

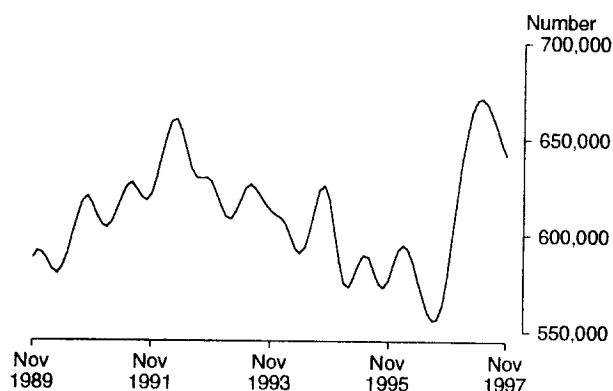
**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA
NOVEMBER 1997**

MAIN FEATURES

Livestock Slaughterings

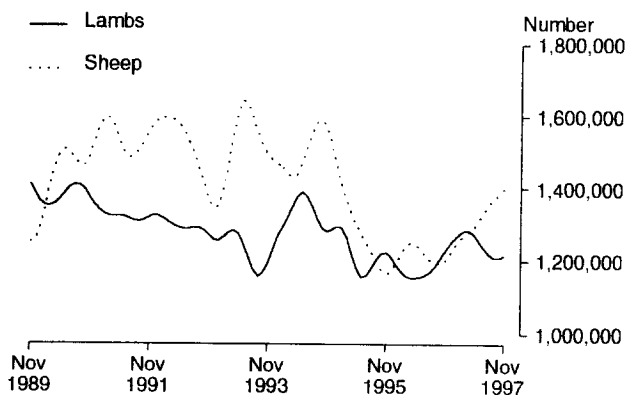
The trend estimate for cattle slaughterings fell 1.0% in November 1997 and is 4.4% below the last peak in June 1997. The trend estimate for calf slaughterings rose 1.9% from October 1997 and is 7.0% above the last trough in June 1997.

**CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series**



The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings rose for the thirteenth consecutive month and is 17.3% above the last trough in October 1996. Lamb slaughterings rose marginally in November 1997, but is 5.1% below the last peak in March 1997.

**SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series**



Red Meat

The trend estimate for total red meat production fell for the fourth consecutive month and is 1.9% below the last peak in June 1997. The trend estimate for beef fell 1.0% in November 1997 and is 4.0% below the last peak in June 1997. The trend estimate for veal rose 2.5% from last month and is 15.1% above the last trough in May 1997. Mutton production rose for the thirteenth consecutive month and is 15.6% above the last trough in October 1996. The trend estimate for lamb rose marginally in November 1997.

Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production fell for the eighth consecutive month and is 11.9% above the last trough in February 1997.

Whole Milk Intake

The trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories rose marginally in November 1997 and is 8.8% above the last trough in February 1997.

Wool Receivals by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receivals by brokers and dealers fell 1.3% from the previous month and is 18.2% below the last peak in May 1997.

Live Exports

In October 1997 live sheep exports fell 25.2% to 351,700. The unit value (\$36.17) rose 0.9% and the gross value (\$12.7 million) fell 24.6%.

Live cattle exports fell 36.6% to 55,900 in October 1997. The unit value (\$488.69) fell 2.8% and the gross value (\$27.3 million) fell 38.3%.

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

	<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>
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	1,073.0	899.8	1,506.2	170.0	198.2	110.1	3,980.3	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
September	86.2	61.0	125.2	12.3	16.6	6.4	309.6	307.3	309.4
October	94.5	79.0	127.3	15.8	20.1	7.6	345.8	307.5	312.2
November	96.9	72.1	136.0	17.5	20.3	9.4	354.7	317.0	321.7
December	81.1	80.7	78.3	14.0	21.2	12.3	288.7	328.8	335.1
January	86.0	89.4	75.4	16.3	20.3	12.8	301.8	352.5	347.4
February	88.2	85.3	137.3	14.5	16.7	10.6	353.9	379.8	354.7
March	93.7	66.2	136.8	14.7	14.2	10.1	336.8	349.9	355.9
April	99.3	81.9	141.3	17.3	14.2	10.3	366.1	355.6	352.7
May	94.6	71.1	150.4	15.2	14.1	9.7	359.2	336.0	348.1
June	78.8	62.3	140.6	13.7	13.1	7.5	318.3	339.0	344.4
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	86.0	73.7	156.4	12.0	14.7	8.6	354.3	341.1	342.6
August	86.2	67.3	158.0	10.4	14.6	7.2	347.5	347.5	342.0
September	86.9	72.2	171.0	13.4	18.1	5.2	368.8	350.0	340.3
October	87.7	75.3	163.3	17.8	21.0	6.6	374.2	337.8	337.5
November	79.3	72.6	151.7	18.1	20.4	6.1	348.3	321.1	335.0
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	962.5	777.9	995.3	198.8	207.8	98.3	3,304.8	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
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	262.9
January	76.6	69.9	50.4	16.5	20.7	8.1	244.0	274.4	271.7
February	82.0	63.5	84.4	17.1	20.9	8.8	278.3	275.9	283.0
March	80.2	65.0	89.1	14.5	17.9	8.1	276.1	299.8	297.0
April	93.6	83.7	109.6	19.9	15.3	11.0	336.6	313.4	311.3
May	103.4	84.0	124.0	18.9	16.5	12.7	369.0	317.0	322.2
June	97.4	77.1	111.2	18.7	14.4	10.7	336.9	328.1	326.7
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	101.9	73.3	130.2	19.5	17.4	9.9	357.5	349.3	325.6
August	92.6	65.1	118.3	19.1	17.2	6.8	324.5	328.4	320.9
September	87.1	57.5	107.6	15.2	18.7	5.3	297.8	287.7	315.4
October	89.7	73.4	106.0	16.5	21.5	8.7	321.2	302.6	310.3
November	89.2	67.7	93.5	17.0	19.4	8.4	295.6	317.9	306.2

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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	2,035.5	1,677.8	2,501.5	368.8	406.0	208.3	7,285.1	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
September	156.8	118.0	196.8	26.3	33.2	11.6	551.4	555.4	556.3
October	178.1	146.7	197.9	33.8	40.0	14.0	617.3	563.8	563.7
November	170.6	131.9	204.0	36.8	40.0	17.4	606.7	571.9	578.1
December	145.0	138.4	120.7	28.9	40.9	21.2	497.9	585.3	598.0
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	637.8
March	173.9	131.2	225.9	29.3	32.1	18.2	613.0	649.7	652.9
April	192.9	165.6	250.9	37.2	29.5	21.3	702.7	669.0	664.0
May	198.1	155.2	274.4	34.1	30.6	22.4	728.2	653.0	670.3
June	176.2	139.4	251.8	32.4	27.5	18.2	655.2	667.2	671.1
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	188.0	147.0	286.7	31.5	32.2	18.5	711.8	690.4	668.2
August	178.8	132.4	276.3	29.6	31.9	14.0	672.0	675.9	662.9
September	174.1	129.7	278.6	28.6	36.8	10.5	666.6	637.8	655.7
October	177.4	148.7	269.3	34.3	42.5	15.3	695.5	640.4	647.8
November	168.4	140.4	245.2	35.0	39.8	14.6	643.9	639.0	641.3
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	697.6	108.8	15.8	5.2	43.7	1,129.4	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
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	99.3
March	20.7	15.9	9.0	1.2	0.4	0.4	47.7	96.9	101.3
April	27.2	42.4	11.1	2.3	0.3	1.6	85.1	120.1	101.9
May	23.9	55.9	10.2	2.0	0.6	1.7	94.5	97.7	101.8
June	22.3	75.1	8.9	1.9	0.4	1.0	109.7	91.8	101.8
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	28.5	101.6	9.9	1.7	0.5	1.9	144.2	103.1	102.6
August	24.4	179.7	8.8	2.0	0.3	14.8	230.1	97.7	104.0
September	25.7	174.0	8.8	2.1	0.4	20.4	231.6	119.2	105.7
October	26.3	78.7	9.3	1.4	0.4	8.6	124.8	108.2	106.9
November	22.8	23.5	7.4	1.1	0.4	1.2	56.6	102.1	108.9

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
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	5,233.5	2,790.9	956.8	2,527.6	2,784.9	397.9	14,785.4	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
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	1,200.2
December	392.5	274.8	75.9	191.1	235.2	42.0	1,221.0	1,184.2	1,217.3
January	467.8	324.5	92.5	256.8	219.0	47.5	1,417.2	1,279.1	1,240.3
February	478.3	304.8	86.6	276.6	223.2	47.4	1,426.4	1,280.2	1,258.3
March	465.2	234.3	66.3	257.7	239.1	43.5	1,313.7	1,198.9	1,271.4
April	513.9	261.1	79.7	260.2	226.7	47.6	1,398.6	1,404.5	1,281.8
May	462.9	225.4	73.8	183.5	250.1	37.0	1,240.3	1,252.4	1,294.8
June	385.3	174.5	69.7	154.9	130.8	32.1	947.2	1,244.2	1,312.7
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	454.8	189.5	98.6	88.1	149.7	31.7	1,012.4	1,294.0	1,335.1
August	424.6	194.6	88.2	221.1	224.7	23.6	1,176.9	1,466.0	1,357.4
September	428.8	229.4	101.2	253.1	294.8	19.1	1,326.5	1,381.3	1,375.4
October	554.6	303.1	117.7	256.4	338.4	32.8	1,603.0	1,376.8	1,386.0
November	529.9	286.5	99.9	283.0	303.8	36.4	1,539.5	1,361.7	1,400.3
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	3,609.3	5,973.1	775.5	1,765.1	2,093.7	374.4	14,839.8	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
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	1,263.0
February	275.1	460.0	63.3	155.8	180.5	35.6	1,192.6	1,287.0	1,276.2
March	280.6	466.0	60.4	142.6	176.4	35.0	1,179.9	1,178.2	1,283.9
April	322.9	559.2	70.3	172.7	198.5	35.2	1,383.8	1,328.5	1,283.7
May	286.8	518.7	68.4	171.8	228.6	42.7	1,341.8	1,302.4	1,272.5
June	262.0	474.7	58.2	164.4	141.0	30.7	1,131.0	1,288.4	1,254.3
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	310.1	531.9	72.9	80.8	155.0	36.7	1,187.4	1,240.6	1,235.2
August	298.6	449.8	70.5	122.7	154.6	22.9	1,119.1	1,148.0	1,219.0
September	312.3	535.6	71.6	140.9	221.5	23.9	1,305.9	1,199.6	1,210.4
October	336.9	584.6	67.0	192.0	220.1	33.3	1,434.0	1,186.4	1,209.4
November	295.3	578.5	51.5	157.1	189.2	28.3	1,299.9	1,302.5	1,218.0

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
	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>									
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	392.0
April	108.0	111.1	92.5	35.7	44.8	6.8	404.7	414.1	394.5
May	108.0	113.4	89.4	39.6	49.3	7.9	413.0	387.0	396.2
June	118.3	105.2	84.1	35.8	52.7	6.3	403.0	399.9	397.1
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	119.3	118.4	93.7	34.6	46.8	8.0	421.3	403.7	396.8
August	105.0	104.1	85.5	37.2	44.8	6.0	383.1	395.5	395.7
September	118.5	107.9	84.0	32.8	45.4	5.8	395.1	387.0	394.6
October	115.9	107.7	90.9	32.0	42.9	7.2	397.2	389.1	393.7
November	107.1	98.8	87.8	41.7	41.8	6.1	383.7	402.6	394.8

(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.	Seas- onally 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	469,830	373,785	683,174	85,350	93,625	52,485	1,774,519	..	..
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
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	141,965
December	34,460	31,543	33,378	6,681	9,130	5,559	121,286	143,388	146,632
January	37,809	35,911	35,151	7,333	9,291	5,434	131,502	152,441	151,445
February	39,880	33,269	61,801	7,223	8,512	4,976	156,179	158,921	155,408
March	41,293	28,956	61,834	6,845	7,389	4,635	151,364	158,872	158,313
April	43,290	36,391	68,552	8,355	6,662	5,394	169,646	161,417	160,260
May	44,351	33,595	73,879	7,606	7,024	5,524	174,564	158,597	161,262
June	38,231	30,309	67,523	7,168	6,375	4,479	155,870	158,419	161,267
<i>1997-98 p —</i>									
July	40,537	31,459	76,729	6,810	7,555	4,530	169,144	163,097	160,592
August	39,175	28,265	74,300	6,031	7,465	3,614	160,627	164,826	159,523
September	38,666	28,260	74,939	5,832	8,932	2,542	160,646	155,668	158,058
October	40,536	32,238	71,921	7,868	10,265	3,846	168,090	154,012	156,377
November	38,452	30,711	66,787	7,855	9,575	3,576	157,065	153,361	154,869
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	16,516	14,344	5,194	530	290	920	37,890	..	..
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
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	3,328
March	1,325	363	438	36	21	13	2,201	3,119	3,329
April	1,731	895	529	69	17	38	3,295	3,791	3,297
May	1,550	1,106	499	71	37	40	3,319	3,150	3,283
June	1,428	1,446	432	81	22	22	3,437	2,981	3,317
<i>1997-98 p —</i>									
July	1,854	1,997	447	64	24	43	4,435	3,291	3,398
August	1,548	3,547	406	80	20	303	5,909	3,586	3,501
September	1,603	3,476	404	91	24	413	6,017	3,958	3,605
October	1,671	1,594	431	57	23	177	3,960	3,612	3,685
November	1,520	535	362	50	21	48	2,542	3,635	3,778

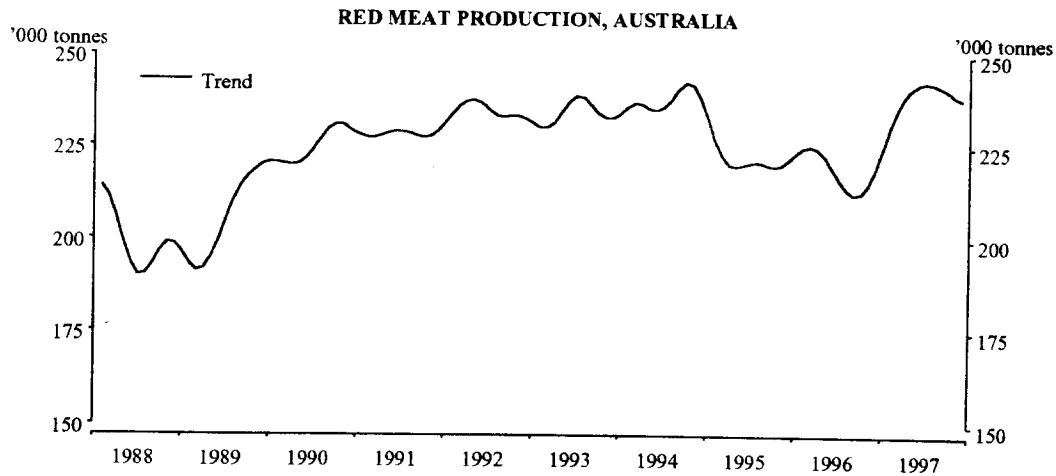
TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
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	109,309	55,367	19,328	56,875	55,337	8,464	306,637	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
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	25,046
December	8,401	5,610	1,575	4,500	4,693	928	25,908	25,110	25,391
January	10,059	6,485	1,902	5,815	4,245	1,020	29,783	26,360	25,819
February	9,952	5,915	1,778	6,057	4,280	1,019	29,183	26,439	26,095
March	9,641	4,469	1,375	5,396	4,982	927	26,938	24,924	26,258
April	10,343	4,990	1,587	5,632	4,681	1,014	28,415	28,900	26,376
May	9,278	4,301	1,411	4,063	4,835	774	24,805	25,672	26,593
June	7,674	3,459	1,356	3,382	2,556	669	19,097	25,637	26,959
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	9,242	3,689	1,910	1,890	3,026	664	29,420	26,051	27,440
August	8,811	3,759	1,735	4,760	4,680	477	24,221	30,675	27,918
September	8,772	4,492	2,049	5,513	6,354	390	27,571	28,272	28,295
October	11,871	6,003	2,351	5,764	7,222	663	33,874	28,683	28,504
November	11,255	5,610	1,944	6,253	6,347	736	32,146	27,561	28,771
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	66,944	111,293	14,171	35,081	35,881	7,043	275,001	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
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	22,738
December	4,936	9,866	999	2,574	2,226	528	21,582	23,754	23,108
January	5,377	10,024	1,347	3,247	2,181	806	23,405	24,061	23,417
February	5,082	8,721	1,168	3,154	3,110	670	22,263	23,731	23,687
March	5,183	8,804	1,124	2,899	2,990	658	21,961	21,846	23,861
April	5,973	10,656	1,287	3,501	3,381	663	25,937	25,037	23,896
May	5,455	9,840	1,251	3,469	3,974	804	25,276	24,379	23,739
June	4,719	9,027	1,059	3,304	2,606	578	21,292	23,781	23,471
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	5,864	9,943	1,380	1,464	2,834	691	22,177	23,174	23,185
August	5,650	8,454	1,282	2,396	2,590	429	20,800	21,805	22,947
September	5,811	9,962	1,318	2,782	4,007	450	24,330	22,838	22,848
October	6,322	10,791	1,240	3,860	3,944	628	26,785	22,387	22,874
November	5,626	10,796	936	3,242	3,403	534	24,537	24,531	23,076

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally 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	88,529	85,765	72,834	29,853	38,897	5,171	324,861	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
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	27,063
February	6,260	6,836	5,974	2,570	3,310	413	25,579	27,979	27,278
March	6,782	6,313	5,848	2,202	3,575	431	25,365	25,304	27,457
April	7,242	7,973	6,829	2,508	3,149	445	28,602	28,710	27,641
May	7,457	8,236	6,747	2,828	3,734	516	29,948	27,640	27,825
June	8,155	7,685	6,317	2,533	3,893	409	29,021	28,197	27,962
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	8,219	8,567	7,076	2,447	3,077	457	29,865	28,620	28,013
August	7,079	7,587	6,503	2,669	2,944	382	27,187	27,646	27,972
September	8,036	7,934	6,342	2,323	3,019	365	28,048	27,378	27,890
October	7,921	7,994	6,912	2,243	2,816	450	28,359	27,868	27,802
November	7,275	7,202	6,632	2,857	2,659	382	27,029	28,096	27,829
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	751,128	640,554	794,701	207,690	224,030	74,083	2,718,908	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
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	219,533
December	57,047	54,610	41,927	15,777	19,336	7,479	197,784	222,911	225,192
January	61,109	59,245	44,804	18,557	18,834	7,721	211,765	233,646	231,028
February	62,690	54,915	71,115	19,045	19,233	7,083	235,362	240,407	235,796
March	64,224	48,905	70,620	17,378	18,957	6,664	227,828	234,064	239,218
April	68,579	60,905	78,783	20,065	17,890	7,553	255,896	247,856	241,469
May	68,092	57,078	83,787	18,036	19,604	7,659	257,913	239,438	242,702
June	60,207	51,926	76,686	16,467	15,452	6,157	228,716	239,016	242,975
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	65,715	55,655	87,542	12,676	16,516	6,385	246,041	244,232	242,627
August	62,262	51,612	84,225	15,935	17,699	5,204	238,743	248,540	241,861
September	62,889	54,125	85,051	16,541	22,338	4,160	246,613	238,114	240,695
October	68,320	58,619	82,855	19,793	24,271	5,764	261,068	236,562	239,242
November	64,129	54,854	76,661	20,258	22,005	5,275	243,319	237,185	238,322

(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 NOVEMBER TREND ESTIMATES
FOR PRODUCTION OF RED MEAT**

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for December of 3% on the November figure;
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The percentage change of 3% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 2.98%

	<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			
June	242,975	242,958	243,232
1997-98p			
July	242,627	242,515	242,996
August	241,861	241,784	242,024
September	240,695	240,908	240,275
October	239,242	240,234	238,141
November	238,322	239,915	235,969
December	—	239,679	233,726

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>1996-97 p—</i>							
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	23,908	4,105	3,132	2,739	64	5,193	39,141
September	24,186	4,042	3,722	2,692	58	4,472	39,172
October	23,169	4,595	3,714	2,651	61	4,129	38,319

(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>Pork</i>	<i>Bacon and ham(d)</i>	<i>Canned meat(e)</i>
	<i>Beef(b)(c)</i>		<i>Veal(b)</i>		<i>Mutton(b)</i>		<i>Lamb(b)</i>				
	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>			
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	692,242	1,172	3,761	92,338	50,686	54,090	8,334	6,674	320	11,690
<i>1996-97 p—</i>											
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	5,417	724	666	29	1,008
November	7,362	59,147	68	372	9,453	5,190	4,937	882	659	29	1,121
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	8,338	4,288	4,658	733	370	16	940
April	2,877	69,165	87	334	8,557	3,672	5,424	825	401	3	989
May	1,829	71,041	123	305	8,176	4,157	5,558	656	949	17	995
June	3,434	63,766	93	355	6,826	4,233	5,499	576	989	33	1,026
<i>1997-98 p—</i>											
July	4,340	72,227	157	460	5,785	4,063	4,935	675	1,204	6	1,180
August	6,450	66,212	151	592	6,060	4,418	4,101	511	886	—	1,061
September	5,915	59,419	130	677	8,165	5,199	4,745	599	1,020	17	1,201
October	6,031	69,415	185	593	8,524	5,515	5,917	742	1,113	1	1,194

(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) (\$)
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>1996-97 p —</i>				
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	539.9	27.3	21,603	40.01
August	277.9	14.7	10,924	39.31
September	470.4	23.7	16,867	35.86
October	351.7	18.4	12,721	36.17

(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) (\$)
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>1996-97 p —</i>				
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	42,319	500.66
August	81.6	31.7	39,854	488.29
September	88.2	31.5	44,322	502.52
October	55.9	19.3	27,340	488.69

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

TABLE 7. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)
(^{'000})

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Aust.(b)</i>
1994-95	133,927.4	77,193.1	56,570.1	28,866.2	33,938.6	330,495.3
1995-96	133,756.6	85,410.9	55,333.1	26,948.2	34,931.2	336,380.0
1996-97 p	133,363.6	86,732.6	61,088.9	28,008.1	36,360.2	345,553.5
<i>1996-97 p —</i>						
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	2,452.2	3,019.1	29,564.9
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
<i>1997-98 p —</i>						
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	5,847.2	n.p.	n.p.	32,332.2
November	10,620.1	7,187.8	5,197.8	n.p.	n.p.	28,721.7

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

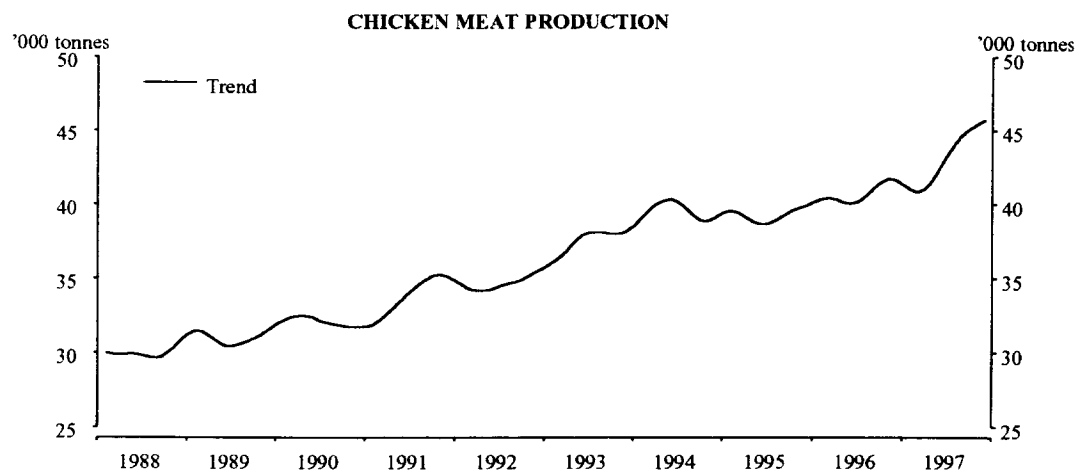
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Aust.(b)</i>	<i>Trend estimate(c)</i>
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	200,277	129,930	80,485	38,932	46,789	496,414	..
<i>1996-97 p —</i>							
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	41,001
February	15,234	11,030	6,314	2,819	3,699	39,097	40,850
March	17,246	9,188	7,077	3,440	3,371	40,323	41,101
April	17,574	10,256	7,141	3,603	3,771	42,345	41,697
May	16,568	10,367	6,751	3,330	3,573	40,589	42,514
June	17,680	9,999	7,505	3,336	3,707	42,228	43,377
<i>1997-98 p —</i>							
July	19,391	13,039	8,246	4,129	4,172	48,978	44,136
August	16,553	10,842	6,696	n.p.	n.p.	41,013	44,712
September	18,389	11,910	7,309	n.p.	n.p.	44,901	45,133
October	18,895	13,479	7,853	n.p.	n.p.	48,425	45,460
November	16,351	11,500	6,982	n.p.	n.p.	42,472	45,711

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

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

Note: Some slaughtering and meat production statistics for 'Ducks and Drakes' and 'Other Fowls and Turkeys' are available by contacting the ABS on Canberra 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			
June	43,377	43,350	43,420
1997-98p			
July	44,136	44,094	44,216
August	44,712	44,694	44,755
September	45,133	45,178	45,017
October	45,460	45,672	45,138
November	45,711	46,182	45,176
December	—	46,638	45,120

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>
1994-95	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>1996-97 p—</i>									
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	771
June	90	245	64	38	30	16	483	793	784
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	96	276	69	42	33	12	528	805	794
August	105	420	73	47	34	21	698	796	801
September	113	648	72	54	34	53	973	800	807
October	124	816	76	62	36	82	1,195	814	812

(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>
1994-95	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>1996-97 p—</i>							
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	52	37	33	15	16	4	157
August	52	39	32	14	16	4	157
September	50	37	32	15	15	4	152
October	52	39	32	16	17	4	160

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



**RELIABILITY OF OCTOBER 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 October.

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for November of 2% on the October figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for November of 2% on the October 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 2.01%

	Trend as published	What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:	
		rises by 2%	falls by 2%
(million litres)			
1996-97p			
May	771	771	772
June	784	783	784
1997-98p			
July	794	794	794
August	801	802	800
September	807	809	804
October	812	815	806
November	—	820	806

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	195,277	174,978	45,850	89,590	160,020	18,876	684,593	82.5	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>										
September	24,843	22,966	4,303	12,574	21,734	1,894	88,314	84.8	56,007	54,724
October	25,111	26,202	2,902	13,334	21,541	2,335	91,425	85.2	55,407	55,376
November	19,639	26,239	2,977	10,558	14,957	2,900	77,269	82.6	59,083	56,108
December	11,924	17,585	1,679	4,907	6,273	1,778	44,147	78.7	56,401	56,747
January	13,237	13,094	2,930	3,846	11,221	1,641	45,970	82.0	60,158	57,364
February	12,340	10,932	1,864	6,091	14,989	838	47,055	80.9	52,097	58,711
March	14,552	9,947	4,795	8,115	15,237	835	53,482	82.3	56,810	60,927
April	14,497	9,397	5,652	8,343	13,833	945	52,668	82.2	69,512	63,091
May	13,537	8,834	4,614	5,217	6,962	1,620	40,784	80.0	63,176	63,951
June	12,569	6,712	4,436	3,513	5,830	1,106	34,166	78.4	65,701	62,974
<i>1997-98 p—</i>										
July	17,002	10,189	5,625	7,052	11,119	1,352	52,339	79.8	68,056	60,446
August	19,328	14,209	5,111	9,754	15,839	1,612	65,853	82.9	51,299	57,328
September	21,682	17,801	4,536	10,399	18,321	1,570	74,309	83.1	45,973	54,757
October	23,377	24,712	3,674	13,416	22,898	2,226	90,302	83.9	55,247	52,968
November	20,307	22,209	2,393	10,482	14,334	2,517	72,242	80.8	57,533	52,293

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



**RELIABILITY OF NOVEMBER 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 November.

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for December of 9% on the November figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for December of 9% on the November 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 8.89%

	<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>			
June	62,974	62,851	63,048
<i>1997-98p</i>			
July	60,446	60,201	60,549
August	57,328	57,201	57,375
September	54,757	55,195	54,736
October	52,968	54,713	53,198
November	52,293	55,329	52,474
December	—	56,308	52,000

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

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