

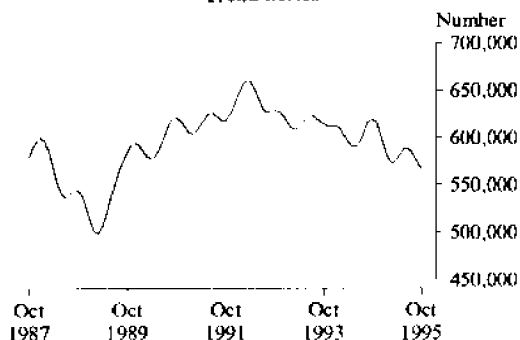
**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA
OCTOBER 1995**

MAIN FEATURES

Livestock Slaughtering

The trend estimate for cattle slaughtering fell for the fourth consecutive month by 1.4 per cent in October 1995 and since the last peak in June 1995 has fallen 3.8 per cent. The trend estimate for calves rose marginally from the previous month.

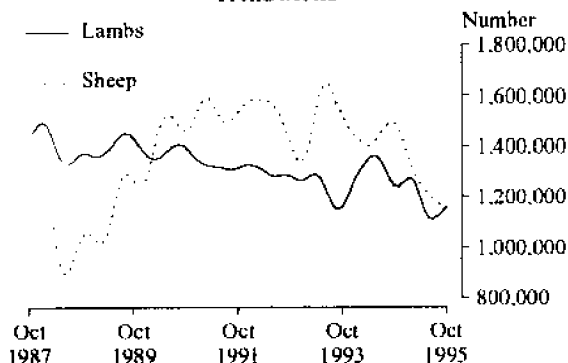
**CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS
AUSTRALIA
Trend Series**



Sheep slaughtering continued to fall, down 22.4 per cent since the last peak in September 1994. However, the rate of decline has fallen since February 1995. The trend estimate for lamb slaughtering rose 2.0 per cent in October 1995, and is 4.7 per cent higher than the last trough in July 1995.

The trend estimate for pig slaughtering fell 0.4 per cent in October 1995 to record its lowest level since

**SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS,
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June 1991. The estimate is 5.1 per cent below the last peak which occurred in November 1994.

Red Meat

The trend estimate for red meat recorded a slight fall in October 1995, continuing a general decline in production since October 1994. The trend estimate for beef fell 1.1 per cent, and has fallen 3.0 per cent since the last peak in June 1995. Reduced slaughtering in NSW and Queensland (where some abattoirs have closed or reduced operating levels recently) have contributed to these falls. The trend estimate for lamb rose by 3.3 per cent in September 1995 and has risen 11.0 per cent since the last trough in June 1995. Pig meat fell 1.0 per cent compared with September and has fallen 4.1 per cent since the last peak in May 1995.

Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production rose 0.9 per cent in October, and has risen 3.1 per cent since the last trough in May 1995.

Whole Milk Intake

The trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories for September 1995 rose 1.0 per cent. Since the last trough in February 1995 it has risen by 9.8 per cent. However, the rate of growth has slowed in recent months.

Wool Receipts by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receipts by brokers and dealers rose marginally between September and October, 1995. This was the first increase since February 1995.

Live Exports

The number of live sheep exported in September fell by 16.6 per cent to 413,400. The unit value (\$40.08) fell 5.2 per cent and the gross value (\$16.6 million) fell 21.0 per cent.

Although the number of live cattle exports fell 22.8 per cent in September 1995, exports for September quarter 1995 increased 68.4 per cent on the corresponding quarter in 1994. The gross value (\$20.3 million) fell 24.1 per cent and the unit value (\$550.73) fell 1.7 per cent.

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED
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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
BULLS, BULLOCKS AND STEERS (a)									
1992-93	1,072.7	778.3	1,713.1	258.6	271.9	99.0	4,256.4	..	..
1993-94	1,008.5	772.0	1,700.5	199.0	271.2	101.8	4,070.0	..	..
1994-95 p	1,099.8	773.4	1,595.1	206.1	243.4	110.1	4,037.6	..	..
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
August	98.0	54.7	155.5	12.0	19.5	5.9	347.5	329.2	335.3
September	103.1	60.9	177.9	17.8	21.1	6.3	389.0	351.0	343.6
October	95.6	64.9	152.8	24.4	22.8	6.2	368.2	346.5	349.8
November	113.9	76.3	160.0	17.7	24.8	9.3	402.6	350.9	351.4
December	84.6	69.7	120.1	26.3	26.0	11.3	338.1	376.1	345.9
January	82.5	58.0	71.7	18.3	20.3	11.3	262.1	329.6	336.0
February	82.6	63.9	95.7	17.8	19.1	9.5	288.6	312.1	326.5
March	100.6	63.0	113.8	20.8	23.4	13.0	334.8	317.6	321.7
April	80.2	59.8	109.2	13.1	14.1	9.5	286.0	310.4	322.7
May	94.2	72.4	125.7	17.6	18.0	10.9	339.5	312.5	327.3
June	79.8	76.2	163.8	12.7	18.4	10.5	362.9	373.9	331.6
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	73.6	68.9	135.1	7.6	17.1	8.1	313.9	325.4	331.5
August	88.0	69.4	159.4	11.4	18.7	5.0	357.8	336.5	327.0
September	78.5	63.0	153.0	19.4	17.4	5.6	338.9	306.8	320.4
October	78.1	80.4	110.2	21.6	21.7	7.0	321.3	299.8	313.5
<i>4 Months ended October---</i>									
1994	381.3	234.0	635.2	61.7	79.2	24.8	1,423.1	..	..
1995 p	318.1	281.7	557.8	60.0	74.9	25.6	1,331.9	..	..
COWS AND HEIFERS (a)									
1992-93	985.5	587.5	1,138.3	149.7	180.5	90.4	3,186.2	..	..
1993-94	979.4	622.0	1,081.4	201.4	167.6	85.2	3,220.1	..	..
1994-95 p	941.6	672.3	959.5	218.1	186.1	96.7	3,147.4	..	..
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
August	83.1	49.2	109.6	15.2	14.4	4.3	287.4	283.5	272.3
September	83.8	61.3	93.4	17.0	16.8	5.7	288.7	284.3	272.6
October	86.9	60.3	72.7	11.9	15.1	6.9	258.9	271.1	269.3
November	87.3	57.3	64.2	21.4	16.4	7.5	259.0	251.4	263.2
December	69.1	52.6	57.9	11.1	19.9	9.2	222.6	259.9	255.8
January	65.9	44.6	40.6	22.3	17.0	7.9	201.3	253.9	250.2
February	66.8	53.7	60.2	21.5	17.2	7.5	230.1	236.9	248.6
March	78.2	67.6	80.0	25.1	17.2	12.0	284.2	253.6	250.5
April	72.5	52.8	65.6	19.8	14.6	9.8	238.3	241.8	253.7
May	96.0	65.3	112.3	22.3	14.8	10.3	327.1	268.9	256.5
June	86.7	57.5	94.9	21.1	10.1	10.3	290.4	277.0	258.0
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	75.5	44.6	76.4	13.1	12.0	5.8	233.0	238.3	257.9
August	83.6	44.6	90.4	16.0	15.1	4.8	262.2	256.8	256.7
September	79.1	43.2	86.7	17.2	17.6	4.4	259.5	257.9	255.2
October	80.7	51.2	67.0	16.2	18.1	6.3	247.0	252.9	254.3
<i>4 Months ended October---</i>									
1994	319.1	220.9	383.9	53.6	58.7	22.3	1,094.5
1995 p	319.0	183.6	320.6	62.6	62.9	21.3	1,001.6

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
TOTAL CATTLE (excludes calves) (a)									
1992-93	2,058.1	1,365.8	2,851.5	408.3	452.3	189.4	7,442.6	..	..
1993-94	1,987.9	1,393.9	2,781.8	400.3	438.8	187.0	7,290.1	..	..
1994-95 p	2,041.4	1,445.6	2,554.7	424.2	429.5	206.8	7,185.0	..	..
<i>1994-95 p---</i>									
August	181.1	103.9	265.1	27.2	34.0	10.3	634.9	610.6	606.3
September	186.9	122.2	271.3	34.8	37.9	12.0	677.6	633.9	615.8
October	182.5	125.1	225.6	36.3	37.9	13.1	627.1	617.5	619.9
November	201.2	133.6	224.2	39.1	41.2	16.8	661.5	604.8	615.8
December	153.8	122.3	178.0	37.4	45.9	20.5	560.7	644.8	603.1
January	148.4	102.6	112.3	40.6	37.3	19.2	463.4	576.4	587.6
February	149.4	117.7	155.9	39.3	36.3	17.0	518.7	550.2	576.7
March	178.8	130.7	193.8	46.0	40.6	25.0	619.0	569.6	572.9
April	152.7	112.5	174.8	32.9	28.8	19.3	524.4	559.3	576.3
May	190.2	137.7	237.9	39.9	32.9	21.2	666.6	589.0	583.0
June	166.5	133.7	258.7	33.8	28.6	20.8	653.2	631.0	588.4
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	149.1	113.5	211.6	20.7	29.2	13.9	546.9	568.9	587.8
August	171.6	114.0	249.8	27.4	33.8	9.8	620.1	586.3	582.1
September	157.5	106.2	239.7	36.6	35.0	10.0	598.4	577.1	574.2
October	158.9	131.6	177.2	37.8	39.9	13.3	568.2	544.4	566.2
<i>4 Months ended October---</i>									
1994	700.4	454.9	1,019.1	115.2	137.9	47.1	2,517.5	..	..
1995 p	637.1	465.3	878.4	122.6	137.8	46.9	2,333.5	..	..
CALVES									
1992-93	224.2	608.5	153.8	9.2	4.6	32.7	1,034.1	..	..
1993-94	221.4	583.4	148.7	8.8	4.4	23.2	991.6	..	..
1994-95 p	248.4	641.3	114.6	12.0	4.4	29.7	1,052.5	..	..
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
August	25.6	170.0	9.6	1.2	0.5	8.4	215.4	85.4	91.6
September	21.7	121.7	9.9	1.3	0.5	11.6	166.9	87.3	92.4
October	22.8	69.4	9.4	1.1	0.3	2.9	106.1	102.9	92.5
November	22.9	24.7	8.6	1.0	0.3	0.5	58.3	95.8	91.9
December	13.0	7.9	8.7	0.7	0.4	0.1	30.9	84.9	90.0
January	18.6	5.8	9.8	1.0	0.5	0.1	35.9	87.1	87.1
February	18.6	4.8	8.8	0.6	0.3	1.0	34.4	83.6	84.3
March	25.0	11.0	10.1	1.2	0.4	0.4	48.4	85.4	82.5
April	17.0	24.3	8.1	0.8	0.3	1.0	51.7	75.5	82.1
May	21.3	47.6	10.5	1.3	0.3	1.2	82.4	79.1	82.6
June	23.0	74.2	10.9	1.1	0.2	0.9	110.6	93.8	83.0
<i>1995-96 p---</i>									
July	18.9	81.6	9.6	1.1	0.3	1.1	112.6	85.8	83.2
August	24.2	137.0	8.9	1.4	0.3	14.0	185.8	71.4	83.1
September	19.8	119.3	7.3	1.2	0.2	16.6	164.6	89.1	82.9
October	18.5	53.8	7.4	1.0	0.3	5.3	86.3	81.2	83.0
<i>4 Months ended October</i>									
1994	89.0	440.9	39.1	4.3	1.6	24.3	600.0
1995 p	81.3	391.7	33.1	4.7	1.0	36.9	549.3

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
SHEEP									
1992-93	5,233.6	3,722.6	1,389.2	2,769.7	3,752.3	473.4	17,525.0
1993-94	6,066.9	3,975.9	856.6	3,078.3	2,952.2	526.1	17,641.0	..	..
1994-95 p	6,559.1	3,202.6	476.6	3,108.9	2,391.6	565.5	16,454.1	..	..
1994-95 p--									
August	504.7	202.8	55.0	166.5	165.3	20.9	1,130.0	1,381.6	1,478.1
September	645.9	246.5	49.5	346.6	198.9	39.4	1,540.0	1,660.5	1,492.2
October	656.0	327.0	45.0	303.6	214.2	36.2	1,594.8	1,492.3	1,489.9
November	704.9	414.7	37.0	374.1	195.8	63.2	1,805.9	1,454.4	1,469.1
December	538.2	351.7	27.8	310.2	230.7	64.2	1,534.1	1,399.4	1,428.9
January	534.4	330.5	28.8	301.9	220.2	50.1	1,476.5	1,408.5	1,374.9
February	492.9	330.6	28.0	277.9	217.1	58.6	1,415.6	1,288.8	1,322.5
March	560.5	295.1	37.8	320.6	242.4	68.6	1,536.9	1,296.5	1,282.5
April	457.5	182.6	34.5	245.6	191.7	46.3	1,171.7	1,214.0	1,253.5
May	557.6	186.2	39.1	219.9	198.5	43.6	1,258.7	1,260.0	1,228.9
June	434.3	147.3	38.6	116.0	145.9	42.8	935.0	1,200.8	1,210.0
1995-96 p--									
July	452.8	150.0	37.6	87.4	145.0	18.6	902.1	1,196.7	1,194.2
August	437.3	160.7	38.3	128.0	191.2	18.2	984.3	1,200.7	1,179.1
September	434.3	197.4	38.9	189.7	161.6	18.0	1,050.2	1,114.0	1,165.8
October	524.5	279.4	29.7	206.9	194.9	25.5	1,270.6	1,185.0	1,158.3
4 Months ended October--									
1994	2,278.8	963.9	204.9	942.7	749.4	128.1	5,319.7	..	..
1995 p	1,848.8	787.6	144.5	612.0	692.7	80.3	4,207.1	..	..
LAMBS									
1992-93	4,140.2	6,288.1	648.0	2,062.3	1,480.8	456.5	15,434.9	..	..
1993-94	3,991.7	5,600.8	669.6	2,363.8	1,553.2	437.8	14,967.2	..	..
1994-95 p	4,104.1	6,263.8	469.8	1,917.6	1,262.3	475.6	14,881.4	..	..
1994-95 p--									
August	485.6	568.8	49.6	168.9	90.4	36.9	1,442.2	1,360.4	1,305.3
September	337.9	574.9	42.5	208.7	167.9	37.2	1,403.3	1,300.7	1,270.0
October	321.8	581.8	31.8	142.1	163.1	30.4	1,304.1	1,157.4	1,245.6
November	315.0	619.2	27.1	175.9	82.9	37.3	1,286.8	1,161.4	1,240.3
December	276.5	516.6	22.7	152.7	121.6	41.3	1,157.8	1,248.3	1,253.6
January	413.3	464.5	28.4	158.0	91.0	40.7	1,227.0	1,374.2	1,270.3
February	292.4	478.4	27.2	165.1	113.5	37.1	1,144.4	1,279.2	1,273.4
March	351.7	522.7	46.7	190.2	117.2	48.3	1,315.4	1,254.5	1,249.1
April	318.6	464.2	46.8	141.2	97.8	41.1	1,145.3	1,233.8	1,200.6
May	337.7	512.0	52.0	143.7	96.2	41.1	1,218.6	1,137.3	1,148.8
June	269.2	453.2	44.6	110.7	61.8	44.8	1,005.4	1,056.4	1,117.0
1995-96 p--									
July	274.3	449.5	38.1	97.5	53.5	25.6	960.6	1,062.4	1,111.1
August	324.1	494.8	40.1	167.0	92.3	27.3	1,176.1	1,097.7	1,121.5
September	306.5	524.5	39.5	214.0	149.6	29.0	1,290.8	1,223.8	1,139.9
October	308.9	614.9	37.3	223.6	153.1	28.6	1,393.4	1,193.3	1,163.0
4 Months ended October--									
1994	1,529.7	2,233.0	174.4	679.9	480.4	143.8	5,380.8
1995 p	1,213.8	2,083.8	155.1	702.0	448.5	110.6	4,820.9

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
PIGS									
1992-93	1,480.5	1,070.8	1,155.3	568.2	567.6	92.5	5,031.7
1993-94	1,490.9	1,188.5	1,207.9	562.1	550.4	95.8	5,190.2	..	..
1994-95 p	1,488.5	1,196.6	1,148.9	470.1	603.3	92.9	5,097.3	..	..
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
August	134.5	99.1	96.1	46.2	49.8	7.3	442.3	423.9	425.1
September	111.9	110.1	99.5	36.8	47.4	7.9	421.1	417.7	426.9
October	121.5	101.6	94.3	41.4	48.0	6.7	421.5	447.3	429.6
November	129.2	97.6	99.6	51.3	52.9	8.0	448.1	429.3	431.0
December	139.9	104.9	94.3	37.6	49.5	9.7	443.0	426.2	429.8
January	110.0	88.9	80.4	35.2	42.9	5.8	369.9	428.6	426.7
February	114.7	89.9	91.2	42.2	46.2	7.0	398.3	430.5	423.6
March	131.4	106.7	103.2	33.4	52.8	8.8	444.9	414.0	421.1
April	113.0	84.3	85.7	30.1	51.1	7.2	378.7	402.9	419.2
May	132.8	114.9	100.4	43.0	56.3	8.2	464.8	429.4	417.9
June	139.4	106.7	107.0	34.2	57.5	8.6	459.9	435.9	416.2
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	117.9	87.9	86.5	33.4	52.6	6.5	391.4	401.3	414.4
August	120.2	100.5	96.0	37.5	52.4	7.3	422.3	398.4	412.3
September	127.0	93.2	97.5	32.4	50.5	7.1	414.8	423.2	410.5
October	114.1	97.1	85.0	30.8	50.6	6.1	390.4	406.0	408.9
<i>4 Months ended October—</i>									
1994	478.2	402.5	387.1	163.3	194.2	29.5	1,689.8	..	..
1995 p	479.3	378.7	365.1	133.9	206.2	27.1	1,618.9	..	..

(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)									
1992-93	472,313	299,907	753,477	96,338	100,196	44,925	1,786,860	..	..
1993-94	466,387	315,279	742,701	94,395	101,513	47,458	1,786,224	..	..
1994-95 p	469,575	320,510	694,550	99,121	96,920	49,661	1,745,598	..	..
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
August	42,664	20,893	70,400	6,061	7,592	2,449	152,399	144,636	147,307
September	43,695	25,307	75,101	8,132	8,459	2,824	165,900	155,640	148,975
October	42,057	27,899	60,905	8,284	8,764	3,160	152,292	152,372	149,747
November	45,279	30,214	62,907	8,927	9,348	4,143	161,861	143,316	148,972
December	35,023	27,469	49,828	8,859	10,569	5,104	137,446	154,046	146,362
January	34,189	23,167	31,450	9,623	8,421	4,787	112,253	142,871	143,151
February	34,274	25,760	44,006	9,445	8,270	4,360	126,744	134,136	140,907
March	41,967	29,632	53,539	11,089	9,373	5,931	152,337	138,139	139,877
April	35,011	25,434	48,232	7,764	6,501	4,370	127,872	141,560	140,143
May	42,774	30,426	63,477	9,421	7,332	4,881	159,609	140,575	140,887
June	36,792	30,983	65,044	7,723	6,179	4,864	153,651	147,849	141,468
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	31,152	25,310	57,869	3,526	6,130	3,695	128,841	136,770	141,195
August	39,259	23,804	66,485	6,588	7,515	2,312	148,690	141,082	140,106
September	36,128	23,831	64,916	8,850	7,872	2,354	146,288	140,954	138,717
October	35,769	30,513	47,280	9,377	9,292	3,151	137,228	133,119	137,233
<i>4 Months ended October—</i>									
1994	164,265	97,426	276,066	26,270	30,927	11,221	613,825	..	..
1995 p	142,307	103,458	236,550	28,341	30,809	11,512	561,047	..	..
VEAL									
1992-93	15,448	14,948	7,179	320	303	692	38,954	..	..
1993-94	17,551	13,466	6,352	302	296	515	38,581	..	..
1994-95 p	16,676	14,320	4,845	435	285	1,161	37,847	..	..
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
August	1,692	3,375	442	42	31	207	5,799	3,233	3,301
September	1,371	2,721	413	55	31	424	5,025	3,406	3,341
October	1,378	1,502	382	39	22	125	3,457	3,469	3,348
November	1,460	608	338	44	23	18	2,507	3,394	3,322
December	867	275	341	27	26	10	1,554	3,057	3,260
January	1,266	226	387	46	33	11	1,980	3,103	3,169
February	1,262	203	365	25	22	195	2,078	3,198	3,066
March	1,751	328	448	39	25	18	2,622	3,244	2,966
April	1,114	582	336	27	17	36	2,119	2,569	2,892
May	1,439	1,072	484	35	16	39	3,100	2,758	2,855
June	1,623	1,572	482	31	14	38	3,770	2,918	2,854
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	1,293	1,642	425	31	17	30	3,445	2,913	2,886
August	1,659	2,773	358	39	19	353	5,210	2,854	2,933
September	1,327	2,416	274	36	16	418	4,494	3,180	2,976
October	1,299	1,170	292	32	17	141	2,958	2,914	3,034
<i>4 Months ended October—</i>									
1994	5,894	9,457	1,665	162	109	796	18,117	..	..
1995 p	5,578	8,002	1,350	137	69	942	16,106	..	..

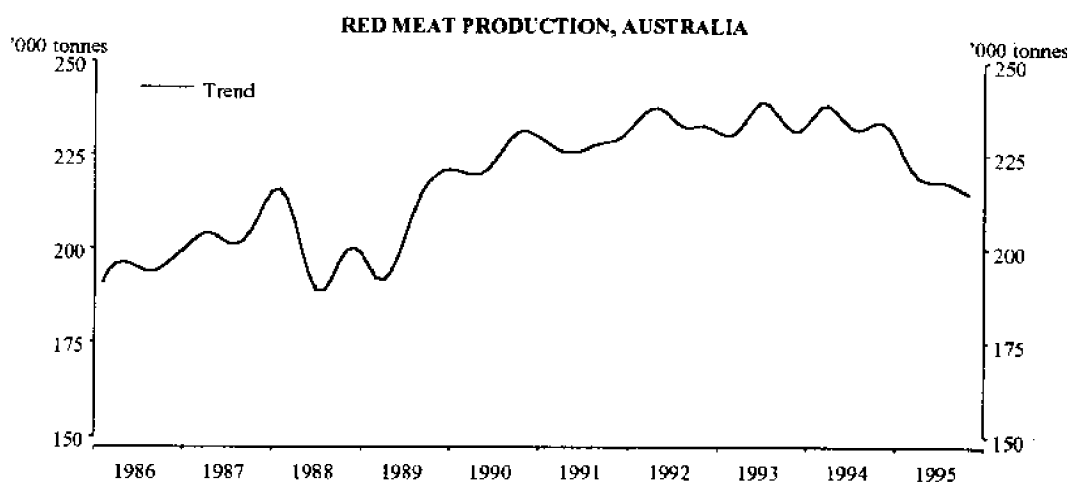
TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)---continued

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
MUTTON									
1992-93	105,819	81,907	26,656	65,689	76,921	8,949	369,953	..	..
1993-94	127,582	85,010	17,326	71,354	61,731	9,992	376,764	..	..
1994-95 p	130,637	63,608	9,143	66,623	47,002	11,157	331,099	..	..
<i>1994-95 p --</i>									
August	10,049	3,840	835	3,538	3,260	415	22,244	26,502	29,789
September	12,982	5,026	979	7,529	4,029	773	31,566	32,576	29,782
October	13,385	6,775	917	6,603	4,042	723	32,739	29,981	29,710
November	14,445	8,459	722	8,282	3,849	1,277	37,371	29,425	29,479
December	10,989	6,956	537	6,781	4,777	1,275	31,569	28,636	28,915
January	10,742	6,467	543	6,409	4,344	969	29,688	29,055	27,945
February	9,443	6,431	560	5,883	4,273	1,130	27,904	25,663	26,790
March	10,958	5,578	744	6,753	4,740	1,311	30,316	26,034	25,794
April	8,894	3,478	672	5,054	3,633	884	22,805	24,926	25,071
May	10,509	3,695	763	4,543	3,880	895	24,521	24,332	24,566
June	8,400	2,917	763	2,495	2,891	877	18,554	23,817	24,314
<i>1995-96 p---</i>									
July	9,149	2,978	715	1,967	2,843	389	18,264	24,585	24,216
August	9,000	3,240	684	3,061	3,822	378	20,428	25,115	24,155
September	9,267	4,092	763	4,525	3,094	372	22,300	22,484	24,117
October	11,505	5,849	578	5,002	3,875	529	27,519	25,117	24,171
<i>4 Months ended October --</i>									
1994	46,257	19,628	3,838	20,422	14,614	2,538	108,371	..	..
1995 p	38,920	16,160	2,741	14,556	13,634	1,667	88,511	..	..
LAMB									
1992-93	72,608	113,220	10,570	39,334	23,395	7,456	273,424	..	..
1993-94	69,246	101,386	11,072	45,199	24,936	7,047	265,424	..	..
1994-95 p	71,165	110,138	7,847	36,195	19,250	8,083	260,167	..	..
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
August	9,004	9,726	764	3,272	1,408	686	25,601	24,276	23,628
September	6,022	9,785	723	3,934	2,589	386	24,351	23,289	22,827
October	5,665	10,295	535	2,509	2,499	565	22,647	20,193	22,099
November	5,549	10,944	453	3,244	1,220	657	22,953	21,350	21,673
December	4,555	8,995	385	2,816	1,866	691	19,810	21,708	21,596
January	5,475	8,244	496	2,972	1,437	681	19,879	21,822	21,659
February	5,096	8,525	470	3,128	1,834	615	20,279	22,267	21,602
March	6,462	9,378	790	3,703	1,717	808	23,369	21,796	21,199
April	5,632	7,884	787	2,691	1,480	689	19,718	20,847	20,536
May	5,971	9,183	867	2,723	1,410	761	21,522	19,591	19,957
June	4,818	7,991	726	2,046	856	829	17,668	18,658	19,781
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	4,975	7,997	643	1,799	925	481	17,240	19,333	20,035
August	5,845	8,997	684	3,204	1,609	514	21,430	19,976	20,584
September	5,519	9,741	715	4,212	2,494	546	23,745	23,280	21,249
October	5,612	11,474	657	4,455	2,438	540	25,718	22,260	21,954
<i>4 Months ended October --</i>									
1994	27,608	38,994	2,872	12,874	7,430	2,352	94,971	..	..
1995 p	21,951	38,209	2,699	13,670	7,466	2,082	88,134	..	..

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
PIGMEAT									
1992-93	94,760	70,535	79,749	38,153	33,562	5,749	328,317	..	..
1993-94	98,606	78,488	84,553	38,394	32,423	6,019	344,260	..	..
1994-95 p	100,434	84,411	82,235	33,033	36,914	6,132	349,297	..	..
<i>1994-95 p --</i>									
August	8,460	6,814	6,766	3,104	2,956	517	29,179	28,202	28,424
September	7,430	7,379	6,935	2,550	2,846	549	28,274	27,119	28,641
October	7,971	7,165	6,881	3,094	2,882	474	28,979	30,906	28,927
November	8,452	7,216	7,186	3,784	2,990	493	30,727	29,348	29,093
December	8,611	7,303	6,469	2,929	3,113	649	29,500	28,880	29,104
January	7,143	6,182	5,669	2,368	2,500	381	24,632	28,995	29,061
February	7,270	6,187	6,608	2,684	2,580	464	26,215	28,725	29,067
March	9,591	7,471	7,302	2,285	3,233	572	31,040	28,912	29,204
April	8,320	5,991	6,207	2,069	3,372	464	26,844	28,407	29,423
May	10,139	8,409	7,406	3,009	3,713	532	33,812	31,297	29,589
June	9,650	8,005	7,822	2,370	3,835	553	32,738	30,344	29,530
<i>1995-96 p--</i>									
July	8,182	6,564	6,293	2,161	3,288	426	27,320	28,156	29,296
August	9,208	7,400	6,954	2,614	3,227	475	30,453	29,311	28,974
September	8,399	6,930	7,167	2,240	3,144	470	28,813	28,003	28,656
October	7,747	7,080	6,249	2,125	3,187	399	27,221	28,559	28,374
<i>4 Months ended October --</i>									
1994	31,257	27,647	27,566	11,535	11,580	2,023	113,789	..	..
1995 p	33,536	27,974	26,663	9,140	12,846	1,770	113,808	..	..
TOTAL RED MEAT (c)									
1992-93	760,949	580,516	877,632	239,833	234,378	67,770	2,797,507	..	..
1993-94	779,374	593,630	862,003	249,644	220,899	71,031	2,811,254	..	..
1994-95 p	788,487	592,986	798,619	235,407	200,371	76,194	2,724,008	..	..
<i>1994-95 p--</i>									
August	71,869	44,648	79,208	16,016	15,247	4,274	235,223	226,850	232,450
September	71,500	50,217	84,151	22,201	17,955	4,955	255,116	242,030	233,566
October	70,458	53,636	69,619	20,528	18,209	5,047	240,115	236,921	233,832
November	75,185	57,440	71,606	24,280	17,429	6,587	255,420	226,833	232,538
December	60,044	50,997	57,559	21,411	20,352	7,731	219,879	236,326	229,236
January	58,815	44,285	38,545	21,419	16,736	6,829	188,431	225,847	224,984
February	57,345	47,105	52,009	21,165	16,979	6,763	203,219	213,989	221,433
March	70,730	52,386	62,824	23,870	19,087	8,641	239,685	218,125	219,041
April	58,971	43,368	56,234	17,605	15,002	6,444	199,357	218,308	218,064
May	70,832	52,784	72,998	19,731	16,350	7,108	242,564	218,552	217,855
June	61,285	51,467	74,836	14,665	13,775	7,161	226,380	223,587	217,948
<i>1995-96 p--</i>									
July	54,751	44,491	65,947	9,485	13,204	5,021	195,110	211,757	217,628
August	64,970	46,216	75,165	15,506	16,192	4,031	226,211	218,338	216,752
September	60,640	47,010	73,836	19,863	16,620	4,161	225,640	217,901	215,715
October	61,932	56,086	55,056	20,991	18,808	4,761	220,644	211,968	214,766
<i>4 Months ended October --</i>									
1994	275,281	193,154	312,007	71,262	64,660	18,930	949,073	..	..
1995 p	242,293	193,803	270,004	65,844	64,824	17,973	867,605	..	..

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



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

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

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

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

The percentage change of 3% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 3.24%.

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted October estimate</i>	
		+3%	-3%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
<i>1994-95p</i>			
May	217,855	217,724	217,990
June	217,948	217,719	218,816
<i>1995-96p</i>			
July	217,628	217,554	217,787
August	216,752	216,887	216,271
September	215,715	216,312	214,278
October	214,766	215,981	212,148
November	--	215,788	210,004

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

At last Saturday of	Beef(b) and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Goat	Offal	Total
<i>1994-95 p--</i>							
July	28,529	5,325	3,455	1,982	258	7,814	47,363
August	29,213	5,570	3,219	1,852	197	7,800	47,851
September	32,567	5,976	3,497	2,217	188	7,964	52,409
October	32,451	6,247	2,955	2,239	134	8,163	52,189
November	34,016	7,166	3,095	2,070	134	8,943	55,424
December	31,146	6,966	2,345	2,142	136	8,010	50,745
January	30,098	6,244	2,037	1,033	100	7,746	47,258
February	31,916	6,451	2,126	1,160	137	7,870	49,660
March	30,793	6,345	2,359	1,194	93	6,996	47,780
April	31,704	6,356	2,085	1,102	63	6,832	48,142
May	32,536	7,079	2,318	1,736	165	7,299	51,133
June	32,511	6,945	2,144	1,759	113	6,961	50,433
<i>1995-96 p--</i>							
July	31,736	7,034	1,871	1,954	132	7,056	49,783
August	32,377	7,208	2,014	3,561	85	7,226	52,471
September	32,333	7,046	2,416	4,319	55	7,389	53,558

(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>								Pork	Bacon and ham(d)	Canned meat(e)
	<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>			
1992-93	80,979	739,863	2,087	5,361	80,195	77,394	46,681	5,537	6,974	128	7,270
1993-94	62,662	742,390	1,342	5,818	97,851	70,959	52,719	5,226	5,855	204	10,354
1994-95 p	59,770	716,512	1,983	6,920	103,243	65,287	47,695	4,594	6,262	160	11,531
<i>1994-95 p--</i>											
July	3,509	61,154	117	784	6,011	4,126	6,114	398	666	3	810
August	4,382	59,166	202	855	6,332	4,155	4,299	405	582	9	553
September	7,455	63,245	416	774	10,420	5,454	4,268	535	520	2	980
October	8,603	69,899	229	1,194	13,268	5,633	3,920	387	734	20	701
November	6,405	72,328	177	944	13,527	6,172	3,738	254	678	4	816
December	4,596	55,064	138	633	10,232	6,954	4,564	407	543	9	1,154
January	2,659	49,052	38	291	6,765	5,006	2,777	259	426	24	1,012
February	3,604	50,481	104	305	7,035	6,056	3,602	313	363	3	981
March	3,402	61,513	136	325	8,415	6,369	4,360	376	270	7	1,369
April	4,441	56,136	94	183	7,992	5,683	4,190	502	462	24	1,152
May	5,155	59,465	184	275	7,336	5,077	3,578	369	524	19	899
June	5,560	59,010	147	357	5,908	4,601	2,284	390	493	37	1,105
<i>1995-96 p--</i>											
July	5,428	67,545	126	638	5,248	3,850	2,410	432	573	18	1,144
August	3,905	54,281	144	677	4,244	4,176	2,592	444	631	25	1,634
September	4,342	57,661	190	668	5,341	4,390	3,470	606	394	15	1,194
<i>3 Months ended</i>											
<i>September --</i>											
1994	15,346	183,565	735	2,414	22,764	13,735	14,681	1,338	1,768	14	2,343
1995 p	13,674	179,487	459	1,983	14,833	12,416	8,473	1,483	1,598	58	3,972

(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) (\$)
1992-93	5,097.1	270.5	121,933	23.92
1993-94	5,429.8	287.4	148,907	27.42
1994-95 p	5,533.6	283.6	179,086	32.36
<i>1994-95 p—</i>				
July	527.7	26.1	16,552	31.37
August	327.0	16.2	10,591	32.38
September	311.3	15.5	9,894	31.79
October	417.4	21.7	12,358	29.61
November	563.6	30.6	15,053	26.71
December	477.2	25.3	14,448	30.27
January	610.6	32.2	19,355	31.70
February	534.6	27.2	17,886	33.45
March	516.4	27.0	17,116	33.14
April	648.9	33.0	23,176	35.71
May	373.7	18.0	14,001	37.46
June	225.0	10.8	8,656	38.47
<i>1995-96 p—</i>				
July	607.0	30.5	25,311	41.70
August	495.8	24.1	20,974	42.30
September	413.4	21.1	16,567	40.08
<i>3 Months ended September—</i>				
1994	1,166.0	57.9	37,037	31.76
1995 p	1,516.2	75.6	62,852	41.45

(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) (\$)
1992-93	148.6	50.4	69,847	470.19
1993-94	234.7	79.9	115,020	489.97
1994-95 p	385.7	136.5	201,948	523.52
<i>1994-95 p—</i>				
July	22.7	7.1	10,882	480.14
August	27.6	9.4	13,144	476.27
September	29.5	10.3	13,382	454.18
October	23.9	8.9	11,624	485.41
November	33.5	11.2	17,523	523.78
December	36.0	13.1	18,349	509.02
January	29.3	11.3	16,403	559.33
February	27.8	10.9	15,892	571.74
March	31.6	11.3	16,651	527.03
April	34.8	12.7	17,955	515.37
May	41.6	13.8	23,456	563.59
June	47.4	16.6	26,687	563.05
<i>1995-96 p—</i>				
July	49.5	17.5	27,432	554.64
August	47.8	16.1	26,787	560.53
September	36.9	12.1	20,343	550.73
<i>3 Months ended September</i>				
1994	79.7	26.8	37,408	469.21
1995 p	134.2	45.7	74,562	555.66

(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>
1992-93	117,085.9	78,614.7	52,454.7	25,396.6	30,575.8	304,127.8
1993-94	129,735.5	85,797.9	54,133.1	28,376.4	31,481.8	329,524.7
1994-95 p	134,719.4	79,799.4	56,057.2	28,778.9	33,938.6	333,293.5
<i>1994-95 p—</i>						
August	10,540.9	6,105.1	4,437.8	2,163.8	2,540.8	25,788.4
September	11,958.6	6,364.0	4,794.5	2,382.4	2,838.4	28,337.9
October	10,864.4	6,874.2	4,999.3	2,507.6	2,836.8	28,082.3
November	10,463.1	5,882.2	4,350.1	2,223.5	2,721.8	25,640.7
December	16,298.6	9,646.3	4,618.1	2,427.1	3,417.8	36,407.9
January	8,343.6	6,548.4	4,931.4	2,521.4	2,920.3	25,265.0
February	10,820.8	6,200.2	4,418.4	2,303.7	2,725.7	26,468.8
March	12,385.8	6,731.2	4,847.0	2,610.5	2,678.9	29,253.4
April	10,444.0	6,520.6	4,605.5	2,782.3	2,742.9	27,095.2
May	10,389.2	6,208.8	4,412.3	2,141.7	2,725.6	25,877.6
June	11,051.0	6,305.2	4,618.3	2,189.9	2,879.0	27,043.4
<i>1995-96 p</i>						
July	11,164.2	6,528.3	5,408.1	2,420.8	3,040.6	28,562.1
August	10,753.6	5,966.2	4,428.5	2,057.1	2,593.9	25,799.4
September	11,331.8	6,547.5	4,826.6	2,226.2	2,896.9	27,829.1
October	10,537.9	6,435.3	4,112.7	2,178.6	3,069.4	26,333.9
<i>4 Months ended October—</i>						
1994	44,523.5	25,756.5	19,256.0	9,578.7	11,126.7	110,241.4
1995 p	43,787.5	25,477.4	18,776.0	8,882.8	11,600.8	108,524.4

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

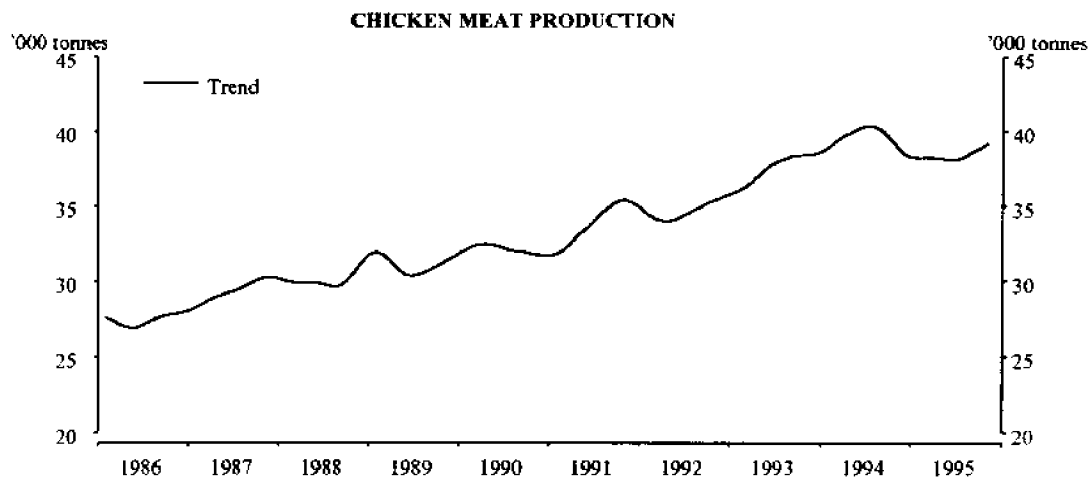
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Aust.(b)</i>	<i>Trend estimate(c)</i>
1992-93	176,465	114,587	67,305	38,619	37,740	414,716	..
1993-94	193,137	123,529	72,000	40,671	39,386	468,722	..
1994-95 p	195,195	111,020	74,477	39,032	42,007	461,729	..
<i>1994-95 p—</i>							
August	15,484	8,947	6,004	2,750	3,167	36,353	40,078
September	18,426	9,126	6,372	3,284	3,475	40,682	39,547
October	16,157	9,574	6,706	3,209	3,428	39,074	38,956
November	15,370	8,051	5,692	2,845	3,372	35,331	38,474
December	18,354	9,944	5,858	3,321	4,259	41,737	38,235
January	12,702	8,879	6,421	3,491	3,644	35,136	38,191
February	16,211	9,222	5,879	3,168	3,316	37,796	38,252
March	19,072	9,995	6,437	3,563	3,315	42,383	38,216
April	15,352	9,294	5,896	3,928	3,353	37,823	38,156
May	15,342	8,921	5,898	3,028	3,426	36,615	38,050
June	16,026	8,835	6,141	2,933	3,640	37,575	38,097
<i>1995-96 p—</i>							
July	16,385	9,180	7,153	3,465	3,812	39,996	38,285
August	15,976	9,350	5,550	2,656	3,249	36,781	38,598
September	16,867	9,703	6,210	3,111	3,538	39,429	38,859
October	15,394	9,381	5,277	2,961	3,896	36,909	39,219
<i>4 Months ended October—</i>							
1994	66,765	37,877	26,256	12,754	13,681	157,333	..
1995 p	64,623	37,615	24,189	12,193	14,495	153,115	..

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

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

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



**RELIABILITY OF OCTOBER TREND ESTIMATES
FOR CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCTION**

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 chicken meat production for the six months ended October:

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for November of 4% on the October figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for November of 4% on the October figure.

The percentage change of 4% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 4.14%.

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted November estimate</i>	
		+4%	-4%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
<i>1994-95p</i>			
May	38,050	38,082	38,139
June	38,097	38,142	38,243
<i>1995-96p</i>			
July	38,285	38,314	38,364
August	38,598	38,556	38,423
September	38,859	38,701	38,262
October	39,219	38,669	37,842
November		38,417	37,170

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
1992-93	997	4,456	702	436	324	413	7,327	..	..
1993-94	1,098	4,967	764	456	344	447	8,077	..	..
1994-95 p	1,087	5,113	741	484	343	436	8,206	..	..
<i>1994-95 p---</i>									
July	89	238	61	37	31	10	466	708	708
August	92	368	63	41	33	20	618	697	704
September	96	565	64	47	33	44	849	701	700
October	101	700	66	53	33	63	1,016	694	695
November	96	688	62	49	28	66	988	695	688
December	96	626	64	46	26	62	919	688	678
January	97	513	65	42	26	46	789	659	667
February	86	391	58	34	25	36	630	662	661
March	89	340	65	33	28	34	589	653	661
April	81	248	57	32	27	25	469	654	670
May	82	224	57	35	28	19	443	671	684
June	82	213	59	36	28	12	430	734	698
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	87	245	62	39	31	10	474	721	710
August	92	373	63	45	32	19	623	703	719
September	95	586	65	51	32	46	874	722	726
<i>3 Months ended September --</i>									
1994	277	1,172	189	125	96	74	1,933	..	..
1995 p	273	1,204	189	134	94	75	1,971	..	..

(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)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.
1992-93	599	449	348	153	177	51	1,777
1993-94	607	454	356	159	181	53	1,811
1994-95 p	605	452	368	167	188	52	1,832
<i>1994-95 p---</i>							
July	51	38	31	14	15	5	154
August	52	39	32	14	16	5	157
September	50	38	30	14	16	5	152
October	52	38	31	14	15	5	154
November	50	37	30	14	15	4	151
December	49	37	31	15	15	4	150
January	50	36	30	14	16	4	150
February	47	35	29	13	15	4	142
March	52	39	33	15	17	5	160
April	50	37	30	13	15	4	149
May	53	40	32	14	17	4	159
June	51	39	31	13	16	4	154
<i>1995-96 p</i>							
July	53	38	32	13	15	4	156
August	52	40	32	14	16	4	158
September	51	38	31	13	15	4	152
<i>3 Months ended September --</i>							
1994	152	115	93	42	47	14	463
1995 p	155	115	95	41	47	13	466

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



**RELIABILITY OF SEPTEMBER 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 September:

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

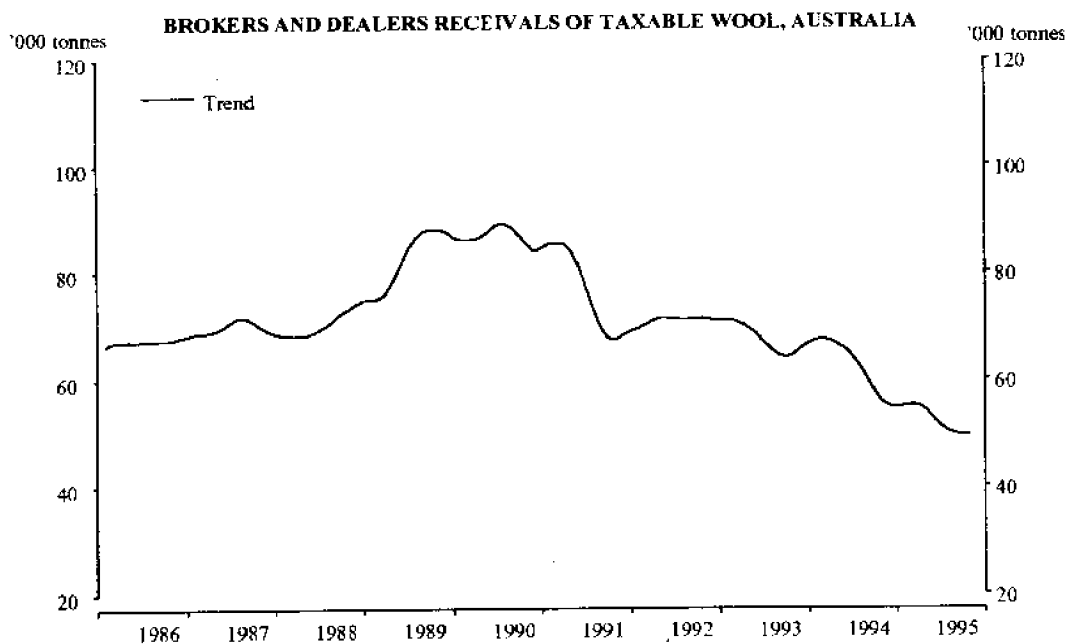
The percentage change of 2% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 1.97%.

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted September estimate</i>	
		+2%	-2%
(million litres)			
<i>1994-95p</i>			
April	670	670	670
May	684	683	684
June	698	698	698
<i>1995-96p</i>			
July	710	711	709
August	719	720	716
September	726	728	720
October	—	733	721

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tax.	Total	Australia		
								% of Total received by brokers	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(a)
1992-93	252,176	203,572	57,998	109,322	203,626	17,384	844,077	83.3	..	..
1993-94	206,222	190,047	55,110	102,340	212,266	18,633	784,618	81.0	..	..
1994-95 p	176,049	170,304	51,662	86,855	173,368	17,417	675,595	83.8	..	..
<i>1994-95 p</i>										
August	22,047	19,323	6,788	11,213	24,758	1,454	85,582	86.8	58,131	60,049
September	26,118	28,377	5,884	15,670	29,327	1,820	107,196	86.9	64,687	57,680
October	21,346	25,639	4,065	12,518	22,108	1,940	87,616	85.8	54,142	55,727
November	18,205	23,085	2,605	9,398	15,205	2,983	71,481	82.5	48,458	54,784
December	11,065	16,174	1,693	4,268	6,496	1,609	41,303	79.6	54,476	54,597
January	9,794	8,682	2,234	4,071	10,640	1,710	37,130	83.9	54,975	54,810
February	12,290	10,725	3,774	6,100	15,184	812	48,885	84.0	59,363	55,046
March	13,083	10,837	5,161	7,392	16,114	726	53,313	82.2	56,736	54,940
April	8,811	6,625	3,768	5,219	9,478	699	34,599	81.1	53,410	54,095
May	9,270	6,122	4,476	3,716	6,898	1,697	32,179	81.6	46,436	52,549
June	9,162	5,612	4,864	2,430	5,138	571	27,778	78.5	56,395	51,125
<i>1995-96 p —</i>										
July	11,762	6,113	4,989	4,501	9,649	827	37,841	81.6	48,812	50,229
August	17,212	14,927	5,528	10,519	22,440	1,460	72,086	88.3	50,315	49,728
September	17,988	20,505	4,778	12,769	19,632	1,500	77,172	87.8	46,179	49,456
October	19,005	29,713	3,637	13,022	21,137	1,776	88,291	88.7	52,203	49,484
<i>4 Months ended October —</i>										
1994	84,370	82,441	23,088	44,261	88,155	6,610	328,926	86.4	..	..
1995 p	65,966	71,258	18,932	40,812	72,858	5,564	275,390	88.3	..	..

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



**RELIABILITY OF OCTOBER 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 receivals of taxable wool for the six months ended October:

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for November of 9% on the October figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for November of 9% on the October 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 9.40%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted October estimate</i>	
		+9%	-9%
		(tonnes)	
<i>1994-95p</i>			
May	52,549	52,404	52,593
June	51,125	50,826	51,159
<i>1995-96p</i>			
July	50,229	50,074	50,240
August	49,728	50,154	49,714
September	49,456	50,727	49,274
October	49,484	51,622	48,883
November		52,820	48,687

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. Since July 1994 the definition of livestock categories between States has been standardised.

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

Live sheep and cattle exports

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

Milk

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

Wool receivals

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

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

Seasonal adjustment

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

Trend Estimates and Sensitivity Analysis

10. A trend estimate is obtained by reducing the irregular component from the seasonally adjusted series. In this publication trend estimates are

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

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

Related publications

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

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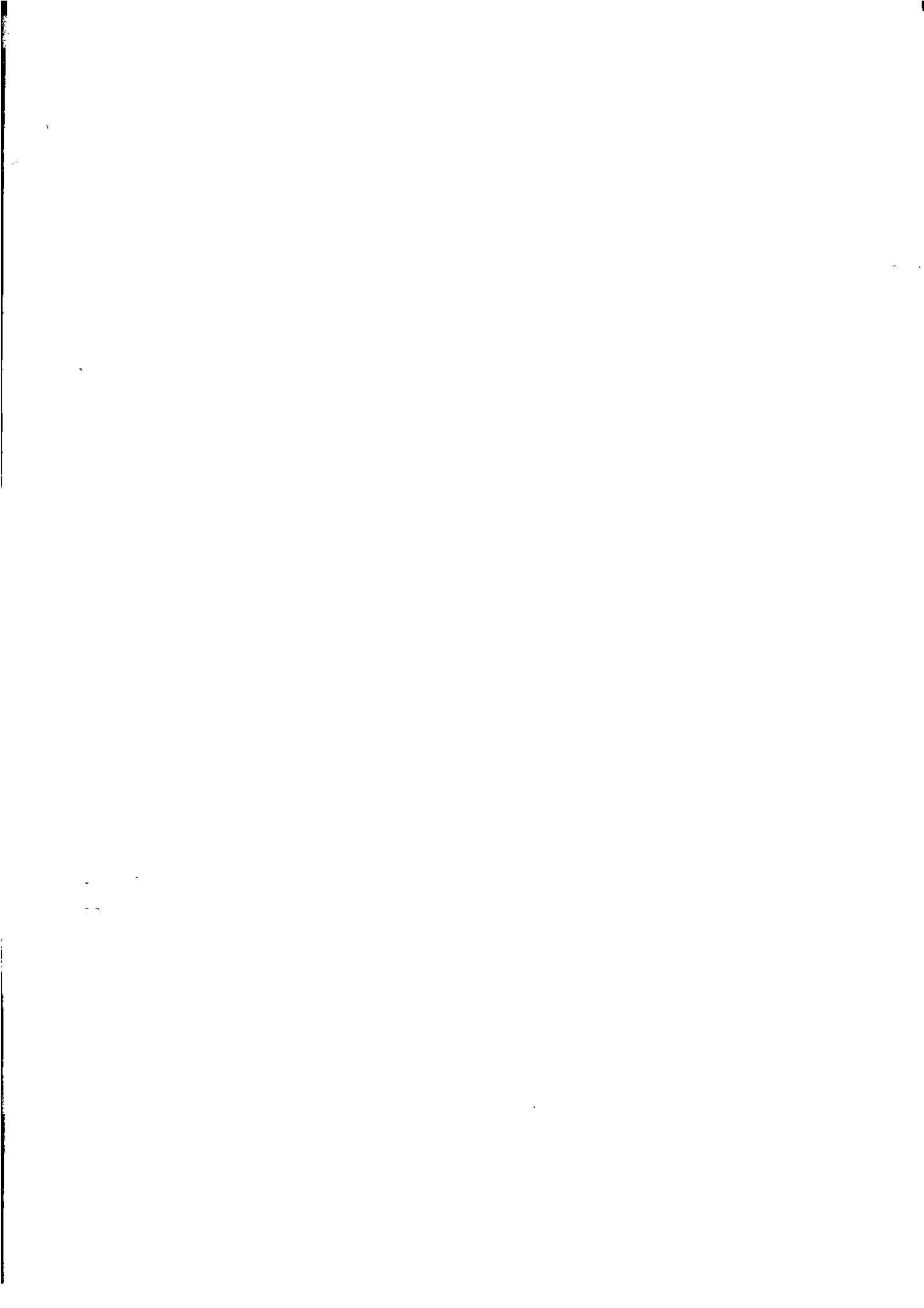
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