



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

AUSTRALIA

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KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES	Mar Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010
	'000	'000	'000
Number slaughtered			
Cattle (excl. calves)	1 977	1 882	1 833
Calves	200	196	200
Sheep	2 758	2 215	1 934
Lambs	5 320	4 938	4 690
Pigs	1 115	1 154	1 152
Chickens	nya	nya	nya

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	Mar Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
Meat produced			
Beef	530 848	510 784	497 306
Veal	7 147	9 499	10 246
Mutton	57 364	47 746	42 469
Lamb	108 774	104 163	100 934
Pig meat	80 070	83 296	83 492
Chicken meat	nya	nya	nya
Wool receivals	90 652	88 912	89 900

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	Dec Qtr 2008	Sep Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009
	ML	ML	ML
Whole milk intake by factories	2 357	2 258	2 203

KEY POINTS

- In the March quarter 2010, the trend estimate for cattle slaughterings decreased 3% to 1.8 million.
- The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings in the March quarter 2010 decreased 13% to 1.9 million.
- In the March quarter 2010, lamb slaughterings decreased 5% to 4.7 million.
- Total red meat production in the March quarter 2010 decreased 3% to 734 thousand tonnes.

INQUIRIES

For further information about these and related statistics, contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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INTRODUCTION

This publication presents statistics on livestock slaughterings (including chickens), meat production, whole milk intake by factories, market milk sales by factories, receipts of taxable wool by wool brokers and dealers, exports of live sheep and cattle and exports of fresh, chilled, frozen and processed meat. It also includes seasonally adjusted and trend totals for numbers slaughtered, meat produced, whole milk intake and wool receipts. More detailed information can be obtained by contacting the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) or by referring to the monthly ABS publication *Livestock and Meat, Australia* (cat. no. 7218.0.55.001).

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Chicken data are not yet available for this issue and will be included in data cubes at a later date.



ABBREVIATIONS

'000 thousand

\$/000 thousand dollars

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

ML megalitre

t tonne

UHT ultra heat treated

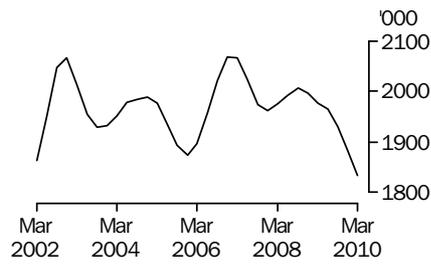
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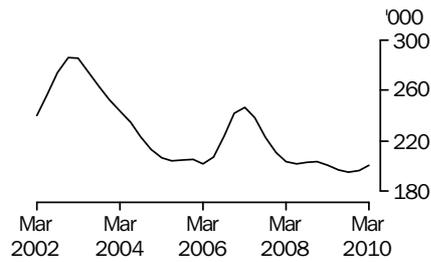
LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED TREND

CATTLE (EXCLUDING CALVES)



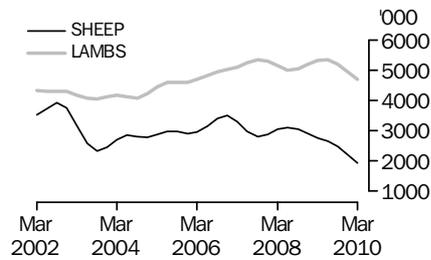
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CALVES



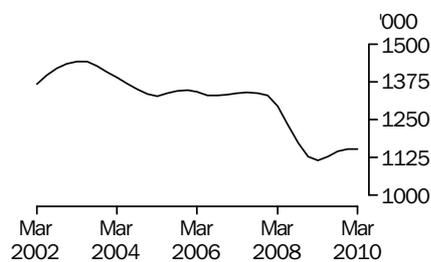
The number of calves slaughtered in the March quarter 2010 increased 2% to 200 thousand compared to the previous quarter.

SHEEP AND LAMBS



The number of sheep slaughtered in the March quarter 2010 fell 13% to 1.9 million compared to the previous quarter. Lamb slaughterings decreased 5% to 4.7 million.

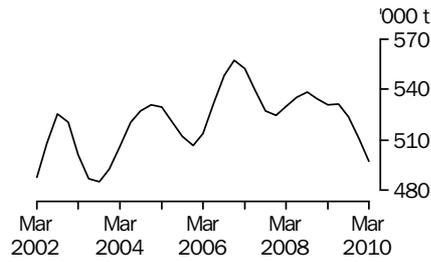
PIGS



Pig slaughterings in the March quarter 2010 remained steady at 1.2 million compared to the previous quarter.

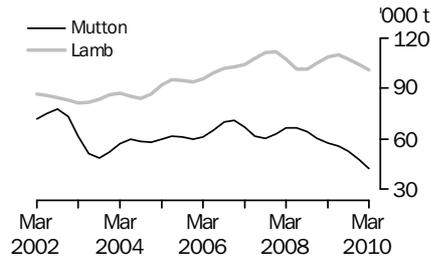
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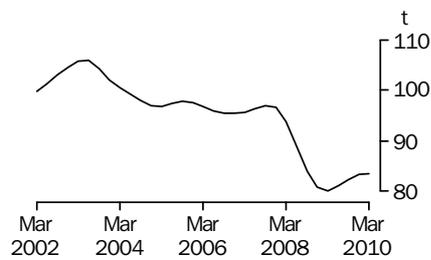
Beef production in the March quarter 2010 decreased 3% to 497 thousand tonnes compared to the previous quarter.

MUTTON AND LAMB



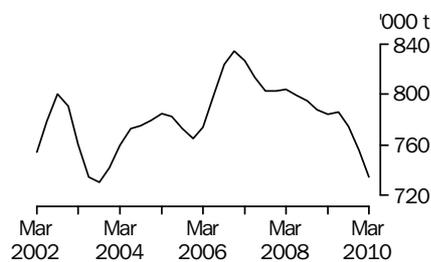
Mutton production in the March quarter 2010 decreased 11% to 42 thousand tonnes compared to the previous quarter. Lamb production decreased 3% to 101 thousand tonnes in the March quarter 2010 compared to the previous quarter.

PIG MEAT



In the March quarter 2010, pig meat production remained little changed compared to the previous quarter, at 83 thousand tonnes.

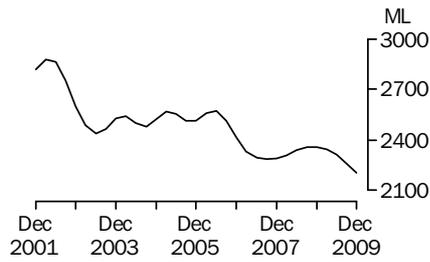
TOTAL RED MEAT



Total red meat production fell 3% to 734 thousand tonnes in the March quarter 2010 compared to the previous quarter.

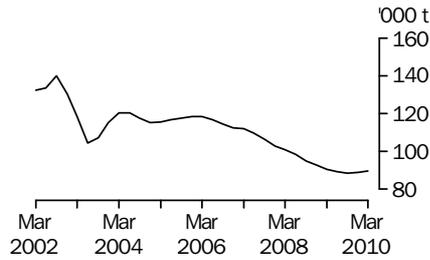
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WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES



Whole milk intake by factories in the December quarter 2009 decreased by 2% to 2,203 megalitres compared to the September quarter 2009.

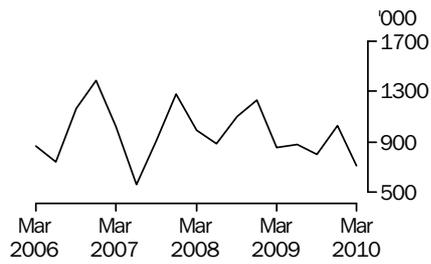
BROKERS AND DEALERS RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL



In the March quarter 2010, wool receivals by brokers and dealers remained steady at 90 thousand tonnes compared to the December quarter 2009.

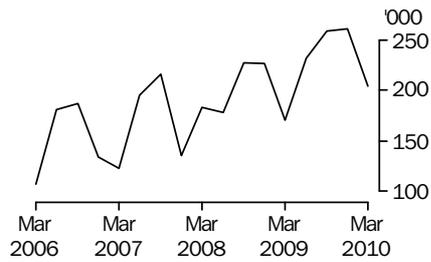
LIVESTOCK EXPORTS ORIGINAL

EXPORTS OF LIVE SHEEP



Live sheep exports in the March quarter 2010 decreased 31% to 714 thousand compared to the previous quarter.

EXPORTS OF LIVE CATTLE



Exports of live cattle in the March quarter 2010 decreased 22% to 204 thousand compared to the previous quarter.

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Australia: All Series

Quarter	Bulls, bullocks and steers	Cows and heifers	Cattle (excluding calves)	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs	Chickens(b)
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000

ORIGINAL

2008								
December	1 028.8	960.3	1 989.1	140.7	3 184.1	5 652.6	1 141.5	121 394.3
2009								
March	951.6	952.7	1 904.3	106.2	3 157.7	5 310.1	1 067.6	119 183.8
June	936.3	1 053.1	1 989.5	194.8	2 428.5	5 150.5	1 158.1	118 850.7
September	1 061.9	968.2	2 030.2	344.4	2 028.5	5 118.1	1 157.5	112 897.9
December	986.7	838.9	1 825.6	135.4	2 577.4	5 287.0	1 162.3	117 779.2
2010								
March	913.6	876.8	1 790.5	110.6	2 091.0	4 619.0	1 101.8	nya

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

2008								
December	998.5	1 004.4	2 002.9	198.5	2 803.3	5 311.2	1 141.7	nya
2009								
March	996.7	986.3	1 982.9	201.8	2 779.7	5 348.7	1 103.0	nya
June	953.1	965.6	1 918.7	201.0	2 655.4	5 248.5	1 123.3	nya
September	1 028.1	978.9	2 007.0	191.6	2 495.7	5 330.1	1 156.8	nya
December	956.5	878.5	1 835.0	191.8	2 264.4	4 948.3	1 160.2	nya
2010								
March	940.7	889.5	1 830.2	207.2	1 845.8	4 522.4	1 140.0	nya

TREND

2008								
December	1 004.8	991.0	1 995.7	203.4	2 901.5	5 181.9	1 128.4	nya
2009								
March	985.2	991.7	1 976.9	200.4	2 758.5	5 320.4	1 114.9	nya
June	987.6	976.9	1 964.6	197.2	2 652.7	5 353.5	1 127.7	nya
September	984.5	945.7	1 930.2	195.1	2 473.5	5 186.4	1 144.8	nya
December	970.9	911.5	1 882.4	196.2	2 214.7	4 938.1	1 153.9	nya
2010								
March	953.0	880.3	1 833.3	200.5	1 934.0	4 689.9	1 152.4	nya

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(b) Excludes Tasmania, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(a) For human consumption. Refer to paragraph 7 in the Explanatory Notes.

Quarter	RED MEAT(a)						Chicken meat(b)(c)	Whole milk intake by factories(d)	Brokers and dealers receivals of taxable wool(e)
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pig meat	Total red meat			
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	ML	tonnes
ORIGINAL									
2008									
December	533 421	5 443	68 978	113 698	80 924	802 464	209 611	3 098	101 264
2009									
March	517 143	5 538	64 962	111 218	76 043	774 904	208 725	2 153	93 538
June	530 661	7 286	48 487	106 668	83 897	776 999	209 761	1 797	75 378
September	550 015	12 671	43 981	103 932	84 650	795 250	203 116	2 252	86 170
December	497 725	8 149	57 974	109 747	82 033	755 628	206 992	2 848	106 033
2010									
March	490 184	7 630	44 608	99 340	79 595	721 358	nya	nya	89 339
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2008									
December	534 742	6 473	58 608	107 829	82 450	790 103	nya	2 356	88 731
2009									
March	531 075	7 537	57 824	110 471	79 087	785 993	nya	2 335	93 418
June	521 536	7 556	55 377	107 032	80 543	772 045	nya	2 341	90 740
September	543 495	8 669	53 404	110 595	83 418	799 582	nya	2 251	83 839
December	498 909	9 715	49 175	103 587	83 461	744 847	nya	2 181	92 682
2010									
March	495 088	10 154	39 812	98 819	82 839	726 713	nya	nya	89 112
TREND									
2008									
December	534 405	6 786	60 364	105 178	80 812	787 545	nya	2 357	92 883
2009									
March	530 848	7 147	57 364	108 774	80 070	784 203	nya	2 346	90 652
June	531 091	7 850	55 723	109 990	81 029	785 683	nya	2 312	89 216
September	523 662	8 674	52 631	107 510	82 341	774 818	nya	2 258	88 744
December	510 784	9 499	47 746	104 163	83 296	755 489	nya	2 203	88 912
2010									
March	497 306	10 246	42 469	100 934	83 492	734 447	nya	nya	89 900

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(a) Carcass weight excluding offal. Refer to paragraphs 5 and 6 in the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Excludes Tasmania, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

(d) Original data sourced from Dairy Australia. Includes whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.

(e) Taxable receivals only. Refer to paragraphs 21 and 22 in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS OF FRESH, CHILLED, FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT(a)(b), Australia: **Original**

Period	FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN MEAT									PROCESSED MEAT	
	Beef bone-in(c)	Beef bone-out(c)	Veal bone-in	Veal bone-out	Mutton bone-in	Mutton bone-out	Lamb bone-in	Lamb bone-out	Pork	Bacon and ham(d)	Canned meat(e)
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
2006-07	52 389	971 531	3 753	5 792	124 851	42 826	127 491	29 042	41 313	550	16 051
2007-08	57 199	917 494	3 704	5 049	119 496	43 827	134 101	32 499	39 138	772	12 493
2008-09	47 925	954 473	4 102	4 594	107 004	44 119	131 144	31 254	32 258	464	12 852
2008											
December	12 956	258 168	991	1 385	32 180	13 617	37 673	9 124	8 111	101	3 381
2009											
March	9 708	216 388	645	570	29 110	12 498	34 177	8 807	7 528	64	2 940
June	12 279	241 498	1 069	839	25 174	9 561	33 688	8 275	7 666	32	3 243
September	11 958	230 695	1 474	1 260	18 708	6 813	30 939	6 813	7 625	58	3 482
December	r12 421	r226 420	r1 226	r1 023	r27 768	r10 416	r38 124	r9 455	r7 222	57	r3 722
2010											
March	10 158	178 355	624	581	23 331	7 258	25 520	7 343	7 170	33	2 996

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(a) Compiled from Australian Customs Service data. Refer to paragraph 11 in the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Export data may be subject to revision.

(c) Includes buffalo meat.

(d) Cured carcass weight, and stated net weight of packs of canned bacon and ham. Refer to paragraph 13 in the Explanatory Notes.

(e) Canned meat excludes bacon and ham. Refer to paragraph 14 in the Explanatory Notes.

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Gross weight</i>	<i>Gross value</i>	<i>Unit value(b)</i>
	'000	'000 tonnes	\$'000	\$
.....				
SHEEP				
2006-07	4 137.9	198.8	288 697	69.77
2007-08	4 069.0	197.0	286 442	70.40
2008-09	4 063.9	199.0	339 083	83.44
2008				
December	1 234.0	60.5	101 446	82.21
2009				
March	852.8	43.0	73 316	85.97
June	878.1	42.8	77 751	88.55
September	801.8	38.7	76 827	95.82
December	1 030.0	50.1	93 851	91.12
2010				
March	713.9	33.3	68 962	96.60
.....				
CATTLE				
2006-07	638.0	216.1	437 427	685.58
2007-08	713.3	241.2	450 511	631.63
2008-09	856.0	285.0	558 695	652.67
2008				
December	226.8	71.5	162 162	714.97
2009				
March	170.3	57.8	114 672	673.49
June	231.8	80.5	141 817	611.80
September	r258.5	r86.4	r161 035	r622.84
December	r260.7	r90.8	r172 174	r660.37
2010				
March	204.0	68.1	148 459	727.79

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(a) Export data may be subject to revision.

(b) Gross value divided by the number of animals exported.

WHOLE MILK INTAKE, by Factories(a): All Series

Quarter	New South Wales(b)	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia(c)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML
ORIGINAL							
2008							
September	271	1 576	128	149	86	130	2 341
December	296	2 112	138	185	100	268	3 098
2009							
March	251	1 364	125	148	78	186	2 153
June	247	1 083	120	145	77	124	1 797
September	283	1 480	139	147	84	119	2 252
December	294	1 886	142	176	101	249	2 848
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
2008							
September	262	1 543	122	157	84	182	2 349
December	264	1 546	128	157	87	174	2 356
2009							
March	268	1 516	131	157	87	176	2 335
June	271	1 517	132	157	83	182	2 341
September	274	1 443	132	153	82	165	2 251
December	263	1 386	131	151	88	162	2 181
TREND							
2008							
September	262	1 556	123	156	84	177	2 358
December	265	1 544	127	157	86	178	2 357
2009							
March	269	1 526	131	157	86	177	2 346
June	271	1 495	132	156	84	175	2 312
September	270	1 448	132	154	84	169	2 258
December	267	1 404	132	151	85	164	2 203

(a) Includes whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.
Refer to paragraphs 18 and 19 in the Explanatory
Notes.

(b) Includes data for the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes data for the Northern Territory.

Source: Original series data from Dairy Australia.

MARKET MILK SALES, by Factories(a): All Series

Quarter	New South Wales(b)	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia(c)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML
ORIGINAL							
2008							
September	175	135	129	53	62	14	568
December	172	132	125	52	61	14	556
2009							
March	172	131	127	51	59	14	553
June	176	136	128	53	59	14	567
September	180	141	132	55	62	14	583
December	175	134	129	55	63	14	569
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
2008							
September	172	132	126	52	61	14	557
December	174	134	126	52	61	14	560
2009							
March	175	133	129	52	60	14	562
June	175	135	129	53	59	14	565
September	176	138	129	53	61	14	572
December	177	135	130	55	62	14	573
TREND							
2008							
September	172	133	126	51	61	14	558
December	174	133	127	52	61	14	560
2009							
March	175	134	128	52	60	14	562
June	175	135	129	53	60	14	566
September	176	136	129	54	61	14	570
December	176	137	129	55	62	14	573

(a) Includes white, flavoured, high and low fat milk and UHT milk. Refer to paragraphs 18 and 20 in the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes data for the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes data for the Northern Territory.

Source: Original series data from Dairy Australia.

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

Quarter	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia	% of total received by brokers
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	%
ORIGINAL								
2008								
December	31 407	27 368	2 185	14 231	23 437	2 636	101 264	77.4
2009								
March	27 243	22 865	1 886	12 232	27 767	1 545	93 538	79.3
June	25 102	18 833	3 363	10 893	14 767	2 419	75 378	77.3
September	32 534	19 880	3 072	12 344	15 585	2 756	86 170	82.5
December	31 358	29 135	2 190	17 318	23 032	3 000	106 033	79.7
2010								
March	26 688	21 369	1 212	12 572	25 572	1 925	89 339	77.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
2008								
December	29 407	21 677	2 532	12 007	20 867	2 240	88 731	..
2009								
March	30 174	23 200	2 750	12 964	22 165	2 165	93 418	..
June	28 465	22 748	2 832	13 416	20 822	2 456	90 740	..
September	28 413	21 671	2 435	11 489	17 337	2 494	83 839	..
December	29 369	22 931	2 526	14 942	20 364	2 550	92 682	..
2010								
March	29 468	21 751	1 773	13 000	20 486	2 633	89 112	..
TREND								
2008								
December	30 083	22 864	2 639	13 316	21 721	2 260	92 883	..
2009								
March	29 270	22 402	2 692	12 665	21 364	2 259	90 652	..
June	28 852	22 512	2 728	12 632	20 122	2 370	89 216	..
September	28 780	22 421	2 574	13 087	19 391	2 492	88 744	..
December	29 019	22 200	2 293	13 378	19 451	2 570	88 912	..
2010								
March	29 442	22 122	2 025	13 595	20 108	2 609	89 900	..

.. not applicable

(a) Taxable receivals only. Refer to paragraphs 21 and 22 in the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains information on livestock slaughterings (including chickens), meat production, exports of live sheep and cattle, exports of fresh, chilled, frozen and processed meat, whole milk intake by factories, market milk sales by factories and receivables of taxable wool by wool brokers and dealers.

2 Data 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 otherwise indicated, Australian totals include data for all states/territories.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

5 The statistics on slaughterings for red meat production are based on a monthly collection from abattoirs and other major slaughtering establishments and include estimates of animals slaughtered on farms, by country butchers and other small slaughtering establishments.

6 Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.

7 Care should be taken when using this information as the data only relate to slaughterings for human consumption and do not include animals condemned, slaughtered for pet food or those killed for boiling down.

8 Statistics for poultry slaughterings and chicken meat produced have been compiled from quarterly 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.

9 Chicken meat is shown in dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets.

10 Details about unpublished slaughterings and meat production statistics can be found in the Livestock Slaughtering Collection brief on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) website and also are available on request. Inquiries should be made to the *National Information and Referral Service* on 1300 135 070.

EXPORTS OF FRESH, CHILLED, FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT

11 International trade statistics are compiled by the ABS from information submitted to the Australian Customs Service by exporters and importers or their agents. Factors are applied to beef, veal, mutton and lamb bone-out figures to calculate a derived bone-in carcass weight. The derived bone-in carcass weights are then added to bone-in figures to calculate total exports in carcass weight. The factor for beef and veal is 1.5 and for mutton and lamb, 2.0. This information is sourced from the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

12 Beef also includes buffalo meat.

13 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.

14 Canned meat is shown as the canned weight and excludes canned bacon and ham.

LIVE SHEEP AND CATTLE EXPORTS

15 Sheep and cattle exported for breeding are excluded.

16 The unit value is obtained by dividing the gross value by the number of animals exported.

17 The graphs of livestock exports present quarterly original estimates for at least the last five years for the major commodities. These graphs highlight the major movements in the estimates over that period.

MILK

18 Milk data collected by Dairy Australia. Data for the latest quarter are not yet available.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

MILK *continued*

19 Whole milk intake by factories includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.

20 Market sales includes white, flavoured, high and low fat milk and ultra heat treatment (UHT) milk. Interstate transfers of UHT milk have been included in their state of destination. UHT milk is milk that is heated to high temperatures to produce a milk which does not require refrigeration for a sustained period of time when unopened.

WOOL RECEIVALS

21 Wool receivals refers to 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.

22 Data are based on the state in which wool has been received, and do not necessarily reflect the production of wool in that state.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

23 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.

24 In the seasonal adjustment of the livestock estimates, account has been taken of both normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects, where significant. Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular influences (e.g. abnormal weather, industrial disputes).

25 The state component series has been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the Australian group totals.

26 In this publication, the seasonally adjusted estimates are produced by the concurrent seasonal adjustment method which takes account of the latest available original estimates. This method improves the estimation of seasonal factors and, therefore, the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for the current and previous months. As a result of this improvement, revisions to the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates will be observed for recent periods. A more detailed review is conducted annually prior to the September release, using data up to and including the August release.

27 For further information, see *Time Series Analysis Frequently Asked Questions, 2003* (cat. no. 1346.0.55.002).

28 From September 2007, improved methods of producing seasonally adjusted estimates, focused on the application of Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) modelling techniques, were implemented. The ARIMA modelling technique can be used to extend original estimates beyond the end of a time series.

29 For further information on ARIMA modelling, see the feature article 'Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions' in *Australian Economic Indicators, Oct 2004* (cat. no. 1350.0).

TREND ESTIMATES

30 The graphs of livestock slaughtered, meat production and livestock products present quarterly trend estimates for at least the last five years for the major commodities. These graphs highlight the major movements in the estimates over that period.

31 A trend estimate is obtained by reducing the irregular component in the seasonally adjusted series. For quarterly data, trend estimates are derived by applying a 7-term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. Revisions of trend estimates will also occur with revisions to the original data and re-estimation of seasonal factors.

32 The state component series has been adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the Australian group totals.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

TREND ESTIMATES *continued*

33 For further information, see *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring Trends, 2003* (cat. no. 1349.0).

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