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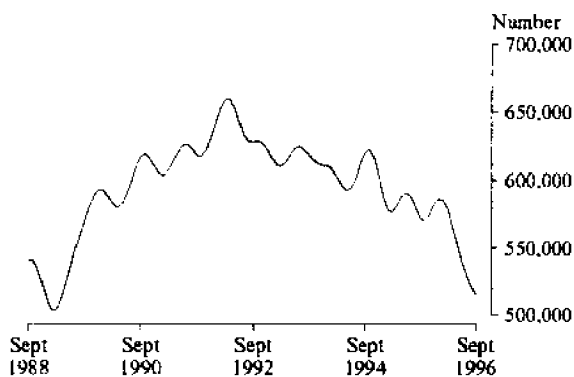
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 1996

MAIN FEATURES

Livestock Slaughterings

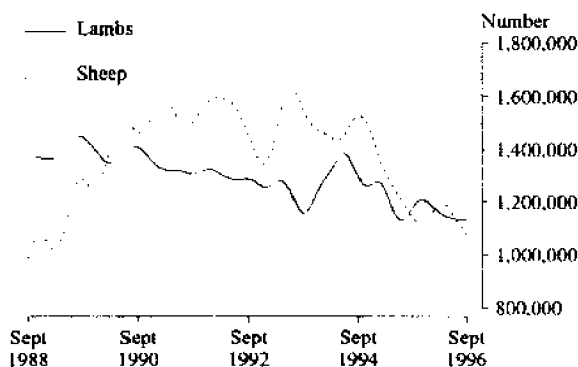
The trend estimate for cattle slaughterings continued to steadily decline, falling marginally in September 1996. This is the eighth consecutive month in which a fall has occurred, and the trend estimate is 12.1% below the peak in January 1996. The trend estimate for calves continued to rise steadily and is 18.6% above the last trough in March 1996.

CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series



The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings fell 2.1% in September 1996 and is 9.7% below the last peak in April 1996. The trend estimate for lamb slaughterings increased marginally for the first time in nine months. It is 6.0% below the last peak, in November 1995.

SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series



The trend estimate for pig slaughterings in September 1996 continued to decline at a steady rate and is 12.5% lower than the last peak in November 1994.

Red Meat

In September 1996, the trend estimate for total red meat production fell for the eighth consecutive month. This estimate is 11.5% below the last peak in January 1996. The trend estimate for beef production also fell in September 1996 for the eighth consecutive month and is 14.5% below the last peak in January 1996. The trend estimate for mutton production fell 2.4% in September 1996 and is 11.8% below the last peak in March 1996. The trend estimate for lamb production rose marginally for the first time in ten months. However it is 7.0% below the last peak in November 1995. The trend estimate for pigmeat production continued to decline at a steady rate. The estimate is now 12.0% lower than the last peak in May 1995.

Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production rose marginally for the fourth consecutive month, and is 4.5% above the last trough in May 1996.

Whole Milk Intake

In August 1996, the trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories fell marginally for the first time in nine months. However it is 9.7% above the last trough in November 1995.

Wool Receivals by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receivals by brokers and dealers fell 3.3% in September 1996. This is the sixth consecutive month in which a fall has occurred, and the trend estimate is 15.5% below the last peak in March 1996.

Live Exports

In August 1996 the number of live sheep exported rose by 43.9% to 394,800. The unit value (\$36.49) rose 0.5% and the gross value (\$14.4 million) rose 44.5%.

Live cattle exports rose 3.4% to 72,600 in August 1996. The unit value(\$480.92) decreased 5.4%, while the gross value (\$34.9 million) decreased 2.2%.

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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)									
1993-94	1,008.5	772.0	1,700.5	199.0	271.2	101.8	4,070.0	..	..
1994-95 r	1,105.6	782.7	1,597.1	206.1	244.0	111.2	4,056.6	..	..
1995-96 p	1,025.4	949.8	1,382.2	186.4	233.3	99.2	3,896.2	..	..
<i>1995-96 p---</i>									
July	74.8	68.9	134.9	7.6	17.1	8.1	312.8	328.0	331.6
August	88.0	69.4	159.6	11.4	18.7	5.0	358.0	330.3	326.3
September	78.5	63.0	153.0	19.4	17.4	5.6	338.9	340.6	320.0
October	78.1	80.4	110.2	21.6	21.2	7.0	320.7	298.0	316.2
November	85.7	85.0	137.3	22.9	28.1	8.8	370.0	322.8	317.3
December	66.6	77.2	93.0	15.3	22.8	9.5	285.8	325.4	322.8
January	83.6	89.1	57.3	16.9	19.3	11.2	277.6	330.6	329.9
February	93.1	87.9	95.3	18.4	19.8	8.6	323.6	336.5	335.2
March	98.0	86.6	118.2	16.8	18.8	9.0	347.7	343.3	337.0
April	85.6	78.1	108.5	11.9	16.5	6.6	307.6	328.8	333.2
May	102.8	91.7	115.8	13.1	17.3	10.8	352.5	325.1	324.8
June	90.6	72.7	99.2	11.1	16.4	9.1	300.9	322.9	313.5
<i>1996-97 p--</i>									
July	89.8	82.2	107.1	10.2	14.3	7.6	312.7	309.2	301.1
August	84.3	66.2	99.7	9.6	15.5	6.4	284.2	269.8	288.8
September	85.4	57.9	102.8	12.8	17.8	5.8	284.7	273.0	277.6
COWS AND HEIFERS (a)									
1993-94	979.4	622.0	1,081.4	201.4	167.6	85.2	3,220.1	..	..
1994-95 r	943.4	684.6	960.7	218.1	186.4	96.7	3,163.4	..	..
1995-96 p	938.6	568.3	875.4	194.9	192.5	85.7	2,934.5	..	..
<i>1995-96 p---</i>									
July	75.0	44.6	76.0	13.1	12.0	5.8	232.3	241.5	256.2
August	83.6	44.6	90.4	16.0	15.1	4.8	262.2	256.5	253.6
September	79.1	43.2	86.7	17.2	17.6	4.4	259.5	253.3	252.6
October	77.1	51.2	67.0	16.2	16.6	6.3	241.8	247.1	254.4
November	84.2	57.3	68.8	18.0	15.6	7.1	258.2	258.7	257.3
December	67.7	48.5	51.5	14.0	17.2	7.6	212.1	258.0	258.7
January	79.3	59.0	40.3	21.1	18.7	6.8	229.7	265.7	256.4
February	83.5	57.9	74.1	18.3	22.7	7.8	268.2	255.7	250.2
March	73.6	45.0	86.2	15.7	17.7	8.9	250.7	244.7	241.7
April	70.1	37.4	73.2	14.1	13.3	6.4	218.3	225.0	233.6
May	93.3	43.1	78.4	17.7	13.8	10.7	265.1	218.7	228.8
June	72.1	36.3	82.8	13.5	12.1	9.0	236.5	227.1	228.0
<i>1996-97 p--</i>									
July	71.3	36.5	86.3	13.2	12.6	5.5	236.8	228.2	230.1
August	65.2	51.8	77.6	13.8	15.3	4.2	238.3	239.9	233.5
September	70.9	57.9	69.5	14.1	17.4	4.0	240.6	245.0	237.8

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
TOTAL CATTLE (excludes calves) (a)									
1993-94	1,987.9	1,393.9	2,781.8	400.3	438.8	187.0	7,290.1	..	..
1994-95 r	2,049.0	1,467.3	2,557.8	424.3	430.5	207.9	7,220.0	..	..
1995-96 p	1,964.0	1,518.2	2,257.6	381.3	425.8	184.9	6,830.7	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	149.9	113.5	210.9	20.7	29.2	13.9	545.1	569.6	587.8
August	171.6	114.0	250.0	27.4	33.8	9.8	620.2	586.8	580.0
September	157.5	106.2	239.7	36.6	35.0	10.0	598.4	563.9	572.6
October	155.3	131.6	177.2	37.8	37.8	13.3	562.5	545.1	570.6
November	169.9	142.3	206.0	40.9	43.8	15.9	628.2	581.5	574.5
December	134.3	125.7	144.6	29.3	40.0	17.2	497.9	583.4	581.5
January	162.9	148.1	97.6	37.9	38.0	17.9	507.3	596.3	586.3
February	176.7	145.8	169.4	36.7	42.6	16.4	591.7	592.2	585.4
March	171.5	131.6	204.4	32.6	36.4	17.9	598.3	588.0	578.7
April	155.8	115.5	181.7	26.0	29.8	13.0	525.9	553.7	566.8
May	196.1	134.8	194.1	30.8	31.1	21.5	617.6	543.8	553.5
June	162.6	109.1	182.0	24.5	28.4	18.1	537.4	550.1	541.5
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	161.1	118.8	193.4	23.4	27.0	13.1	549.5	537.4	531.2
August	149.5	118.0	177.3	23.4	30.8	10.6	522.5	509.6	522.3
September	156.3	115.8	172.3	26.9	35.2	9.9	525.3	518.0	515.4
CALVES									
1993-94	221.4	583.4	148.7	8.8	4.4	23.2	991.6	..	..
1994-95 r	248.3	635.6	117.1	12.0	3.8	28.8	1,047.7	..	..
1995-96 p	244.6	596.3	86.3	13.2	2.8	41.7	986.5	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	18.9	81.6	9.6	1.1	0.3	1.1	112.6	87.8	82.5
August	24.2	137.0	8.9	1.4	0.3	14.0	185.8	72.3	82.7
September	19.8	119.3	7.3	1.2	0.2	16.6	164.6	87.6	83.1
October	18.5	53.8	7.4	1.0	0.2	5.3	86.3	82.4	83.4
November	23.1	19.9	6.7	0.8	0.2	0.8	51.7	83.5	83.4
December	13.7	9.7	5.6	0.6	0.2	0.5	30.5	86.5	83.1
January	21.2	7.7	6.4	0.7	0.3	0.1	36.4	82.5	82.5
February	20.6	5.3	6.4	0.6	0.2	0.1	33.4	79.3	81.5
March	21.2	9.8	7.2	1.4	0.2	0.2	40.2	79.4	80.7
April	19.0	28.1	6.7	1.8	0.2	0.9	56.8	83.3	81.0
May	24.5	47.7	7.6	1.4	0.2	1.4	83.2	81.5	82.5
June	20.0	76.3	6.4	1.2	0.3	0.7	105.0	84.7	85.3
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	22.1	82.9	7.0	1.4	0.3	1.8	115.6	83.0	88.7
August	23.9	182.7	10.1	1.5	0.4	13.5	232.1	95.9	92.3
September	18.2	140.0	5.2	1.4	0.6	16.7	182.1	101.0	95.7

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	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
SHEEP									
1993-94	6,066.9	3,975.9	1,046.2	3,078.3	2,952.2	526.1	17,830.6
1994-95	6,577.8	3,229.6	770.9	3,114.4	2,438.1	569.3	16,849.9	..	..
1995-96 p	5,657.9	2,486.2	748.7	2,247.9	2,266.8	390.2	13,929.2	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	452.8	150.0	51.9	87.4	145.0	18.6	916.3	1,211.5	1,199.1
August	437.3	160.7	55.9	128.0	191.2	18.2	1,001.9	1,219.3	1,172.6
September	434.3	197.4	57.2	189.7	161.6	18.0	1,068.4	1,122.1	1,145.8
October	524.5	279.5	54.3	206.9	194.9	25.5	1,295.2	1,157.7	1,126.7
November	411.0	279.3	57.8	282.4	233.4	36.5	1,314.4	1,113.6	1,120.5
December	398.0	208.8	48.9	168.0	196.2	44.8	1,073.7	1,012.9	1,128.6
January	503.3	247.2	63.1	237.2	199.0	43.6	1,304.5	1,180.1	1,147.7
February	535.4	260.9	63.6	277.5	195.5	39.8	1,384.1	1,237.9	1,171.7
March	555.7	219.4	79.7	242.2	193.6	40.6	1,342.0	1,204.5	1,190.6
April	515.8	196.0	67.2	154.0	183.1	31.4	1,158.5	1,186.5	1,194.3
May	495.4	158.4	83.1	144.1	206.5	42.5	1,143.4	1,134.7	1,180.7
June	394.5	128.6	65.9	130.5	166.7	30.6	926.6	1,201.2	1,155.1
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	403.8	123.6	89.3	106.2	175.3	22.9	930.7	1,151.7	1,128.3
August	365.1	105.4	72.9	112.2	200.7	12.2	874.7	1,085.1	1,101.6
September	377.1	112.4	75.9	148.7	211.7	13.2	944.8	1,036.1	1,078.4
LAMBS									
1993-94	3,991.7	5,600.8	742.5	2,363.8	1,553.2	437.8	15,040.1	..	..
1994-95	4,133.7	6,303.2	608.7	1,914.8	1,263.7	477.2	15,089.5	..	..
1995-96 p	3,482.4	5,933.8	680.5	1,907.4	1,302.7	410.0	14,037.0	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	274.3	449.5	59.0	97.5	53.5	25.6	981.4	1,101.8	1,134.0
August	324.1	494.8	68.1	167.0	92.3	27.3	1,204.0	1,135.3	1,152.4
September	306.5	524.5	55.9	214.0	149.6	29.0	1,307.3	1,240.8	1,176.5
October	308.9	614.9	62.6	223.6	153.1	28.6	1,418.6	1,208.7	1,197.9
November	272.7	577.4	49.2	200.4	127.4	34.9	1,295.3	1,206.4	1,208.2
December	240.2	485.2	47.0	140.3	79.2	40.5	1,056.5	1,187.2	1,204.8
January	284.5	498.1	59.6	129.5	74.9	38.9	1,118.1	1,204.2	1,191.6
February	287.5	464.2	57.9	162.9	88.6	40.4	1,127.1	1,179.0	1,176.0
March	300.4	453.8	67.1	167.3	110.3	41.2	1,162.6	1,149.3	1,161.7
April	318.7	459.1	58.5	144.3	114.4	30.7	1,150.5	1,156.4	1,150.5
May	297.0	508.2	48.4	162.1	141.5	39.7	1,225.1	1,134.2	1,141.8
June	267.7	404.1	47.0	98.6	117.8	33.1	990.3	1,127.9	1,136.7
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	319.2	428.5	62.0	100.3	145.3	26.0	1,103.4	1,152.6	1,134.6
August	335.3	438.2	73.5	103.3	121.6	21.6	1,115.1	1,109.1	1,134.4
September	355.9	456.5	53.9	146.4	151.6	26.2	1,207.8	1,157.2	1,136.1

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>	<i>Seas- onally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate(b)</i>
	PIGS								
1993-94	1,490.9	1,188.5	1,207.9	562.1	550.4	95.8	5,190.2
1994-95 r	1,505.4	1,196.9	1,154.4	469.6	604.1	92.9	5,119.6	..	..
1995-96 p	1,414.8	1,140.3	1,073.7	389.2	571.4	81.8	4,754.6	..	..
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	117.9	87.9	86.5	33.4	52.6	6.5	391.9	406.9	415.0
August	120.2	100.5	96.1	37.5	52.4	7.3	422.4	404.4	411.1
September	127.0	93.2	97.5	32.4	50.5	7.1	414.8	409.3	407.1
October	114.1	97.1	85.0	30.8	48.7	6.1	388.5	401.1	403.9
November	118.0	96.3	90.1	38.5	47.0	6.9	404.9	397.9	401.8
December	138.0	101.2	95.4	29.2	41.8	8.4	420.6	410.0	400.3
January	108.5	90.3	79.0	30.6	39.9	6.1	361.6	398.0	397.6
February	107.1	92.4	87.1	33.6	47.2	6.3	379.9	392.3	394.0
March	113.9	92.9	96.0	28.0	48.6	7.2	392.8	389.4	390.8
April	107.1	94.4	80.9	28.4	46.6	6.0	369.4	386.3	388.3
May	125.0	107.1	89.5	37.3	51.2	7.3	425.0	385.5	386.4
June	117.8	86.9	90.7	29.6	44.9	6.6	383.0	380.5	384.8
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	118.2	102.7	87.6	35.9	49.2	6.8	406.9	397.8	382.8
August	113.5	91.7	81.2	34.5	44.5	5.9	377.9	374.6	380.5
September	122.0	91.7	73.4	26.6	43.3	5.9	368.1	372.5	378.2

(a) Domesticated buffaloes slaughtered in the Northern Territory are included in Australian totals. (b) Trend estimates for the most recent months are subject to revision when data for subsequent months become available.

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
BEEF (c)									
1993-94	466,387	315,279	742,701	94,395	101,513	47,458	1,786,224	..	..
1994-95 r	471,183	335,059	697,750	99,108	97,140	49,907	1,765,607	..	..
1995-96 p	458,701	348,201	608,963	90,958	97,059	44,812	1,667,470	..	..
<i>1995-96 p--</i>									
July	34,180	25,310	57,540	3,526	6,151	3,569	131,553	138,557	141,551
August	39,259	23,804	68,083	6,588	7,515	2,312	150,288	139,611	140,243
September	36,128	23,831	64,916	8,850	7,872	2,354	146,288	141,360	139,146
October	34,610	30,513	47,280	9,382	9,292	3,151	136,074	133,537	139,251
November	41,090	33,548	57,379	9,908	10,283	3,846	157,806	141,152	140,590
December	31,339	28,778	40,111	7,036	9,066	4,145	121,743	142,209	142,455
January	38,019	34,722	26,817	9,208	8,359	4,467	122,583	144,271	143,689
February	42,187	33,838	46,359	9,065	9,719	4,122	146,045	146,356	143,567
March	41,591	30,612	54,511	8,091	8,297	4,175	148,052	146,115	141,792
April	36,419	26,871	48,215	6,352	6,984	3,012	128,669	135,286	138,426
May	46,448	31,202	50,664	7,037	7,037	5,230	149,355	131,755	134,351
June	37,431	25,172	47,089	5,913	6,485	4,429	129,015	131,253	130,550
<i>1996-97 p--</i>									
July	37,215	27,058	50,742	5,342	5,862	3,203	131,876	129,310	127,353
August	34,594	26,345	46,437	5,292	6,857	2,564	124,546	120,283	124,739
September	35,870	25,816	45,380	6,772	8,039	2,353	125,880	125,366	122,832
VFAL									
1993-94	17,551	13,466	6,352	302	296	515	38,581	..	..
1994-95 r	16,677	14,428	4,918	433	250	977	37,810	..	..
1995-96 p	16,292	12,798	3,336	396	187	1,091	34,192	..	..
<i>1995-96 p--</i>									
July	1,286	1,642	425	31	17	30	3,438	2,904	2,886
August	1,659	2,773	357	39	19	353	5,208	2,811	2,934
September	1,327	2,416	274	36	16	418	4,494	3,090	2,976
October	1,299	1,170	292	32	16	141	2,957	2,956	2,996
November	1,482	496	263	25	17	24	2,317	3,059	2,982
December	857	295	219	21	17	17	1,432	2,951	2,948
January	1,448	251	229	22	16	4	1,979	2,865	2,892
February	1,385	211	241	21	14	5	1,883	2,794	2,808
March	1,411	291	270	41	11	9	2,041	2,799	2,725
April	1,259	654	242	48	11	26	2,246	2,688	2,690
May	1,619	1,032	289	43	14	42	3,053	2,685	2,721
June	1,261	1,567	233	38	19	21	3,146	2,606	2,813
<i>1996-97 p--</i>									
July	1,399	1,791	252	39	21	48	3,559	2,733	2,944
August	1,514	3,660	460	43	21	344	6,043	3,495	3,090
September	1,159	2,850	203	37	27	425	4,700	3,326	3,233

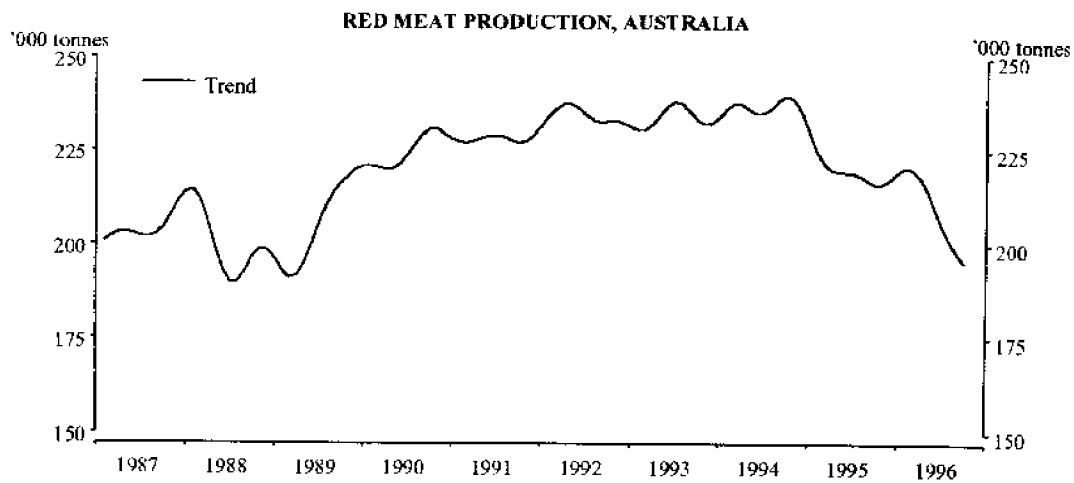
TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
MUTTON									
1993-94	127,582	85,010	21,282	71,354	61,731	9,992	380,720	..	..
1994-95	131,052	64,440	15,308	66,759	47,776	11,230	339,498	..	..
1995-96 p	120,880	50,912	14,545	52,714	44,737	8,283	294,759	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	9,155	2,978	1,002	1,967	2,779	389	18,493	24,901	24,439
August	9,000	3,240	1,083	3,061	3,822	378	20,826	25,290	24,260
September	9,267	4,092	1,131	4,525	3,094	372	22,667	23,420	24,060
October	11,505	5,850	1,086	5,002	3,875	529	28,027	24,894	23,953
November	9,003	5,902	1,095	7,065	4,518	797	28,675	23,601	24,013
December	8,863	4,363	998	3,906	3,926	983	23,207	21,842	24,256
January	11,479	5,080	1,276	5,711	3,995	937	28,692	25,889	24,630
February	11,331	5,324	1,253	6,320	3,851	852	29,168	26,117	25,042
March	11,688	4,398	1,547	5,468	3,839	860	28,026	25,273	25,291
April	10,940	3,952	1,280	3,523	3,600	657	24,182	25,192	25,201
May	10,393	3,158	1,556	3,286	4,166	892	23,735	23,925	24,766
June	8,256	2,575	1,237	2,880	3,271	638	19,060	25,080	24,113
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	8,325	2,431	1,732	2,424	3,407	475	18,998	23,836	23,465
August	7,568	2,146	1,467	2,504	3,904	249	17,967	22,258	22,847
September	8,197	2,240	1,570	3,485	4,066	270	19,952	21,681	22,310
LAMB									
1993-94	69,246	101,386	12,447	45,199	24,936	7,047	266,800	..	..
1994-95	71,738	111,202	10,621	36,147	18,955	8,412	264,565	..	..
1995-96 p	63,656	110,829	12,241	37,829	22,171	7,727	260,489	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	4,955	7,997	1,061	1,799	963	481	17,675	20,031	20,513
August	5,845	8,997	1,231	3,204	1,609	514	21,977	21,110	21,143
September	5,519	9,741	1,041	4,212	2,494	546	24,072	23,434	21,841
October	5,612	11,474	1,160	4,455	2,438	540	26,221	22,368	22,353
November	4,908	10,746	871	4,008	2,069	659	23,898	22,473	22,532
December	4,437	9,112	824	2,691	1,200	764	19,443	22,122	22,419
January	5,247	9,511	1,086	2,693	1,323	733	21,181	22,052	22,146
February	5,306	8,870	1,041	3,213	1,581	761	21,261	21,975	21,862
March	5,495	8,536	1,199	3,385	1,954	777	21,774	21,455	21,588
April	5,871	8,504	1,043	2,965	2,017	579	21,448	21,569	21,341
May	5,521	9,741	854	3,282	2,445	749	23,127	21,286	21,119
June	4,941	7,598	831	1,921	2,078	624	18,413	20,418	20,970
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	5,854	7,720	1,108	1,904	2,448	488	19,941	20,948	20,899
August	6,141	7,990	1,334	1,863	2,056	407	20,200	20,545	20,894
September	6,566	8,309	972	2,782	2,568	494	22,020	21,636	20,953

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
PIGMEAT									
1993-94	98,606	78,488	84,553	38,394	32,423	6,019	344,260	..	..
1994-95 r	102,175	84,728	83,143	32,063	37,109	5,982	351,299	..	..
1995-96 p	96,240	83,024	77,099	26,711	35,437	5,346	328,888	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	8,173	6,564	6,293	2,161	3,323	426	27,368	27,690	29,204
August	9,208	7,400	6,954	2,614	3,227	475	30,454	28,774	28,724
September	8,399	6,930	7,167	2,240	3,144	470	28,813	28,266	28,246
October	7,747	7,081	6,249	2,125	3,013	399	27,048	28,121	27,888
November	7,949	7,001	6,449	2,608	2,888	449	27,768	26,728	27,669
December	8,695	7,130	6,612	1,907	2,524	546	27,788	28,251	27,532
January	6,984	6,525	5,493	2,092	2,497	397	24,408	27,639	27,345
February	6,986	6,742	6,091	2,297	2,909	410	25,840	27,065	27,129
March	7,609	6,666	6,815	1,899	3,009	470	26,809	26,708	26,986
April	7,645	6,619	5,803	1,985	2,907	397	25,711	26,558	26,873
May	8,613	8,043	6,489	2,646	3,233	476	29,945	27,015	26,763
June	8,231	6,324	6,681	2,136	2,762	430	26,935	26,451	26,655
<i>1996-97 p -</i>									
July	8,241	7,427	6,504	2,561	2,900	443	28,454	27,214	26,504
August	7,834	6,596	6,049	2,454	2,924	385	26,917	26,371	26,306
September	7,493	6,648	5,425	1,900	2,999	384	25,378	25,288	26,096
TOTAL RED MEAT (c)									
1993-94	779,374	593,630	867,334	249,644	220,899	71,031	2,816,585	..	..
1994-95 r	792,826	609,857	811,740	234,511	201,230	76,509	2,758,779	..	..
1995-96 p	755,769	605,764	716,183	208,607	199,591	67,259	2,585,799	..	..
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	57,749	44,491	66,321	9,485	13,234	4,895	198,526	214,083	218,594
August	64,970	46,216	77,708	15,506	16,192	4,031	228,753	217,596	217,304
September	60,640	47,010	74,530	19,863	16,620	4,161	226,334	219,570	216,269
October	60,773	56,087	56,067	20,995	18,634	4,761	220,327	211,875	216,441
November	64,432	57,693	66,058	23,615	19,777	5,775	240,462	217,014	217,786
December	54,191	49,678	48,764	15,561	16,733	6,456	193,613	217,374	219,610
January	63,178	56,089	34,901	19,726	16,190	6,538	198,844	222,716	220,702
February	67,195	54,985	54,984	20,917	18,074	6,150	224,196	224,307	220,408
March	67,794	50,503	64,344	18,884	17,111	6,290	226,702	222,351	218,383
April	62,134	46,600	56,583	14,873	15,519	4,671	202,257	211,293	214,531
May	72,593	53,177	59,853	16,294	16,895	7,389	229,215	206,666	209,720
June	60,120	43,236	56,071	12,888	14,614	6,143	196,569	205,808	205,102
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	61,033	46,427	60,338	12,271	14,638	4,657	202,827	204,040	201,165
August	57,650	46,736	55,747	12,155	15,762	3,949	195,674	192,953	197,876
September	59,286	45,863	53,551	14,977	17,699	3,926	197,930	197,297	195,425

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



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

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 red meat production for the six months ended September:

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for October of 3% on the September figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for October of 3% on the September 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 3.12%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted September estimate</i>	
		+3%	-3%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1995-96p			
April	214,531	214,425	214,663
May	209,720	209,459	209,878
June	205,102	204,945	205,154
1996-97p			
July	201,165	201,650	201,098
August	197,876	199,505	197,682
September	195,425	198,174	194,738
October	—	197,910	192,725

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>1994-95 -</i>							
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	32,644	7,225	2,014	3,561	85	7,219	52,748
September	32,358	7,084	2,411	4,319	54	7,275	53,501
October	30,964	6,752	2,775	3,523	62	6,874	50,950
November	31,790	7,878	2,873	3,466	112	7,207	53,326
December	28,265	8,361	2,446	2,931	112	7,043	49,158
January	29,050	7,687	2,175	3,008	38	6,813	48,771
February	31,481	7,910	2,137	2,147	28	6,981	50,684
March	27,205	7,751	2,181	2,078	26	6,972	46,213
April	30,098	7,484	2,292	2,107	48	7,318	49,347
May	30,356	7,545	2,737	2,191	78	7,015	49,922
June	25,487	7,595	3,072	1,380	39	6,388	43,961
<i>1996-97 p--</i>							
July	22,492	7,081	2,785	1,054	18	6,022	39,452
August	22,304	7,502	3,175	1,593	15	5,866	40,455

(a) Held in cold stores registered to handle meat for export, and includes meat passed for export, canning and other purposes. Includes boneless and carcass meat.
(b) Includes buffalo meat.

TABLE 4. EXPORTS OF FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT(a), AUSTRALIA
(tonnes)

	<i>Fresh, chilled or frozen</i>										<i>Bacon and ham(d)</i>	<i>Canned meat(e)</i>
	<i>Beef(b)(c)</i>		<i>Veal(b)</i>		<i>Mutton(b)</i>		<i>Lamb(b)</i>		<i>Pork</i>			
	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>				
<i>1993-94</i>	62,662	742,390	1,342	5,818	97,851	70,959	52,719	5,226	5,855	204	10,354	
<i>1994-95</i>	59,811	716,750	1,983	6,920	103,259	65,380	48,539	4,595	5,496	160	11,531	
<i>1995-96p</i>	50,698	701,405	1,696	5,348	80,807	64,173	46,135	7,745	5,627	359	14,083	
<i>1994-95 -</i>												
June	5,581	59,167	148	357	5,908	4,617	2,396	390	452	37	1,105	
<i>1995-96 p--</i>												
July	5,429	67,711	126	645	5,254	3,867	2,524	433	507	18	1,151	
August	3,906	54,879	144	677	4,286	4,249	2,761	445	566	25	1,646	
September	4,905	61,517	209	735	5,552	4,575	3,687	631	445	15	1,197	
October	5,823	63,597	107	1,009	6,185	5,874	4,881	652	491	17	1,193	
November	6,113	59,490	116	416	7,796	7,333	5,001	727	681	1	1,485	
December	4,140	65,335	147	249	9,458	6,979	4,947	728	298	36	1,235	
January	2,221	40,679	195	76	6,970	5,398	3,036	424	219	--	851	
February	3,948	49,756	151	270	7,264	5,239	3,329	684	234	76	1,227	
March	5,639	70,646	154	324	9,632	5,791	4,358	754	431	48	1,599	
April	4,161	57,195	89	363	6,394	5,444	3,585	774	328	48	762	
May	2,965	56,238	173	377	6,365	4,965	3,955	855	515	24	877	
June	1,447	54,361	84	207	5,649	4,459	4,073	638	912	51	860	
<i>1996-97 p--</i>												
July	1,697	60,415	166	272	5,084	4,431	3,440	538	691	62	841	
August	3,548	49,747	105	344	4,692	3,010	2,690	558	514	3	888	

(a) Excludes offal. (b) Factors can be applied to beef, veal, mutton and lamb bone-out figures to derive bone-in carcass weight which, when added to bone-in figures, shows total exports in carcass weight. The factor for beef and veal is 1.5 and for mutton and lamb is 2.0 (Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation). (c) Includes buffalo meat. (d) Cured carcass weight of smoked or cooked bacon and ham. Includes stated net weight of packs of canned bacon and ham. (e) Canned weight. Excludes canned bacon and ham.

TABLE 5. EXPORTS OF LIVE SHEEP(a), AUSTRALIA

	Number (<i>'000</i>)	Gross Weight (<i>'000 tonnes</i>)	Gross Value (<i>\$ '000</i>)	Unit Value(b) (<i>\$</i>)
1993-94	5,429.8	287.4	148,907	27.42
1994-95	5,533.6	283.6	179,086	32.36
1995-96 p	5,874.4	296.6	226,461	38.55
<i>1994-95 --</i>				
June	225.0	10.8	8,656	38.47
<i>1995-96 p --</i>				
July	607.0	30.5	25,311	41.70
August	577.3	27.9	24,232	41.97
September	501.6	24.7	20,452	40.77
October	343.8	16.7	13,503	39.27
November	418.0	22.0	14,363	34.36
December	526.9	26.8	20,827	39.53
January	467.6	24.5	18,497	39.56
February	502.8	26.5	19,731	39.24
March	543.6	27.6	21,040	38.71
April	423.2	22.1	15,267	36.08
May	644.2	32.7	21,895	33.99
June	318.4	14.7	11,343	35.62
<i>1996-97 p</i>				
July	274.4	13.7	9,969	36.32
August	394.8	19.4	14,404	36.49

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

TABLE 6. EXPORTS OF LIVE CATTLE(a), AUSTRALIA

	Number (<i>'000</i>)	Gross Weight (<i>'000 tonnes</i>)	Gross Value (<i>\$ '000</i>)	Unit Value(b) (<i>\$</i>)
1993-94	234.7	79.9	115,020	489.97
1994-95	385.7	136.5	201,948	523.52
1995-96 p	617.6	219.6	344,633	558.00
<i>1994-95 --</i>				
June	47.4	16.6	26,687	563.05
<i>1995-96 p --</i>				
July	49.5	17.5	27,432	554.64
August	49.7	16.9	28,009	564.07
September	37.2	12.2	20,360	547.56
October	46.1	15.4	24,904	539.77
November	40.8	14.2	23,371	573.00
December	45.0	16.3	26,200	582.58
January	42.4	15.3	23,826	561.36
February	49.6	18.0	29,240	589.83
March	55.3	20.6	31,558	570.80
April	58.7	21.9	33,808	575.82
May	75.6	27.2	41,928	554.51
June	67.8	23.8	33,997	501.43
<i>1996-97 p --</i>				
July	70.2	25.4	35,688	508.17
August	72.6	24.5	34,911	480.92

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

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust.(b)
1993-94	129,735.5	85,797.9	54,133.1	28,376.4	31,481.8	329,524.7
1994-95	133,927.4	77,193.1	56,570.1	28,866.2	33,938.6	330,495.3
1995-96 p	133,756.4	78,440.5	55,333.1	26,948.2	34,931.2	329,409.3
<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	6,470.7	4,112.7	2,178.6	3,069.4	26,369.3
November	11,270.8	6,064.2	4,478.7	2,297.1	2,838.3	26,949.1
December	11,825.8	7,232.2	4,961.0	2,420.3	3,078.2	29,517.5
January	10,904.4	7,100.4	4,844.4	2,366.2	3,018.8	28,234.1
February	11,172.0	6,275.4	4,386.7	2,154.2	2,717.3	26,705.6
March	11,828.5	6,722.5	4,890.0	2,310.9	3,030.4	28,782.4
April	10,660.8	6,466.7	4,505.4	2,395.9	2,922.3	26,951.0
May	10,983.4	6,957.9	4,164.3	2,029.7	2,797.8	26,933.1
June	11,323.1	6,108.4	4,326.5	2,091.2	2,927.4	26,776.7
<i>1996-97 p—</i>						
July	11,323.1	6,816.3	4,875.5	2,344.6	3,222.5	28,581.9
August	10,352.7	6,575.2	4,277.2	2,142.0	2,828.4	26,175.5
September	11,634.8	6,727.8	4,902.6	2,209.2	3,203.6	28,678.1

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

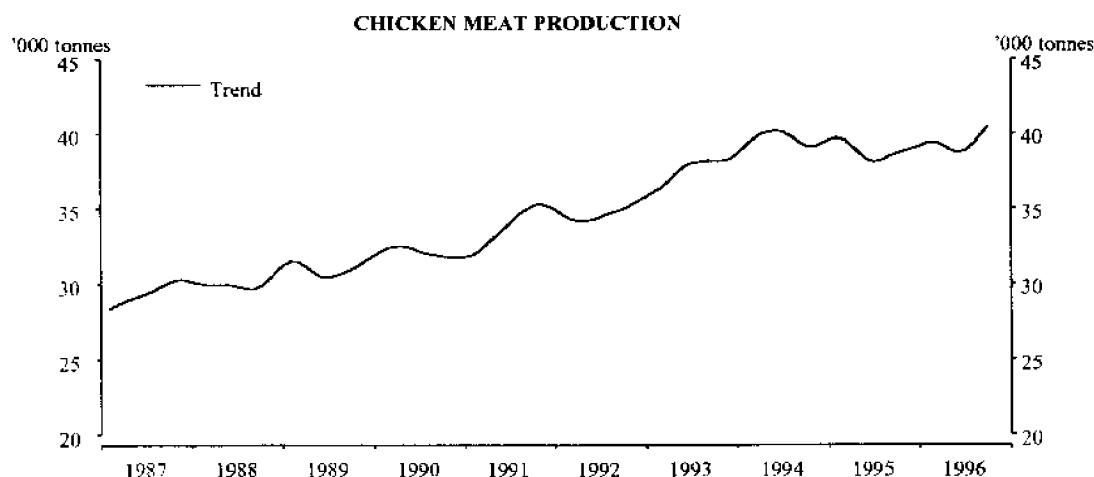
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust.(b)	Trend estimate(c)
1993-94	193,137	123,529	72,000	40,671	39,386	468,722	..
1994-95	199,589	109,515	76,337	39,103	42,007	466,551	..
1995-96 p	199,155	114,701	71,607	37,691	44,358	467,511	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>							
July	16,385	9,180	7,153	3,465	3,812	39,996	38,195
August	15,976	9,350	5,550	2,656	3,249	36,781	38,448
September	16,867	9,703	6,210	3,111	3,538	39,429	38,681
October	15,394	9,669	5,277	2,961	3,896	37,197	38,845
November	16,452	9,005	5,703	3,182	3,671	38,014	38,980
December	17,819	10,692	6,396	3,419	3,867	42,193	39,171
January	16,364	9,801	6,186	3,287	3,833	39,472	39,362
February	16,810	9,219	5,750	2,991	3,365	38,135	39,405
March	18,095	9,833	6,496	3,359	3,863	41,647	39,199
April	15,987	9,482	5,783	3,438	3,698	38,388	38,900
May	16,509	9,614	5,427	2,880	3,642	38,071	38,740
June	16,496	9,152	5,677	2,942	3,922	38,189	38,901
<i>1996-97 p—</i>							
July	16,763	9,678	6,304	3,110	4,329	40,184	39,322
August	15,510	10,305	5,507	2,832	3,757	37,911	39,906
September	17,472	10,061	6,345	3,048	4,227	41,154	40,473

(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).



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- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for October of 4% on the September figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for October of 4% on the September 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 4.03%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted September estimate</i>	
		<i>+4%</i>	<i>-4%</i>
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
<i>1995-96p</i>			
April	38,900	38,835	38,900
May	38,740	38,614	38,729
June	38,901	38,840	38,897
<i>1996-97p</i>			
July	39,322	39,476	39,324
August	39,906	40,417	39,915
September	40,473	41,436	40,489
October	—	42,636	41,209

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

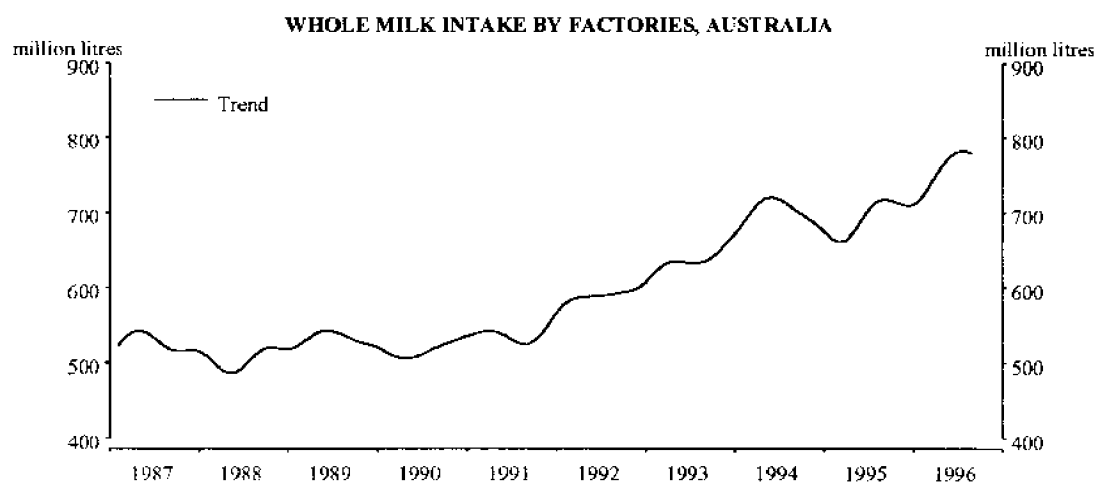
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate(b)</i>
1993-94	1,098	4,967	764	456	344	447	8,077	..	..
1994-95	1,087	5,113	741	484	343	436	8,206	..	..
1995-96 p	1,114	5,481	751	513	342	514	8,716	..	..
<i>1994-95</i>									
June	82	213	59	36	28	12	430	747	705
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	87	245	62	39	31	10	474	727	715
August	92	373	63	45	32	19	623	705	719
September	97	587	65	51	32	46	876	718	717
October	105	726	67	55	32	68	1,054	713	713
November	100	689	66	51	28	70	1,005	702	710
December	103	643	71	48	26	65	956	716	711
January	100	563	68	44	26	56	857	720	719
February	86	445	60	36	26	49	701	730	733
March	90	392	60	36	27	46	650	727	750
April	83	307	54	35	26	37	542	767	766
May	86	274	57	37	27	31	512	795	777
June	86	239	60	36	29	17	466	825	782
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	89	261	64	39	30	12	495	767	783
August	96	394	66	44	30	22	652	741	779

(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>
1993-94	607	454	356	159	181	53	1,811
1994-95	605	452	368	167	188	52	1,832
1995-96 p	606	457	372	163	187	50	1,835
<i>1994-95</i>							
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	50	37	31	13	15	4	151
October	52	40	31	14	16	4	157
November	50	37	31	14	15	4	151
December	46	37	30	14	15	4	146
January	50	36	31	13	15	4	151
February	47	37	30	13	16	4	146
March	52	39	32	14	16	4	157
April	51	38	31	13	14	4	151
May	53	41	32	14	17	4	161
June	51	37	30	13	15	4	150
<i>1996-97 p</i>							
July	52	39	33	14	17	4	159
August	53	40	33	14	17	5	162

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



**RELIABILITY OF AUGUST TREND ESTIMATES
FOR WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES**

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

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

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

The percentage change of 2% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 2.14%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted August estimate</i>	
		+2%	-2%
(million litres)			
1995-96p			
March	750	751	751
April	766	767	768
May	777	778	778
June	782	781	779
1996-97p			
July	783	778	773
August	779	772	763
September	—	764	751

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

	Australia						Total	% of Total received by brokers	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(a)
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.				
1993-94	205,822	190,047	55,110	102,340	212,266	18,633	784,218	81.0	..	..
1994-95	177,649	171,915	51,935	86,977	173,383	17,577	679,435	83.4	..	..
1995-96 p	165,550	161,390	44,583	87,757	165,958	15,979	641,217	85.5	..	..
<i>1995-96 p —</i>										
July	11,803	6,074	4,990	4,539	9,632	844	37,882	81.4	48,038	49,713
August	17,264	14,807	5,534	10,529	22,418	1,445	71,998	88.4	50,720	49,429
September	18,760	20,435	4,777	12,787	19,676	1,499	77,934	87.8	49,314	49,838
October	20,176	24,676	3,633	13,032	21,125	1,800	84,442	88.1	49,725	50,788
November	16,521	22,518	2,037	9,639	15,522	2,475	68,712	86.8	51,322	52,215
December	10,051	15,503	1,943	3,917	6,799	1,625	39,837	82.3	54,003	54,180
January	10,798	12,794	1,966	4,890	11,159	1,399	43,005	86.0	58,444	56,483
February	13,969	11,162	3,850	6,315	16,748	871	52,915	85.1	58,356	58,547
March	13,449	10,416	4,105	7,878	16,422	662	52,932	83.4	57,184	59,810
April	11,361	9,460	3,511	6,566	12,719	604	44,221	84.4	61,828	59,717
May	11,172	8,683	4,057	4,787	9,325	1,798	39,823	82.7	62,315	58,421
June	10,226	4,862	4,179	2,878	4,414	957	27,515	80.4	56,546	56,454
<i>1996-97 p —</i>										
July	14,055	8,273	4,823	4,787	9,475	1,287	42,699	79.8	52,000	54,304
August	18,791	14,577	4,826	8,330	17,909	1,692	66,125	85.6	49,172	52,282
September	20,751	21,797	4,226	12,338	21,337	1,896	82,345	86.8	51,807	50,541

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



**RELIABILITY OF SEPTEMBER TREND ESTIMATES
FOR WOOL RECEIVALS**

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

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

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

The percentage change of 9% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 8.22%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted September estimate</i>	
		+9%	-9%
		(tonnes)	
1995-96p			
April	59,717	59,699	59,864
May	58,421	58,350	58,640
June	56,454	56,396	56,541
1996-97p			
July	54,304	54,514	54,132
August	52,282	53,052	51,790
September	50,541	52,141	49,764
October	—	51,506	47,919

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains information (preliminary where indicated) on livestock slaughterings, meat production, stocks of frozen meat, exports of live sheep and live cattle, exports of fresh, frozen and processed meat, and whole milk intake by factories, market milk sales by factories and receivals of taxable wool by wool brokers and dealers.

Livestock slaughterings and meat production

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

3. Care should be taken when using this information as the figures only relate to slaughterings for human consumption and do not include animals condemned or those killed for boiling down.

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

Live sheep and cattle exports

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

Milk

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

Wool receivals

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

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

Seasonal adjustment

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

Trend Estimates and Sensitivity Analysis

10. A trend estimate is obtained by reducing the irregular component from the seasonally adjusted series. In this publication trend estimates are generally derived by applying a 13 term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

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

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

Related publications

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

Livestock and Livestock Products, Australia (7221.0)

Apparent Consumption of Selected Foodstuffs, Australia 1994-95, Preliminary (4315.0)

13. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of *Publications and Products, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

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

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

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

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