1 070	4 040	2 889	836	23 277
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	5 422	9 721	1 163	3 432	3 805	652	24 377
June	5 236	10 137	1 223	3 808	3 535	508	23 862
July	5 507	10 340	1 212	1 860	3 514	708	23 339
August	5 500	9 199	1 081	2 940	2 460	559	21 840
September	5 183	9 909	1 391	2 434	2 599	513	22 865
October	5 719	9 483	1 102	3 132	2 582	688	22 352
November	6 677	9 811	1 231	3 090	2 845	657	24 082
December	6 320	10 363	1 308	3 254	3 468	570	25 208
<b>1998</b>							
January	5 911	10 286	1 272	3 253	2 958	748	24 398
February	6 080	9 402	1 137	3 438	2 706	604	23 511
March	5 744	9 217	1 123	3 188	2 447	702	22 214
April	5 744	10 527	1 085	3 667	2 670	810	24 402
May	5 474	9 083	969	4 144	2 797	722	22 994
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	5 305	9 947	1 165	3 111	3 553	613	23 792
June	5 306	9 936	1 172	3 002	3 392	602	23 502
July	5 363	9 869	1 186	2 882	3 164	595	23 162
August	5 485	9 799	1 203	2 793	2 945	597	22 927
September	5 670	9 785	1 220	2 779	2 816	603	22 957
October	5 879	9 809	1 234	2 862	2 790	612	23 232
November	6 060	9 863	1 244	3 011	2 836	626	23 648
December	6 146	9 907	1 240	3 163	2 892	644	23 941
<b>1998</b>							
January	6 118	9 908	1 215	3 276	2 895	665	23 996
February	6 002	9 838	1 174	3 385	2 829	687	23 832
March	5 853	9 740	1 126	3 514	2 744	708	23 601
April	5 707	9 648	1 080	3 650	2 677	728	23 399
May	5 553	9 537	1 028	3 796	2 614	749	23 151

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

## RED MEAT PRODUCED(a), Pig Meat: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Month	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	7 485	8 245	6 829	2 827	3 729	496	30 040
June	8 180	7 694	6 398	2 532	3 888	389	29 167
July	8 247	8 594	7 157	2 446	3 072	437	29 976
August	7 105	7 596	6 575	2 665	2 939	362	27 264
September	8 064	7 943	6 414	2 320	3 014	345	28 129
October	7 950	8 003	6 984	2 263	2 812	430	28 465
November	7 297	7 211	6 699	2 273	2 654	362	26 519
December	8 862	8 100	6 348	1 765	2 724	447	28 275
<b>1998</b>							
January	6 747	7 577	6 404	2 018	2 285	436	25 491
February	7 150	7 393	6 837	2 586	3 100	351	27 441
March	8 252	8 702	6 758	2 126	3 048	351	29 269
April	8 134	8 840	6 681	1 823	2 998	396	28 899
May	8 380	9 310	7 374	2 300	3 495	437	31 326
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	7 098	7 559	6 486	2 370	3 477	447	27 725
June	7 565	7 853	6 013	2 629	3 751	392	28 339
July	7 793	7 862	6 735	2 475	2 907	407	28 726
August	7 389	8 052	6 679	2 352	2 916	375	27 725
September	7 797	7 635	6 140	2 331	3 003	361	27 456
October	7 920	7 353	6 885	2 360	2 716	426	27 972
November	7 932	7 893	7 037	1 969	2 780	398	27 566
December	7 916	7 403	6 213	2 073	2 825	378	27 006
<b>1998</b>							
January	8 081	8 654	7 392	2 262	2 823	472	29 213
February	8 160	8 236	7 183	2 572	3 316	394	30 009
March	8 097	8 752	6 855	2 344	2 956	359	28 908
April	7 879	8 847	6 833	1 900	2 781	389	28 721
May	8 214	8 924	7 122	1 967	3 248	412	29 967
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	7 201	7 688	6 497	2 528	3 350	423	27 935
June	7 369	7 795	6 493	2 507	3 259	409	28 103
July	7 538	7 819	6 493	2 461	3 149	397	28 129
August	7 670	7 775	6 514	2 385	3 019	390	27 971
September	7 771	7 705	6 564	2 295	2 897	389	27 759
October	7 855	7 671	6 661	2 231	2 823	395	27 677
November	7 930	7 740	6 778	2 212	2 810	403	27 826
December	7 991	7 904	6 867	2 224	2 858	407	28 136
<b>1998</b>							
January	8 037	8 146	6 939	2 243	2 917	406	28 544
February	8 059	8 404	6 987	2 241	2 969	402	28 920
March	8 075	8 631	7 008	2 210	3 015	397	29 222
April	8 089	8 820	7 013	2 155	3 055	393	29 454
May	8 102	8 952	7 026	2 105	3 082	392	29 657

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

## TOTAL RED MEAT PRODUCED(a): All Series

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Month</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
May	68 244	57 109	84 328	17 603	19 134	7 536	257 605
June	60 351	51 957	77 226	16 035	14 982	6 034	228 624
July	65 871	56 271	88 082	12 243	16 046	6 262	246 322
August	62 409	51 781	84 757	15 500	17 229	5 081	238 584
September	63 041	54 412	85 582	16 106	21 868	4 037	246 716
October	68 473	58 871	82 446	19 384	23 825	6 022	260 548
November	65 256	55 568	76 491	19 244	20 985	6 062	243 824
December	65 421	61 865	54 472	16 877	19 319	7 096	225 168
<b>1998</b>							
January	61 885	60 227	50 577	17 545	19 843	7 547	217 740
February	66 347	60 123	74 607	20 819	20 005	6 786	248 807
March	67 511	60 334	81 195	20 085	18 117	6 817	254 186
April	65 078	59 118	78 661	17 899	17 560	7 418	246 873
May	64 639	55 032	75 135	14 434	18 093	7 385	236 741
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
May	63 281	55 424	74 983	17 470	19 540	6 302	239 075
June	63 380	58 079	73 362	19 505	18 966	5 941	238 703
July	65 914	58 157	78 023	15 638	19 226	6 615	244 293
August	65 697	62 209	75 075	19 656	18 496	7 896	248 156
September	61 124	56 264	75 551	14 747	20 066	5 404	238 149
October	63 571	52 721	76 386	17 180	19 849	7 108	236 104
November	65 932	54 938	75 852	15 648	18 062	6 605	237 719
December	69 261	57 150	66 923	17 762	18 674	6 088	243 349
<b>1998</b>							
January	66 617	58 786	81 227	16 483	20 846	6 656	247 101
February	68 102	58 882	83 969	19 195	19 073	6 457	253 306
March	64 124	58 023	82 226	18 160	17 668	5 721	243 207
April	65 041	58 355	79 002	19 175	19 002	6 897	250 521
May	62 328	55 558	67 516	14 540	18 816	6 316	227 449
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
May	64 680	56 794	76 589	18 271	18 933	6 384	242 418
June	64 297	57 725	76 276	18 134	19 091	6 478	242 709
July	63 956	58 084	75 786	17 743	19 199	6 581	242 219
August	63 871	57 751	75 391	17 206	19 228	6 643	241 220
September	64 263	57 003	74 941	16 721	19 247	6 659	240 377
October	65 007	56 345	74 725	16 492	19 275	6 610	240 208
November	65 876	56 230	75 441	16 695	19 282	6 529	241 518
December	66 576	56 630	76 728	17 117	19 238	6 433	243 518
<b>1998</b>							
January	66 839	57 352	78 087	17 564	19 132	6 379	245 448
February	66 503	57 961	78 878	17 849	19 002	6 370	246 276
March	65 702	58 121	78 777	17 861	18 880	6 359	245 465
April	64 746	57 987	77 870	17 631	18 771	6 341	243 534
May	63 733	57 548	76 564	17 352	18 734	6 384	240 906

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

## CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED(a): All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Australia
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL						
<b>1997</b>						
May	16 568	10 367	6 751	3 330	3 573	40 589
June	17 680	9 999	7 505	3 336	3 707	42 228
July	19 391	13 039	8 246	4 129	4 172	48 978
August	16 553	10 842	6 696	n.p.	n.p.	41 013
September	18 389	11 910	7 309	n.p.	n.p.	44 901
October	18 895	13 479	7 853	n.p.	n.p.	48 426
November	16 571	11 500	6 989	n.p.	n.p.	42 578
December	18 380	13 215	7 815	n.p.	n.p.	47 854
<b>1998</b>						
January	17 546	13 076	7 730	n.p.	n.p.	46 974
February	15 490	12 372	7 079	n.p.	n.p.	42 859
March	18 325	13 438	7 779	n.p.	n.p.	48 085
April	18 081	13 519	7 486	n.p.	n.p.	47 255
May	17 611	12 491	6 916	n.p.	n.p.	44 230
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
<b>1997</b>						
May	17 476	10 694	7 104	3 658	3 727	42 659
June	17 635	10 523	7 672	3 476	3 740	43 045
July	18 405	12 362	7 697	3 846	3 763	46 073
August	17 789	11 204	7 178	n.p.	n.p.	43 933
September	17 715	12 004	7 574	n.p.	n.p.	44 628
October	18 231	12 406	7 128	n.p.	n.p.	45 647
November	17 840	12 763	7 423	n.p.	n.p.	45 968
December	17 191	12 102	7 306	n.p.	n.p.	44 352
<b>1998</b>						
January	18 434	13 193	7 458	n.p.	n.p.	47 320
February	16 324	12 795	7 574	n.p.	n.p.	45 134
March	16 945	13 269	7 788	n.p.	n.p.	46 768
April	17 894	13 257	7 468	n.p.	n.p.	46 219
May	18 586	13 050	7 258	n.p.	n.p.	46 775
TREND ESTIMATES						
<b>1997</b>						
May	17 444	10 544	7 324	3 468	3 733	42 512
June	17 747	10 899	7 424	3 582	3 758	43 411
July	17 928	11 324	7 463	3 681	3 791	44 187
August	18 015	11 733	7 444	n.p.	n.p.	44 765
September	18 009	12 052	7 395	n.p.	n.p.	45 107
October	17 921	12 274	7 355	n.p.	n.p.	45 309
November	17 748	12 480	7 357	n.p.	n.p.	45 490
December	17 551	12 662	7 407	n.p.	n.p.	45 677
<b>1998</b>						
January	17 421	12 833	7 475	n.p.	n.p.	45 898
February	17 386	12 970	7 517	n.p.	n.p.	46 096
March	17 456	13 081	7 531	n.p.	n.p.	46 276
April	17 602	13 170	7 524	n.p.	n.p.	46 443
May	17 818	13 229	7 484	n.p.	n.p.	46 602

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(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

## MEAT PRODUCED(a): Original

<i>Period</i>	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>
BEEF							
<b>1994-95</b>	471 183	335 059	697 750	99 108	97 140	49 907	1 765 607
<b>1995-96</b>	458 209	348 649	655 664	89 704	94 859	45 377	1 710 922
<b>1996-97</b>	471 231	373 818	687 802	85 478	91 369	51 723	1 777 702
VEAL							
<b>1994-95</b>	16 677	14 428	4 918	433	250	977	37 810
<b>1995-96</b>	16 273	12 009	3 854	396	213	875	33 774
<b>1996-97</b>	16 444	14 293	5 579	514	319	907	38 140
MUTTON							
<b>1994-95</b>	131 052	64 440	15 308	66 759	61 868	11 230	353 590
<b>1995-96</b>	121 376	50 910	14 161	55 600	57 428	7 414	309 577
<b>1996-97</b>	109 198	55 545	19 646	51 778	52 164	8 170	298 473
LAMB							
<b>1994-95</b>	71 738	111 202	10 621	36 147	22 359	8 412	267 968
<b>1995-96</b>	62 648	110 172	12 584	37 735	28 139	7 407	264 721
<b>1996-97</b>	67 174	111 403	14 348	34 890	35 701	6 876	275 054
PIG MEAT							
<b>1994-95</b>	102 175	84 728	83 143	32 063	37 109	5 982	351 299
<b>1995-96</b>	95 788	83 052	77 696	31 695	35 341	5 634	333 967
<b>1996-97</b>	88 753	85 872	73 809	29 842	38 837	4 934	325 914
TOTAL RED MEAT							
<b>1994-95</b>	792 826	609 857	811 740	234 511	218 725	76 509	2 776 274
<b>1995-96</b>	754 293	604 792	763 960	215 131	215 979	66 707	2 652 960
<b>1996-97</b>	752 800	640 931	801 184	202 501	218 390	72 610	2 715 283
CHICKEN MEAT							
<b>1994-95</b>	199 589	109 515	76 337	39 103	42 007	n.p.	466 551
<b>1995-96</b>	199 152	127 736	71 607	37 691	44 358	n.p.	480 544
<b>1996-97</b>	200 277	129 930	80 485	38 932	46 789	n.p.	496 414

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 5 to 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

## STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT, Australia(a): Original

	<i>Beef and Veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pork</i>	<i>Goat</i>	<i>Offal</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>At last Saturday of</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>
<b>1997</b>							
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
July	22 642	3 873	3 207	1 955	47	5 175	36 899
August	23 908	4 105	3 132	2 739	64	5 193	39 141
September	24 215	4 057	3 726	2 692	58	4 475	39 222
October	23 365	4 625	3 714	2 651	61	4 133	38 549
November	24 420	4 985	3 801	2 092	128	4 238	39 664
December	22 887	4 695	3 196	1 958	116	4 190	37 042
<b>1998</b>							
January	23 516	4 651	2 606	1 945	187	4 460	37 365
February	23 860	5 221	2 328	2 132	301	4 678	38 520
March	23 875	5 392	2 556	2 257	379	4 605	39 064
April	23 964	5 114	2 274	2 437	506	4 244	38 538

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation

## EXPORTS OF FRESH FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT, Australia(a): Original

Period	FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN MEAT.....									PROCESSED MEAT.....	
	<i>Beef bone -in</i>	<i>Beef bone -out</i>	<i>Veal bone -in</i>	<i>Veal bone -out</i>	<i>Mutton bone -in</i>	<i>Mutton bone -out</i>	<i>Lamb bone -in</i>	<i>Lamb bone -out</i>	<i>Pork</i>	<i>Bacon and Ham</i>	<i>Canned meat</i>
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
<b>1994-95</b>	59 811	717 405	1 983	6 921	103 376	65 388	48 584	4 595	5 459	160	6 808
<b>1995-96</b>	50 729	702 633	1 697	5 348	80 980	64 266	46 291	7 756	5 656	359	9 086
<b>1996-97</b>	48 603	692 102	1 172	3 761	92 325	50 661	54 124	8 350	6 674	320	11 697
<b>1997</b>											
April	2 877	69 165	87	334	8 541	3 675	5 437	825	401	3	989
May	1 924	70 962	123	305	8 177	4 157	5 558	656	949	17	995
June	3 454	63 738	93	355	6 810	4 233	5 516	576	989	33	1 026
July	4 478	72 233	157	461	5 613	4 063	4 946	675	1 234	6	1 180
August	6 661	66 234	151	606	5 813	4 418	3 974	525	902	0	1 064
September	6 252	59 522	130	697	7 942	5 224	4 754	599	1 040	17	1 236
October	6 568	70 822	186	669	8 239	5 757	6 066	727	1 113	2	1 243
November	7 458	62 473	171	369	11 419	7 180	6 297	765	1 027	19	1 408
December	4 421	69 382	60	444	10 000	6 563	5 726	748	660	32	1 029
<b>1998</b>											
January	1 622	42 312	90	169	8 923	4 624	3 956	541	773	0	868
February	1 416	66 024	158	301	11 478	4 447	5 087	763	825	33	889
March	1 692	74 978	97	370	12 044	4 870	6 245	851	997	16	1 021
April	1 667	60 691	108	411	8 529	3 616	5 334	544	718	4	886

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 11 and 12 of the Explanatory Notes.

## EXPORTS OF LIVE SHEEP AND CATTLE, Australia(a): Original

<i>Period</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Gross weight</i>	<i>Gross value</i>	<i>Unit value</i>
	'000	'000 tonnes	\$'000	\$
SHEEP				
<b>1994-95</b>	5 697.0	290.2	184 291	32.35
<b>1995-96</b>	5 879.9	296.9	226 913	38.59
<b>1996-97</b>	5 237.2	269.8	189 944	36.27
<b>1997</b>				
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
July	539.9	27.3	21 603	40.01
August	277.9	14.7	10 924	39.31
September	469.5	23.6	16 817	35.82
October	351.4	18.5	13 746	39.12
November	452.8	24.1	17 444	38.53
December	409.0	22.1	15 902	38.88
<b>1998</b>				
January	510.1	44.5	19 598	38.42
February	443.9	22.6	16 621	37.44
March	324.1	17.6	12 392	38.24
April	267.4	14.0	11 224	41.97
CATTLE				
<b>1994-95</b>	385.7	136.5	201 948	523.52
<b>1995-96</b>	615.9	219.0	343 699	558.07
<b>1996-97</b>	863.8	313.9	427 721	495.19
<b>1997</b>				
April	89.6	32.9	44 544	497.06
May	93.0	33.9	48 174	517.94
June	105.8	39.9	53 042	501.56
July	84.5	29.6	42 319	500.66
August	81.6	31.7	39 854	488.28
September	87.1	31.1	43 905	504.31
October	57.3	19.7	28 219	492.13
November	50.4	17.3	22 209	440.31
December	64.5	25.4	33 046	512.32
<b>1998</b>				
January	33.1	12.5	16 533	499.84
February	56.9	23.5	29 081	510.87
March	40.6	15.2	19 205	472.53
April	36.7	13.2	15 332	418.21

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 13 of the Explanatory Notes.

## WHOLE MILK INTAKE, By Factories(a): All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Month	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
April	90	284	61	37	28	37	537
May	91	263	62	39	29	28	511
June	90	245	64	38	30	16	483
July	96	276	69	42	33	12	528
August	105	420	73	47	34	21	698
September	113	648	72	54	34	53	973
October	125	816	76	62	36	82	1 197
November	117	763	73	58	31	81	1 124
December	112	689	72	56	29	74	1 033
<b>1998</b>							
January	107	565	71	50	30	58	880
February	93	448	61	42	28	45	716
March	96	405	65	43	32	44	684
April	89	297	60	40	32	32	550
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
April	100	451	67	47	31	47	743
May	100	486	69	45	30	46	776
June	99	502	69	46	31	46	793
July	101	512	70	45	30	46	805
August	104	504	71	45	30	42	796
September	106	501	69	45	31	46	800
October	110	506	70	47	32	50	815
November	109	485	71	48	32	48	791
December	103	472	67	49	32	46	769
<b>1998</b>							
January	100	455	66	48	32	45	747
February	101	470	65	50	32	41	758
March	98	482	65	52	33	42	772
April	99	472	66	50	35	41	763
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
April	99	470	67	47	30	46	759
May	100	481	68	46	30	46	772
June	101	494	69	46	30	46	786
July	103	503	70	45	30	46	797
August	105	507	70	45	30	46	804
September	106	504	70	46	31	47	803
October	107	495	70	47	31	47	797
November	106	485	69	48	32	47	786
December	104	477	68	48	32	46	776
<b>1998</b>							
January	102	472	67	49	32	45	767
February	101	470	66	50	33	43	762
March	99	469	65	50	33	42	758
April	98	469	65	51	33	40	757

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 14 of the Explanatory Notes.

Source: Original series data from Australian Dairy Corporation

## MARKET MILK SALES, By Factories(a): All Series

	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Australia</i>
<i>Month</i>	<i>ML</i>	<i>ML</i>	<i>ML</i>	<i>ML</i>	<i>ML</i>	<i>ML</i>	<i>ML</i>
ORIGINAL							
<b>1997</b>							
April	48	37	31	16	16	4	152
May	49	39	33	15	16	4	157
June	47	37	30	15	16	4	149
July	52	37	33	15	16	4	157
August	52	39	32	14	16	4	157
September	50	37	32	15	15	4	152
October	51	39	32	16	17	4	159
November	49	35	30	15	15	4	148
December	50	36	31	16	16	4	153
<b>1998</b>							
January	47	36	32	15	16	4	149
February	44	34	29	14	15	4	140
March	50	38	32	16	17	4	156
April	49	37	32	16	16	4	152
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
<b>1997</b>							
April	48	37	31	16	17	4	153
May	48	37	32	14	15	4	150
June	48	37	31	15	16	4	151
July	51	36	31	15	16	4	153
August	51	38	32	14	16	4	155
September	51	37	32	15	16	4	154
October	50	38	31	15	16	4	154
November	50	37	31	15	16	4	152
December	51	37	31	15	16	4	155
<b>1998</b>							
January	48	37	32	15	15	4	150
February	48	37	31	15	16	4	151
March	48	37	31	16	16	4	152
April	49	37	32	16	16	4	154
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1997</b>							
April	48	37	31	15	16	4	151
May	48	37	31	15	16	4	151
June	49	37	31	15	16	4	152
July	50	37	32	15	16	4	153
August	50	37	32	15	16	4	154
September	51	37	32	15	16	4	154
October	50	37	32	15	16	4	154
November	50	37	31	15	16	4	153
December	49	37	31	15	16	4	153
<b>1998</b>							
January	49	37	31	15	16	4	152
February	48	37	31	15	16	4	152
March	48	37	32	15	16	4	152
April	48	37	32	16	16	4	152

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 14 of the Explanatory Notes.

Source: Original series data from Australian Dairy Corporation

## BROKERS AND DEALERS RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL(a): All Series

Month	New South Wales tonnes	Victoria tonnes	Queensland tonnes	South Australia tonnes	Western Australia tonnes	Tasmania tonnes	Australia tonnes	% of total received by brokers tonnes
ORIGINAL								
<b>1997</b>								
May	13 537	8 830	4 614	5 217	6 962	1 620	40 780	80.0
June	12 569	6 707	4 436	3 513	5 830	1 106	34 161	78.4
July	17 002	10 183	5 625	7 071	11 119	1 352	52 352	79.7
August	19 328	14 203	5 111	9 754	15 839	1 612	65 847	82.9
September	21 622	17 819	4 536	10 408	18 326	1 570	74 280	83.0
October	23 506	24 697	3 674	13 435	22 909	2 224	90 445	83.9
November	19 065	20 763	2 398	10 196	14 065	2 553	69 040	80.2
December	11 644	16 602	2 080	5 245	7 328	1 959	44 859	76.2
<b>1998</b>								
January	11 644	16 602	2 080	5 245	7 328	1 959	44 859	76.2
February	10 911	8 400	3 074	5 210	15 158	728	43 482	84.1
March	14 574	9 533	4 749	8 076	15 504	656	53 092	84.9
April	10 791	7 369	3 176	6 854	10 886	809	39 884	81.7
May	14 245	7 489	4 058	4 339	7 844	1 348	39 324	76.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
<b>1997</b>								
May	17 750	16 242	4 135	9 495	14 145	1 401	63 170	..
June	17 275	17 266	3 799	8 930	16 388	2 035	65 693	..
July	19 054	17 696	4 182	10 875	14 451	1 814	68 071	..
August	15 821	13 070	3 754	6 629	10 491	1 527	51 292	..
September	13 588	10 812	3 638	5 848	10 706	1 370	45 961	..
October	15 666	13 235	3 785	7 107	13 936	1 609	55 339	..
November	16 099	12 724	4 483	7 908	12 674	1 357	55 246	..
December	14 727	13 531	4 793	8 156	14 595	1 678	57 481	..
<b>1998</b>								
January	16 383	20 137	3 131	10 188	9 667	1 793	61 299	..
February	12 100	10 855	3 309	6 342	13 642	950	47 199	..
March	15 258	12 250	3 956	7 826	13 206	1 451	53 947	..
April	15 318	12 828	3 179	8 091	12 858	1 517	53 791	..
May	18 919	14 049	3 734	7 949	16 010	1 204	61 865	..
TREND ESTIMATES								
<b>1997</b>								
May	17 852	16 035	4 207	9 282	14 905	1 709	63 990	..
June	17 708	15 942	4 174	9 122	14 338	1 728	63 013	..
July	17 163	15 189	4 055	8 554	13 622	1 688	60 270	..
August	16 467	14 223	3 955	7 906	12 954	1 627	57 132	..
September	15 790	13 493	3 923	7 478	12 474	1 573	54 731	..
October	15 342	13 271	3 991	7 383	12 305	1 537	53 829	..
November	15 006	13 494	4 028	7 571	12 342	1 510	53 951	..
December	14 790	13 888	3 962	7 869	12 499	1 493	54 499	..
<b>1998</b>								
January	14 792	14 123	3 837	8 104	12 705	1 474	55 037	..
February	14 947	13 967	3 688	8 116	12 892	1 433	55 042	..
March	15 282	13 605	3 560	8 006	13 227	1 384	55 063	..
April	15 786	13 250	3 477	7 896	13 672	1 339	55 419	..
May	16 410	13 021	3 404	7 796	14 242	1 310	56 182	..

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Explanatory Notes.

## LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: Original

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES (million litres)(a)							
<b>1994-95</b>	1 087	5 114	741	485	344	436	<b>8 206</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	1 115	5 482	751	513	342	514	<b>8 716</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	1 192	5 622	797	535	349	529	<b>9 024</b>
MARKET MILK SALES BY FACTORIES (million litres)(a)							
<b>1994-95</b>	605	452	368	167	188	52	<b>1 832</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	611	456	372	163	187	50	<b>1 840</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	576	452	376	173	193	50	<b>1 820</b>
BROKERS AND DEALERS RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL (tonnes)							
<b>1994-95</b>	177 649	171 915	51 935	86 977	173 383	17 577	<b>679 435</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	165 523	161 388	44 639	87 764	165 979	15 997	<b>641 290</b>
<b>1996-97</b>	195 330	174 954	45 844	89 592	159 981	18 876	<b>684 578</b>

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 14 to 16 of the Explanatory Notes.

Source: Original series data from Australian Dairy Corporation.

# WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

## EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraph 21 of the Explanatory Notes).

### TREND REVISIONS

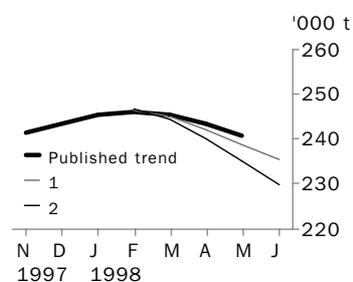
The graphs and tables which follow present the effect of two possible new seasonally adjusted estimates on the previous trend estimates:

**1** The June seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the May estimate by the percentage shown.

**2** The June seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the May estimate by the percentage shown.

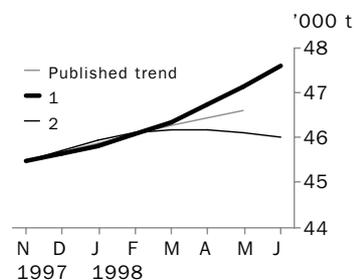
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### RED MEAT PRODUCTION



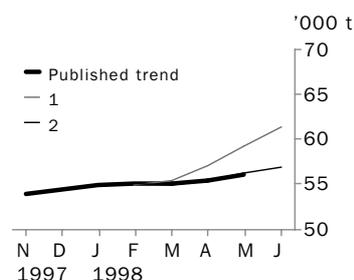
	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	number	% change	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	
			number	% change	number	% change
January 1998	245 448	0.8	245 707	0.8	246 171	0.9
February 1998	246 276	0.3	246 408	0.3	246 640	0.2
March 1998	245 465	-0.3	245 055	-0.5	244 443	-0.9
April 1998	243 534	-0.8	242 279	-1.1	240 258	-1.7
May 1998	240 906	-1.1	239 008	-1.3	235 200	-2.1
June 1998	—	—	235 545	-1.4	229 798	-2.3

### CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCTION



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	number	% change	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	
			number	% change	number	% change
January 1998	45 898	0.5	45 832	0.4	45 959	0.5
February 1998	46 096	0.4	46 067	0.5	46 130	0.4
March 1998	46 276	0.4	46 360	0.6	46 192	0.1
April 1998	46 443	0.4	46 740	0.8	46 186	0.0
May 1998	46 602	0.3	47 153	0.9	46 108	-0.2
June 1998	—	—	47 598	0.9	46 022	-0.2

### WOOL RECEIVALS



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	number	% change	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	
			number	% change	number	% change
January 1998	55 037	1.0	54 628	0.7	54 994	1.0
February 1998	55 042	0.0	54 886	0.5	55 068	0.1
March 1998	55 063	0.0	55 478	1.1	54 996	-0.1
April 1998	55 419	0.6	57 030	2.8	55 436	0.8
May 1998	56 182	1.4	59 216	3.8	56 212	1.4
June 1998	—	—	61 474	3.8	56 940	1.3

# WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

## WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES

Readers should exercise care when interpreting trend estimates. The last six trend estimates, in particular, are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

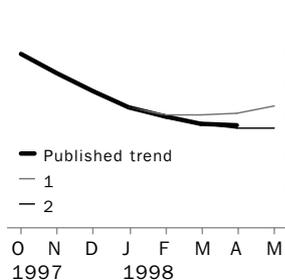
### TREND REVISIONS

The graph and tables which follow present the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates:

- 1** The May seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the April estimate by:
  - +2% for whole milk intake by factories.
- 2** The May seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the April estimate by:
  - -2% for whole milk intake by factories.

These percentages were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage change for these series over the last ten years.

### WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES



	TREND AS PUBLISHED		WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:			
	number	% change	<b>1</b> rises by 2% on Apr 1998 number	% change	<b>2</b> falls by 2% on Apr 1998 number	% change
December 1997	776	-1.3	775	-1.4	776	-1.3
January 1998	767	-1.1	767	-1.0	767	-1.1
February 1998	762	-0.7	763	-0.5	761	-0.8
March 1998	758	-0.4	763	0.0	758	-0.5
April 1998	757	-0.2	764	0.2	755	-0.3
May 1998	—	—	768	0.5	755	-0.1

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** 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.

**2** The figures shown in this publication have been revised where necessary and as a consequence may not agree with similar data shown in previous publications.

**3** Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

**4** Unless indicated otherwise, Australian totals include data for all States and both Territories.

### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

**5** 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.

**6** Cattle slaughterings in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory (including domesticated buffaloes) and the respective meat produced, are included in the Australian totals in tables 1–9 and 11. Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.

**7** 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.

**8** Poultry slaughterings and meat produced statistics have been compiled from returns supplied by commercial poultry slaughtering establishments and comprise boilers, fryers and roasters. Many small producers are excluded from the collection; however, the statistics represent a high level of coverage. Tasmanian data are excluded from the Australian total.

**9** Chicken meat is shown in dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets. Some slaughterings and meat production statistics for 'Ducks and Drakes' and 'Other Fowls and Turkeys' are available by contacting the ABS on Hobart 03 6222 5793 or by writing to GPO Box 66a, Hobart TAS 7001 (Attention: Agriculture Section).

### STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT

**10** Table 20 shows stocks of frozen meat held in cold stores registered to handle meat for export and includes meat passed for export, canning and other purposes. It also includes boneless and carcass meat. Buffalo meat is included in beef (Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation).

### EXPORTS OF FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT

**11** Table 21 shows exports of fresh, frozen and processed meat, excluding offal. 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, 2.0 (Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation).

**12** Beef also includes buffalo meat. Bacon and ham shown is the cured carcass weight of smoked or cooked bacon and ham. It also includes the stated net weight of packs of canned bacon and ham. Canned meat is shown as the canned weight and excludes canned bacon and ham.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

- LIVE SHEEP AND CATTLE EXPORTS** **13** These tables contain statistics of the number of live sheep and cattle exported, the gross weight, gross value and unit value. The unit value is obtained by dividing the gross value by the number of animals exported. Sheep and cattle exported for breeding are excluded.
- MILK** **14** Tables 2, 23, 24 and 26 contain statistics collected by the Australian Dairy Corporation (ADC). Whole milk intake by factories includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake. Market milk sales includes white, flavoured, high and low fat milk and uht milk.
- WOOL RECEIVALS** **15** The statistics in Tables 25 and 26 show the amount of taxable wool received by brokers and purchased by dealers from wool producers. It excludes wool received by brokers on which tax has already been paid by other dealers (private buyers) or brokers.
- 16** 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** **17** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.
- 18** In the seasonal adjustment of the livestock estimates, account has been taken of both normal seasonal factors and 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying length of each month and the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month). Adjustments are also made for the effects of change in the date of Easter and Australia Day holidays. Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular influences (eg. abnormal weather, industrial disputes).
- 19** The State component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the Australian Group totals.
- 20** As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data.
- TREND ESTIMATES** **21** 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.
- 22** 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.
- 23** 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 02 6252 6345.

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