

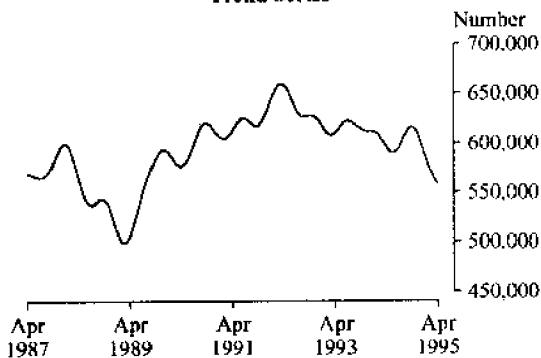
**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA
APRIL 1995**

MAIN FEATURES

Livestock Slaughterings

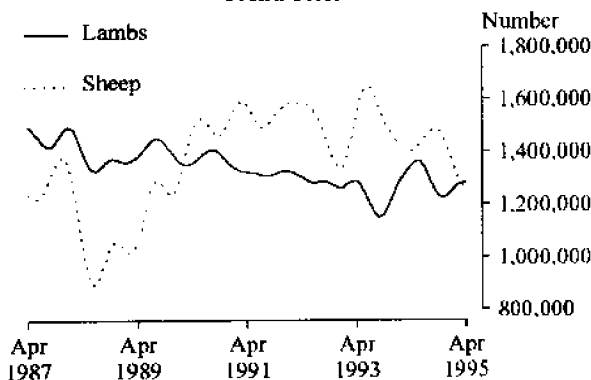
The trend estimate for cattle slaughterings fell for the sixth successive month in April 1995, and is now 9.5 per cent below the last peak in October 1994. However, the rate of decline has eased falling 1.3 per cent in April compared with March 1995. The trend estimate for calves fell for the seventh successive month, declining by 17.0 per cent since September 1994.

**CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS,
AUSTRALIA
Trend Series**



Sheep slaughterings have fallen 15.1 per cent since September 1994 but the rate of decline weakened in April, falling 1.7 per cent compared with March. The trend estimate for lamb slaughterings in April 1995 is 4.8 per cent above the last trough in November 1994 with growth weakening in recent months.

**SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS,
AUSTRALIA
Trend Series**



Red Meat

The decline in the trend estimate for red meat has eased with a fall of 0.8 per cent in April 1995. Since the last peak in October 1994 it has fallen 7.3 per cent. The trend estimate for beef fell 0.8 per cent in April and has fallen 8.1 per cent since October 1994. Lamb rose 1.2 per cent compared with the previous month, and is 6.9 per cent above the estimate for November 1994. The trend estimate for mutton fell 2.2 per cent in April. Since August 1994 mutton has fallen 17.9 per cent.

Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production rose 1.1 per cent in April 1995. Since December 1994 it has increased 2.8 per cent, but the latest trend estimate is 2.1 per cent below the last peak, which occurred in June 1994.

Whole Milk Intake

The trend estimate for whole milk intake for March 1995 fell for the tenth successive month, having peaked in April and May 1994. Since then it has fallen 8.6 per cent.

Wool Receipts by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receipts by brokers and dealers rose 3.0 per cent in April. This estimate is 12.8 per cent below the March 1994 peak.

Live Exports

The number of live sheep exported in March 1995 fell to 525,400, down by 2.1 per cent compared with February 1995. The unit value (\$33.26) also fell 2.1 per cent and the gross value (\$17.5 million) fell 4.1 per cent.

Live cattle exports in March 1995 rose 15.1 per cent to 32,000, and the gross value rose 5.8 per cent to \$16.8 million compared with February 1995. The unit value (\$525.65) fell 8.1 per cent. Live cattle exports have grown significantly with the number exported, and gross weight and value approximately 60 per cent higher for the 9 months to March compared with the same period the previous year.

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED
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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
BULLS, BULLOCKS AND STEERS (a)									
1991-92	1,101.1	798.7	1,680.3	253.0	246.0	104.7	4,263.2	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94 —</i>									
February	81.3	67.7	126.8	16.7	19.9	7.6	320.1	347.0	338.7
March	83.6	84.4	132.9	18.9	20.5	11.4	352.0	333.1	335.5
April	74.4	66.8	125.4	16.8	16.3	9.5	309.8	324.4	331.0
May	84.1	62.9	155.8	16.6	18.0	9.5	348.7	340.0	327.5
June	83.2	62.7	125.2	9.2	19.9	8.8	310.9	313.8	326.0
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
July	84.6	53.6	148.9	7.5	15.8	6.4	318.4	325.2	328.4
August	98.0	54.7	155.5	12.0	19.5	5.9	347.5	329.2	335.1
September	103.1	60.9	177.9	17.8	21.1	6.3	389.0	351.0	343.1
October	95.6	64.9	152.8	24.4	22.8	6.2	368.2	346.5	349.1
November	113.7	73.1	160.0	17.7	24.8	9.3	398.7	347.5	350.2
December	84.6	69.7	120.1	26.3	26.0	11.3	338.1	376.2	345.7
January	82.5	58.0	71.7	18.3	20.3	11.3	262.1	329.6	337.2
February	82.6	63.9	95.7	17.8	19.1	9.3	288.4	312.0	327.9
March	100.6	63.0	113.8	20.8	23.4	13.0	334.8	317.6	319.0
April	80.4	61.3	109.2	13.2	14.1	9.5	287.7	312.3	311.7
<i>10 months ended April —</i>									
1994	841.2	646.3	1,419.5	173.1	233.3	83.5	3,410.3	..	..
1995 p	925.7	623.0	1,305.7	175.7	206.9	88.6	3,332.9	..	..
COWS AND HEIFERS (a)									
1991-92	976.4	788.8	1,119.1	142.8	177.8	93.6	3,386.8	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94 ..</i>									
February	85.5	49.4	95.7	16.8	18.3	6.9	275.7	283.4	269.4
March	82.0	54.1	102.2	18.7	17.1	8.1	286.0	255.2	266.0
April	72.4	51.5	103.4	15.7	10.4	8.3	265.6	257.6	263.3
May	83.9	69.9	106.9	18.0	13.0	9.1	311.5	272.6	263.5
June	86.6	48.7	92.0	14.2	11.1	7.5	272.6	254.3	265.9
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
July	65.4	50.1	108.2	9.4	12.4	5.3	259.5	260.6	269.1
August	83.1	49.2	109.6	15.2	14.4	4.3	287.4	283.5	271.6
September	83.8	61.3	93.4	17.0	16.8	5.7	288.7	284.3	270.9
October	86.9	60.3	72.7	11.9	15.1	6.9	258.9	271.1	266.8
November	86.9	46.3	64.2	21.4	16.4	7.5	247.0	239.8	261.0
December	69.1	52.6	57.9	11.1	19.9	9.2	222.8	260.1	254.8
January	65.9	44.6	40.6	22.3	17.0	7.9	201.3	253.9	250.0
February	66.8	53.7	60.2	21.5	17.2	8.2	230.8	237.6	247.1
March	78.2	67.6	80.0	25.1	17.2	12.0	284.2	253.6	245.2
April	72.5	54.1	65.6	19.8	14.6	9.7	239.6	243.2	244.6
<i>10 months ended April —</i>									
1994	808.9	503.4	882.4	169.1	143.4	68.6	2,636.0
1995 p	758.5	539.8	752.4	174.8	161.2	76.7	2,520.1

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
TOTAL CATTLE (excludes calves) (a)									
1991-92	2,077.4	1,587.5	2,799.5	395.8	423.8	198.3	7,649.9	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94 —</i>									
February	166.8	117.1	222.5	33.4	38.2	14.6	595.8	631.6	609.9
March	165.6	138.5	235.1	37.6	37.6	19.5	638.0	586.2	603.4
April	146.9	118.3	228.8	32.6	26.7	17.8	575.5	593.0	595.6
May	168.0	132.8	262.7	34.7	31.0	18.6	660.2	617.9	591.3
June	169.7	111.4	217.2	23.4	31.0	16.3	583.5	550.3	590.9
<i>1994-95 p —</i>									
July	149.9	103.7	257.1	16.9	28.2	11.7	577.9	592.3	595.9
August	181.1	103.9	265.1	27.2	34.0	10.3	634.9	610.6	605.3
September	186.9	122.2	271.3	34.8	37.9	12.0	677.6	633.9	613.7
October	182.5	125.1	225.6	36.3	37.9	13.1	627.1	617.5	616.7
November	200.6	119.4	224.2	39.1	41.2	16.8	645.6	590.3	612.6
December	153.8	122.3	178.0	37.4	45.9	20.5	560.9	645.0	601.6
January	148.4	102.6	112.3	40.6	37.3	19.2	463.4	576.4	588.1
February	149.4	117.7	155.9	39.3	36.3	17.5	519.3	550.8	576.0
March	178.8	130.7	193.8	46.0	40.6	25.0	619.0	569.6	565.5
April	152.9	115.3	174.8	33.0	28.8	19.2	527.3	562.5	558.2
<i>10 months ended April —</i>									
1994	1,650.2	1,149.7	2,301.9	342.3	376.8	152.1	6,046.4	..	..
1995 p	1,684.3	1,162.8	2,058.0	350.5	368.1	165.3	5,853.0	..	..
CALVES									
1991-92	220.8	639.3	156.8	9.4	7.2	32.3	1,066.4	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94 —</i>									
February	17.0	5.0	10.9	0.4	0.3	—	33.7	81.9	83.7
March	19.8	11.2	11.3	0.7	0.3	—	43.5	75.4	84.7
April	17.0	26.2	12.7	0.8	0.2	0.2	57.1	81.6	85.1
May	20.8	47.2	13.0	0.8	0.3	0.2	82.3	85.6	85.8
June	22.4	89.0	13.4	0.7	0.6	0.4	126.5	101.7	87.5
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
July	19.0	79.7	10.2	0.8	0.4	1.4	111.6	84.2	89.7
August	25.6	170.0	9.6	1.2	0.5	8.4	215.4	85.4	91.4
September	21.7	121.7	9.9	1.3	0.5	11.6	166.9	87.3	91.9
October	22.8	69.4	9.4	1.1	0.3	2.9	106.1	102.9	91.8
November	22.1	23.5	8.6	1.0	0.3	0.5	56.3	92.5	91.1
December	13.0	7.9	8.7	0.7	0.4	0.1	30.9	84.9	89.3
January	18.6	5.8	9.8	1.0	0.5	0.1	35.9	87.1	86.4
February	18.6	4.8	8.8	0.6	0.3	0.1	33.4	81.3	83.0
March	25.0	11.0	10.1	1.2	0.4	0.4	48.4	85.4	79.7
April	17.0	20.9	8.1	0.8	0.2	1.0	48.2	70.4	76.3
<i>10 months ended April —</i>									
1994	178.3	447.2	122.3	7.3	3.5	22.6	782.8
1995 p	203.3	514.8	93.2	9.6	3.8	26.6	853.1

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	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
SHEEP									
1991-92	6,090.3	4,154.1	1,633.8	3,238.1	3,016.7	446.7	18,771.9
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	..	..
<i>1993-94 —</i>									
February	535.8	422.1	83.9	260.5	252.6	60.4	1,631.6	1,472.5	1,422.6
March	523.5	395.5	48.9	252.8	272.8	68.6	1,578.7	1,315.9	1,410.7
April	471.8	312.5	47.9	242.1	234.7	41.3	1,366.9	1,375.4	1,404.1
May	543.3	292.6	58.1	253.0	232.5	49.6	1,443.6	1,536.2	1,409.6
June	479.6	195.2	58.6	155.0	152.5	55.3	1,113.8	1,400.0	1,429.5
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
July	472.2	187.7	55.3	125.9	171.0	31.7	1,054.9	1,389.3	1,453.9
August	504.7	202.8	55.0	166.5	165.3	20.9	1,130.0	1,381.6	1,474.5
September	645.9	246.5	49.5	346.6	198.9	39.4	1,540.0	1,660.5	1,484.1
October	656.0	327.0	45.0	303.6	214.2	36.2	1,594.8	1,492.3	1,477.6
November	650.4	401.0	37.0	374.1	195.8	63.2	1,737.7	1,399.5	1,454.7
December	538.2	351.7	27.8	310.2	230.7	64.2	1,534.1	1,399.4	1,414.8
January	534.4	330.5	28.8	301.9	220.2	50.1	1,476.5	1,408.5	1,366.3
February	492.9	330.6	28.0	277.9	217.1	58.6	1,415.6	1,288.8	1,322.6
March	560.5	295.1	37.8	320.6	242.4	68.6	1,536.9	1,296.5	1,282.9
April	462.0	199.4	35.2	246.4	191.7	46.3	1,194.3	1,237.5	1,260.5
<i>10 months ended April</i>									
1994	5,044.0	3,488.1	739.9	2,670.3	2,567.2	421.2	15,083.5	..	..
1995 p	5,517.2	2,872.1	399.5	2,773.8	2,047.2	479.1	14,215.0	..	..
LAMBS									
1991-92	4,683.7	6,320.8	1,016.1	1,671.0	1,238.3	489.8	15,766.9	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94 —</i>									
February	314.6	436.5	55.4	213.6	96.1	38.1	1,181.4	1,326.0	1,300.4
March	355.7	555.5	54.7	256.2	138.1	49.0	1,440.3	1,358.9	1,325.9
April	308.3	452.3	48.6	214.8	138.2	37.6	1,229.2	1,290.2	1,348.7
May	379.8	528.3	53.5	248.6	145.5	38.7	1,424.1	1,389.5	1,364.8
June	357.5	504.3	57.9	223.3	79.1	52.6	1,315.8	1,360.6	1,364.3
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
July	384.4	507.5	50.5	160.2	59.0	39.3	1,231.2	1,345.5	1,340.7
August	485.6	568.8	49.6	168.9	90.4	36.9	1,442.2	1,360.4	1,301.5
September	337.9	574.9	42.5	208.7	167.9	37.2	1,403.3	1,300.7	1,261.5
October	321.8	581.8	31.8	142.1	163.1	30.4	1,304.1	1,157.4	1,233.2
November	298.8	571.6	27.1	175.9	82.9	37.3	1,223.0	1,103.8	1,225.0
December	276.5	516.6	22.7	152.7	121.6	41.3	1,157.8	1,248.3	1,235.7
January	413.3	464.5	28.4	158.0	91.0	40.7	1,227.0	1,374.2	1,253.9
February	292.4	478.4	27.2	165.1	113.5	37.1	1,144.4	1,279.2	1,269.1
March	351.7	522.7	46.7	190.2	117.2	48.3	1,315.4	1,254.5	1,277.0
April	318.8	464.1	47.1	141.5	97.8	41.1	1,145.8	1,234.4	1,284.0
<i>10 months ended April</i>									
1994	3,254.4	4,568.1	558.2	1,891.9	1,328.6	346.5	12,227.3
1995 p	3,481.3	5,250.9	373.5	1,663.5	1,104.3	389.7	12,594.2

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	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
PIGS									
1991-92	1,546.0	1,211.4	1,156.1	523.9	526.2	84.8	5,132.4
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	..	..
<i>1993-94</i>									
February	118.1	83.5	98.1	45.4	43.1	6.6	401.6	433.7	433.5
March	143.9	109.0	110.5	45.3	49.8	8.2	475.2	437.7	434.4
April	122.8	96.5	95.6	44.6	39.5	7.5	413.7	431.4	433.1
May	127.8	102.4	102.9	51.6	51.2	7.8	451.4	436.4	430.0
June	137.8	103.0	110.1	41.5	52.2	9.9	464.0	428.6	426.8
<i>1994-95 p--</i>									
July	110.3	91.8	97.2	38.9	49.0	7.6	404.8	414.9	425.1
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	431.2
December	139.9	104.9	94.3	37.6	49.5	9.7	442.9	426.1	430.4
January	110.0	88.9	80.4	35.2	42.9	5.8	369.9	428.6	426.9
February	114.7	89.9	91.2	42.2	46.2	7.0	398.3	430.5	422.3
March	131.4	106.7	103.2	33.4	52.8	8.8	444.9	414.0	417.4
April	113.0	84.5	86.1	30.4	51.1	7.2	379.6	403.9	411.7
<i>10 months ended April</i>									
1994	1,225.3	983.0	994.9	469.1	446.9	78.1	4,274.7	..	..
1995 p	1,216.3	975.2	941.9	393.3	489.6	76.0	4,173.5	..	..

(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)									
1991-92	451,417	327,830	717,477	90,661	91,327	45,266	1,752,755	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94</i>									
February	38,751	27,610	60,466	7,955	9,003	3,784	148,686	154,841	152,009
March	39,203	32,677	63,377	8,829	8,663	5,117	159,222	146,382	151,547
April	36,459	28,042	60,880	7,792	6,307	4,537	144,824	153,251	149,551
May	41,642	29,318	71,486	8,186	6,941	4,970	164,563	156,332	147,465
June	39,445	24,781	57,642	5,377	6,670	3,962	140,214	133,384	145,817
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
July	35,850	23,328	69,661	3,793	6,112	2,789	143,234	144,390	145,471
August	42,664	20,893	70,400	6,061	7,592	2,449	152,399	142,202	146,820
September	43,695	25,307	75,101	8,132	8,459	2,824	165,900	157,398	148,664
October	42,057	27,899	60,905	8,284	8,764	3,160	152,292	153,435	149,727
November	45,192	26,809	62,907	8,927	9,348	4,143	158,154	138,838	149,188
December	35,023	27,469	49,828	8,859	10,569	5,104	137,474	159,972	146,709
January	34,189	23,167	31,450	9,623	8,421	4,787	112,253	142,330	143,555
February	34,274	25,760	44,006	9,445	8,270	4,424	126,808	132,084	140,863
March	41,967	29,632	53,539	11,089	9,373	5,931	152,337	137,025	138,686
April	35,142	26,182	48,232	7,771	6,500	4,368	128,757	142,967	137,620
<i>10 Months ended April—</i>									
1994	385,301	261,181	613,573	80,832	87,902	38,526	1,481,447	..	..
1995 p	390,053	256,445	566,029	81,984	83,408	39,978	1,429,607	..	..
VEAL									
1991-92	14,353	15,398	6,737	439	478	665	38,115	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94—</i>									
February	1,209	321	525	18	17	1	2,100	3,236	3,350
March	1,465	512	536	25	18	3	2,563	3,114	3,276
April	1,299	717	460	26	13	5	2,530	2,896	3,187
May	1,609	1,185	429	28	21	8	3,285	3,060	3,142
June	1,718	1,894	507	21	35	10	4,191	3,516	3,184
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
July	1,452	1,859	429	26	26	39	3,836	3,195	3,274
August	1,692	3,375	442	42	31	207	5,799	3,206	3,345
September	1,371	2,721	413	55	31	424	5,025	3,395	3,344
October	1,378	1,502	382	39	22	125	3,457	3,509	3,300
November	1,442	581	338	44	23	18	2,463	3,360	3,224
December	867	275	341	27	26	10	1,554	2,732	3,136
January	1,266	226	387	46	33	11	1,980	3,108	3,037
February	1,262	203	365	25	22	7	1,891	2,910	2,938
March	1,751	328	448	39	25	18	2,622	3,244	2,842
April	1,115	514	335	27	17	37	2,053	2,400	2,753
<i>10 Months ended April</i>									
1994	14,225	10,388	5,416	253	240	497	31,105	..	..
1995 p	13,596	11,583	3,879	369	255	898	30,679	..	..

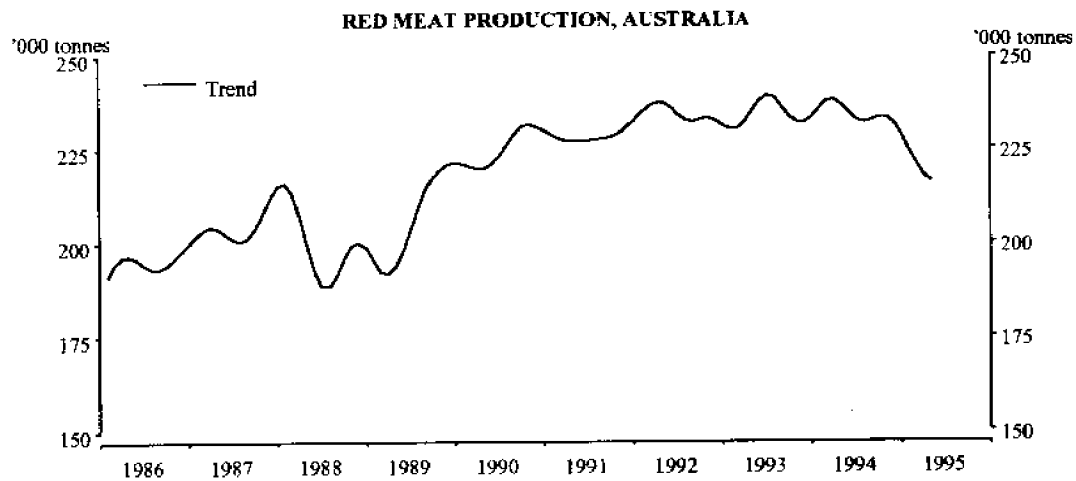
TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)—*continued*

	<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>
MUTTON									
1991-92	127,007	87,169	32,519	72,578	60,610	8,355	392,220	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94 —</i>									
February	11,020	8,870	1,690	5,939	5,596	1,208	34,648	30,566	30,236
March	10,930	8,247	993	5,658	5,538	1,317	32,970	28,404	30,159
April	9,617	6,540	957	5,654	4,765	784	28,641	29,100	30,111
May	11,678	6,213	1,146	5,798	4,661	929	30,739	33,332	30,121
June	9,993	4,144	1,197	3,411	3,574	1,030	23,740	30,416	30,239
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
July	9,840	3,987	1,107	2,752	3,282	628	21,821	28,911	30,321
August	10,049	3,840	835	3,538	3,260	415	22,244	27,504	30,338
September	12,982	5,026	979	7,529	4,029	773	31,566	33,771	30,237
October	13,385	6,775	917	6,603	4,042	723	32,739	30,129	29,948
November	13,496	8,148	722	8,282	3,849	1,277	36,112	28,433	29,421
December	10,989	6,956	537	6,781	4,777	1,275	31,569	28,695	28,569
January	10,742	6,467	543	6,409	4,344	969	29,688	28,906	27,467
February	9,443	6,431	560	5,883	4,273	1,130	27,904	24,715	26,416
March	10,958	5,578	744	6,753	4,740	1,311	30,316	25,595	25,460
April	8,985	3,743	698	5,064	3,634	885	23,196	24,817	24,905
<i>10 Months ended April—</i>									
1994	105,911	74,653	14,983	62,144	53,496	8,033	322,285	..	..
1995 p	110,869	56,951	7,642	59,594	40,231	9,386	287,156	..	..
LAMB									
1991-92	82,744	111,323	16,812	29,941	19,360	8,070	274,671	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94 —</i>									
February	5,608	8,054	913	4,253	1,645	586	21,593	24,574	23,218
March	6,238	10,181	916	4,985	1,939	804	25,622	24,228	23,901
April	5,654	8,169	811	4,164	2,321	616	22,303	23,371	24,522
May	6,671	9,733	895	4,952	2,422	634	25,903	25,025	24,959
June	6,327	9,326	979	4,636	1,223	864	24,120	24,996	24,984
<i>1994-95 p.</i>									
July	6,916	9,189	849	3,159	933	715	22,372	24,903	24,491
August	9,004	9,726	764	3,272	1,408	686	25,601	25,594	23,553
September	6,022	9,785	723	3,934	2,589	386	24,351	22,216	22,440
October	5,665	10,295	535	2,509	2,499	565	22,647	19,602	21,468
November	5,265	10,028	453	3,244	1,220	657	21,752	19,842	20,969
December	4,555	8,995	385	2,816	1,866	691	19,810	21,134	21,022
January	5,475	8,244	496	2,972	1,437	681	19,879	21,630	21,402
February	5,096	8,525	470	3,128	1,834	615	20,279	23,098	21,818
March	6,462	9,378	790	3,703	1,717	808	23,369	22,286	22,150
April	5,635	8,288	795	2,694	1,480	689	20,136	21,434	22,421
<i>10 Months ended April —</i>									
1994	56,248	82,327	9,198	35,611	21,291	5,548	215,402	..	..
1995 p	60,095	92,451	6,262	31,430	16,984	6,493	220,195	..	..

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

	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
PIGMEAT									
1991-92	98,791	82,178	79,013	34,538	30,967	5,168	335,785	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94 —</i>									
February	7,811	5,559	6,813	3,058	2,576	411	26,543	29,094	29,047
March	9,578	7,272	7,803	3,297	2,949	514	31,901	29,830	29,273
April	8,659	6,261	6,626	3,199	2,415	477	28,099	28,945	29,216
May	8,560	6,763	7,259	3,745	3,017	470	30,345	29,415	28,903
June	9,212	6,857	7,803	3,021	3,097	728	31,330	28,970	28,538
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
July	7,396	6,289	6,985	2,787	2,896	484	27,356	27,528	28,315
August	8,460	6,814	6,766	3,104	2,956	517	29,179	27,911	28,322
September	7,430	7,379	6,935	2,550	2,846	549	28,274	27,082	28,540
October	7,971	7,165	6,881	3,094	2,882	474	28,979	30,895	28,857
November	8,452	7,216	7,186	3,784	2,990	493	30,727	29,435	29,116
December	8,611	7,303	6,469	2,929	3,113	649	29,510	28,853	29,212
January	7,143	6,182	5,669	2,368	2,500	381	24,632	29,009	29,116
February	7,270	6,187	6,608	2,684	2,580	464	26,215	28,750	28,954
March	9,591	7,471	7,302	2,285	3,233	572	31,040	29,015	28,810
April	8,320	5,998	6,214	2,099	3,372	464	26,889	28,535	28,548
<i>10 Months ended April —</i>									
1994	80,834	64,869	69,490	31,628	26,310	4,821	282,585	..	..
1995 p	80,644	68,003	67,013	27,684	29,368	5,046	282,802	..	..
TOTAL RED MEAT (c)									
1991-92	774,313	623,897	852,558	228,156	202,741	67,524	2,793,545	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94 —</i>									
February	64,399	50,413	70,407	21,223	18,838	5,990	233,570	242,312	237,861
March	67,415	58,889	73,625	22,793	19,107	7,754	252,278	231,958	238,156
April	61,688	49,729	69,734	20,835	15,822	6,419	226,398	237,563	236,588
May	70,159	53,211	81,215	22,710	17,061	7,011	254,836	247,164	234,589
June	66,695	47,001	68,128	16,465	14,599	6,594	223,595	221,282	232,762
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
July	61,454	44,652	79,030	12,517	13,249	4,654	218,619	228,926	231,871
August	71,869	44,648	79,208	16,016	15,247	4,274	235,223	226,416	232,379
September	71,500	50,217	84,151	22,201	17,955	4,955	255,116	243,862	233,225
October	70,458	53,636	69,619	20,528	18,209	5,047	240,115	237,570	233,300
November	73,847	52,782	71,606	24,280	17,429	6,587	249,208	219,908	231,919
December	60,044	50,997	57,559	21,411	20,352	7,731	219,917	241,385	228,648
January	58,815	44,285	38,545	21,419	16,736	6,829	188,431	224,982	224,577
February	57,345	47,105	52,009	21,165	16,979	6,640	203,095	211,556	220,989
March	70,730	52,386	62,824	23,870	19,087	8,641	239,685	217,165	217,949
April	59,196	44,724	56,274	17,655	15,003	6,444	201,030	220,152	216,248
<i>10 Months ended April —</i>									
1994	642,519	493,418	712,660	210,469	189,239	57,426	2,332,823	..	..
1995 p	655,257	485,433	650,826	201,061	170,246	61,802	2,250,439	..	..

(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 APRIL 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 May.

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for May of 3% on the April figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for May of 3% on the April 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 3.28%.

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted May estimate</i>	
		+3%	-3%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
<i>1994-95p</i>			
November	231,919	231,737	232,016
December	228,648	228,400	228,891
January	224,577	224,412	224,656
February	220,989	221,495	220,848
March	217,949	219,991	217,852
April	216,248	219,600	215,570
May	—	220,282	214,200

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>1993-94 -</i>							
January	28,311	7,660	3,436	1,155	716	7,799	49,077
February	27,958	7,795	3,568	824	957	7,962	49,064
March	27,371	7,115	3,775	1,129	896	7,838	48,124
April	28,406	6,636	4,188	1,291	450	7,788	48,759
May	29,040	6,265	4,812	1,340	302	8,248	50,007
June	27,194	5,535	4,396	1,687	329	7,457	46,598
<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	30,641	6,088	2,037	1,033	100	7,943	47,842
February	31,698	6,416	2,117	1,160	138	7,921	49,450
March	30,709	6,164	2,348	1,194	93	6,990	47,498

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

(b) Includes buffalo meat.

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

	<i>Fresh, chilled or frozen</i>								<i>Pork</i>	<i>Bacon and ham(d)</i>	<i>Canned meat(e)</i>
	<i>Beef(b)(c)</i>		<i>Veal(b)</i>		<i>Mutton(b)</i>		<i>Lamb(b)</i>				
	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>	<i>Bone-in</i>	<i>Bone-out</i>			
<i>1991-92(f)</i>	99,972	691,542	1,536	5,703	103,705	74,993	39,410	4,587	5,038	46	7,318
<i>1992-93</i>	80,980	739,863	2,087	5,361	80,195	77,394	46,681	5,537	6,974	128	7,270
<i>1993-94</i>	62,662	742,374	1,342	5,818	97,836	70,959	52,702	5,226	5,855	204	10,354
<i>1993-94 -</i>											
January	3,377	43,988	97	306	13,016	5,486	3,813	377	469	19	702
February	2,826	54,949	157	264	6,034	5,016	4,069	345	273	2	686
March	2,637	65,790	28	250	9,593	7,053	4,566	462	309	18	1,142
April	3,012	56,269	55	225	5,622	5,329	4,575	454	246	2	543
May	6,058	68,972	117	495	7,532	6,031	5,229	584	424	19	948
June	3,098	60,470	112	452	7,341	5,093	4,625	499	422	2	835
<i>1994-95 p-</i>											
July	3,507	61,139	117	784	6,011	4,126	6,113	398	666	3	810
August	4,382	59,166	202	855	6,332	4,137	4,282	404	582	9	553
September	7,455	63,246	416	774	10,420	5,436	4,268	535	520	2	980
October	8,603	69,897	229	1,194	13,268	5,633	3,920	387	734	20	701
November	6,405	72,229	177	925	13,513	6,137	3,738	254	678	4	816
December	4,581	55,132	138	633	10,154	6,925	4,547	407	543	9	1,133
January	2,646	48,981	38	291	6,635	4,949	2,831	259	426	24	995
February	3,585	49,959	104	288	6,966	5,993	3,561	309	363	2	979
March	3,421	61,024	130	307	8,372	6,288	4,140	346	268	7	1,366
<i>9 Months ended</i>											
<i>March -</i>											
<i>1994</i>	50,494	556,662	1,059	4,647	77,341	54,506	38,272	3,688	4,763	181	8,028
<i>1995 p</i>	44,585	540,773	1,552	6,050	81,672	49,624	37,400	3,299	4,780	80	8,332

(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. (f) See paragraph 2 of explanatory notes.

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>)
1991-92(c)	4,395.6	258.0	87,717	19.96
1992-93	5,097.1	270.5	121,933	23.92
1993-94	5,429.8	287.4	148,907	27.42
<i>1993-94 —</i>				
January	394.4	21.0	11,129	28.22
February	569.8	31.4	16,574	29.09
March	470.3	25.0	12,277	26.10
April	515.3	27.1	14,665	28.46
May	212.6	10.3	6,527	30.70
June	580.7	29.8	16,390	28.22
<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	637.0	33.6	20,193	31.70
February	536.4	27.2	18,225	33.98
March	525.4	27.0	17,476	33.26
<i>9 Months ended March —</i>				
1994	4,121.2	220.2	111,325	27.01
1995 p	4,323.0	223.1	134,790	31.18

(a) Excludes sheep for breeding. (b) Obtained by dividing the gross value by the number of sheep exported. (c) See paragraph 2 of explanatory notes.

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>)
1991-92(c)	107.4	33.2	54,930	511.39
1992-93	148.6	50.4	69,847	470.19
1993-94	234.7	79.9	115,020	489.97
<i>1993-94 —</i>				
January	15.5	5.9	7,608	490.40
February	15.7	5.3	8,285	527.07
March	20.9	6.6	11,229	537.27
April	22.0	7.1	10,408	473.20
May	20.8	7.2	10,947	526.83
June	22.8	7.2	10,953	480.39
<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	16,415	559.53
February	27.8	10.9	15,892	571.74
March	32.0	11.4	16,812	525.65
<i>9 Months ended March —</i>				
1994	169.2	58.3	82,712	488.91
1995 p	262.3	93.7	134,023	510.97

(a) Excludes cattle for breeding. (b) Obtained by dividing the gross value by the number of cattle exported. (c) See paragraph 2 of explanatory notes.

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>
1991-92	114,720.8	73,921.0	49,344.7	26,416.3	29,104.4	293,507.2
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
<i>1993-94</i>						
February	10,278.0	7,223.7	4,313.7	2,245.4	2,528.8	26,589.6
March	11,476.8	7,226.9	4,715.3	2,458.3	2,788.7	28,666.0
April	11,012.8	7,468.3	4,839.9	2,614.9	2,754.3	28,690.2
May	10,698.1	6,934.7	4,438.4	2,227.4	2,537.3	26,835.9
June	12,270.3	7,813.3	4,743.6	2,460.1	2,801.3	30,088.5
<i>1994-95 p—</i>						
July	11,159.5	6,413.1	5,024.4	2,525.0	2,910.6	28,032.7
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	10,746.5	6,874.2	4,999.3	2,507.6	2,836.8	27,964.4
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	6,374.0	4,605.5	2,782.3	2,742.9	26,948.7
<i>10 Months ended April —</i>						
1994	106,767.1	71,049.9	44,951.1	23,688.9	26,143.3	272,600.3
1995 p	113,161.4	67,138.8	47,026.6	24,447.3	28,333.9	280,108.0

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

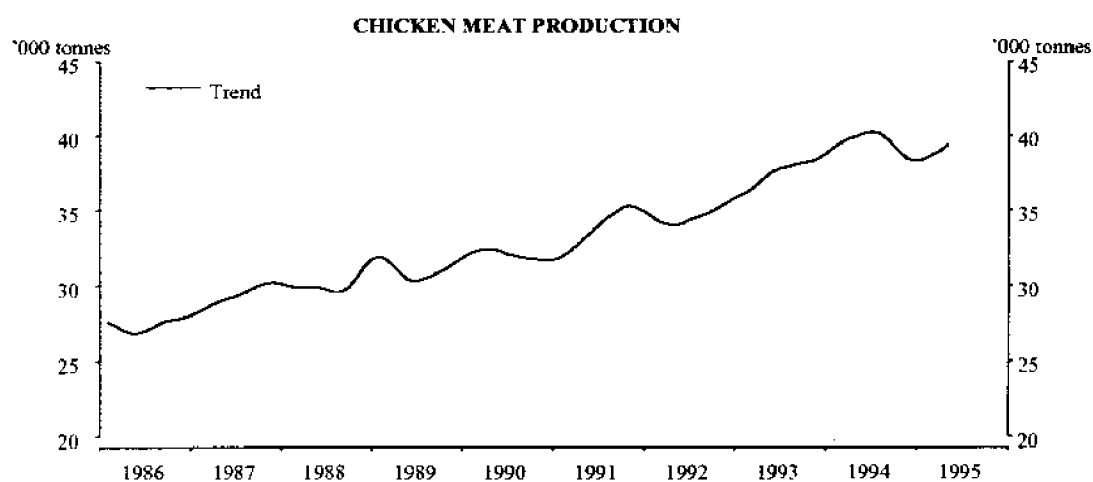
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Aust. (b)</i>	<i>Trend estimate (c)</i>
1991-92	171,524	107,040	64,081	36,978	35,945	415,569	..
1992-93	176,465	114,587	67,305	38,619	37,740	434,716	..
1993-94	193,137	123,529	72,000	40,671	39,386	468,722	..
<i>1993-94 —</i>							
February	14,837	9,627	5,691	3,170	3,287	36,613	39,560
March	17,321	10,648	6,371	3,524	3,458	41,323	39,799
April	16,416	11,019	6,596	3,859	3,409	41,300	39,950
May	16,150	10,341	6,180	3,238	3,154	39,063	40,168
June	18,308	10,181	6,668	3,648	3,507	42,313	40,245
<i>1994-95 p—</i>							
July	16,697	10,231	7,174	3,511	3,611	41,225	40,159
August	15,484	8,947	6,004	2,750	3,167	36,353	39,807
September	18,426	9,126	6,372	3,284	3,475	40,682	39,275
October	15,894	9,574	6,706	3,209	3,428	38,811	38,764
November	15,370	8,051	5,692	2,845	3,372	35,331	38,415
December	18,354	9,944	5,858	3,321	4,259	41,737	38,329
January	12,702	8,879	6,421	3,491	3,644	35,136	38,465
February	16,211	9,222	5,879	3,168	3,316	37,796	38,733
March	19,072	10,279	6,437	3,563	3,315	42,667	38,973
April	15,352	9,733	5,896	3,928	3,353	38,262	39,409
<i>10 Months ended April —</i>							
1994	158,678	103,007	59,152	33,784	32,724	387,346	..
1995 p	163,563	93,987	62,438	33,070	34,941	388,000	..

(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 APRIL 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 May.

The table below shows, for chicken meat production for the six months ended April:

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for May of 4% on the April figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for May of 4% on the April 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 4.17%.

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted May estimate</i>	
		<i>+4%</i>	<i>-4%</i>
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
<i>1994-95p</i>			
November	38,415	38,406	38,466
December	38,329	38,315	38,420
January	38,465	38,461	38,514
February	38,733	38,743	38,603
March	38,973	39,017	38,557
April	39,409	39,223	38,356
May	—	39,282	37,974

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>
1991-92	894	4,118	635	411	302	372	6,731	..	..
1992-93	997	4,456	702	436	324	413	7,327	..	..
1993-94	1,098	4,967	764	456	344	447	8,077	..	..
<i>1993-94—</i>									
January	92	538	67	41	27	54	819	685	684
February	83	418	61	33	26	43	664	698	699
March	92	381	65	32	29	40	638	715	712
April	86	285	59	32	26	30	517	725	719
May	88	238	58	33	29	23	469	722	719
June	85	204	58	33	27	12	418	719	714
<i>1994-95 p—</i>									
July	89	238	61	34	31	10	463	702	705
August	92	368	63	41	33	20	617	691	697
September	96	549	64	46	33	44	832	682	691
October	101	700	66	52	33	63	1,015	684	686
November	96	688	62	48	28	66	987	691	682
December	96	626	64	45	26	61	918	693	677
January	97	513	65	40	26	46	787	657	670
February	86	391	58	31	25	36	627	658	663
March	89	340	65	30	28	34	585	654	657
<i>9 Months ended March—</i>									
1994	839	4,242	589	358	262	383	6,673	..	..
1995 p	842	4,413	568	366	261	381	6,831	..	..

(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>
1991-92	597	448	339	155	175	50	1,765
1992-93	599	449	348	153	177	51	1,777
1993-94	607	454	356	159	181	53	1,811
<i>1993-94—</i>							
January	51	37	29	13	15	4	148
February	47	35	28	13	15	4	142
March	53	40	32	14	17	5	161
April	51	38	29	13	15	4	150
May	53	40	30	14	16	5	157
June	51	40	30	14	15	4	154
<i>1994-95 p—</i>							
July	53	39	31	14	15	5	156
August	53	39	32	14	16	5	158
September	51	38	30	14	16	4	153
October	53	39	31	14	15	5	156
November	51	37	30	14	15	4	151
December	50	37	31	15	15	4	152
January	50	37	30	14	15	4	152
February	47	36	29	14	15	4	145
March	53	40	33	16	17	5	163
<i>9 Months ended March—</i>							
1994	453	336	267	119	135	39	1,350
1995 p	459	342	278	129	140	39	1,387

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



**RELIABILITY OF MARCH 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 April.

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

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

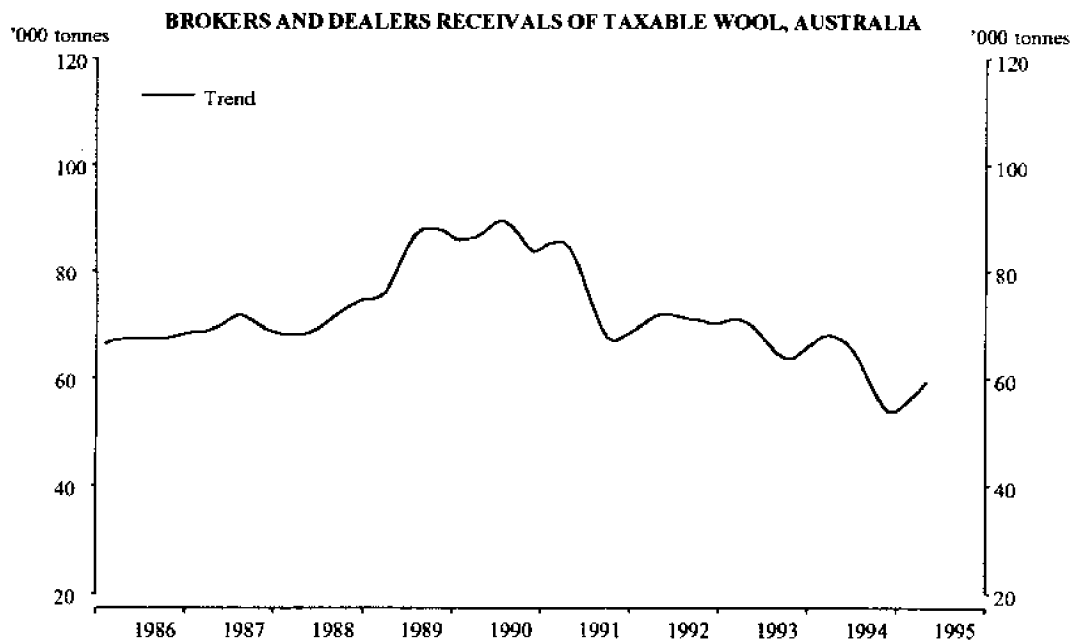
The percentage change of 2% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 1.96%.

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted April estimate</i>	
		+2%	-2%
(million litres)			
<i>1994-95p</i>			
October	686	686	687
November	682	681	682
December	677	676	677
January	670	670	669
February	663	665	661
March	657	660	653
April	---	656	646

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

	Australia						Total	% of Total received by brokers (a)	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.				
1991-92	249,293	208,990	71,180	107,266	182,027	17,845	836,600	87.8	..	..
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	..	..
<i>1993-94—</i>										
February	13,792	12,503	3,783	6,922	18,948	1,296	57,244	81.6	72,078	67,867
March	14,471	14,164	4,442	8,509	20,561	751	62,899	79.7	68,748	68,094
April	12,802	9,216	4,639	5,566	11,320	873	44,416	77.0	66,337	67,698
May	14,792	9,106	5,870	4,380	7,598	1,877	43,623	80.4	67,339	66,908
June	11,970	6,219	5,153	3,045	4,915	842	32,144	78.3	65,487	65,454
<i>1994-95 p—</i>										
July	14,859	9,104	6,352	4,860	11,963	1,395	48,533	81.2	62,798	63,213
August	22,047	19,323	6,788	11,213	24,758	1,454	85,582	86.8	57,728	60,470
September	26,118	28,377	5,884	15,670	29,327	1,820	107,196	86.9	66,647	57,551
October	21,346	25,639	4,065	12,518	22,108	1,940	87,616	85.8	52,688	55,066
November	18,205	23,085	2,605	9,398	15,205	2,983	71,481	82.5	46,842	53,791
December	11,065	16,174	1,693	4,268	6,496	1,609	41,303	79.6	52,816	53,887
January	9,794	8,682	2,234	4,071	10,640	1,710	37,130	83.9	54,790	54,925
February	12,290	10,725	3,774	6,100	15,184	812	48,885	84.0	61,368	56,359
March	13,083	10,837	5,161	7,392	16,114	726	53,313	82.2	58,397	57,643
April	8,959	7,514	3,789	5,509	10,022	699	36,493	80.5	57,390	59,394
<i>10 Months ended</i>										
<i>April—</i>										
1994	179,459	174,723	44,087	94,915	199,753	15,914	708,851	78.6	..	..
1995 p	157,766	159,458	42,343	80,999	161,816	15,149	617,532	81.5	..	..

(a) Brokers reporting to the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia (b) Trend estimates for the most recent months are subject to revision when data for the subsequent months become available.



**RELIABILITY OF APRIL 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 May.

The table below shows, for receivals of taxable wool for the six months ended April:

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for May of 9% on the April figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for May of 9% on the April 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 9.19%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted May estimate</i>	
		<i>+9%</i>	<i>-9%</i>
		(tonnes)	
<i>1994-95p</i>			
November	53,791	53,613	53,817
December	53,887	53,604	53,963
January	54,925	54,802	54,981
February	56,359	56,637	56,164
March	57,643	58,515	56,953
April	59,394	60,204	57,260
May	—	61,537	57,095

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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

2. Commencing with the June 1992 issue of this publication, the timing basis for compilation of merchandise exports statistics has changed. The change involves compiling export statistics on the basis of goods shipped in any month rather than on the basis of the documentation of goods shipped in that or earlier months. From the June 1992 issue the data from July 1990 has been revised to the new basis.

Livestock slaughterings and meat production

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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.

9. 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

10. 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

11. A trend estimate is obtained by reducing the irregular component from the seasonally adjusted series. It is calculated for estimates in this publication by applying a 13 term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. This technique enables trend estimates to be produced for the latest month. Trend estimates for the most recent months are revised as data for subsequent months become available. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring "Trends", an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

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

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