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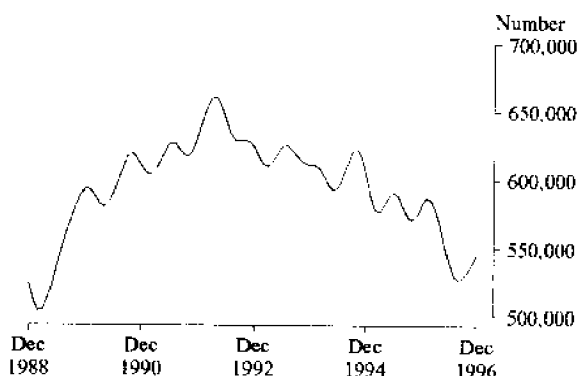
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA DECEMBER 1996

MAIN FEATURES

Livestock Slaughterings

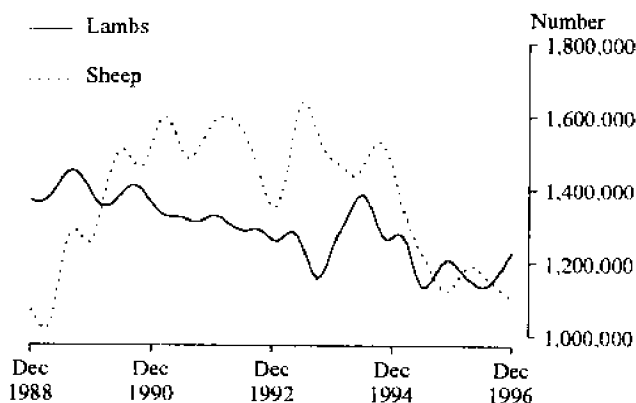
The trend estimate for cattle slaughterings rose 1.2% in December 1996. Although it is 3.6% above the last trough in August 1996, it is 7.0% below the last peak in January 1996. The trend estimate for calf slaughterings continued to rise steadily and is 16.8% above the last trough in March 1996.

CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series



The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings fell 1.2% in December 1996 and is 7.9% below the last peak in April 1996. The trend estimate for lamb slaughterings increased 1.8% in December 1996. It is 8.3% above the last trough, in June 1996.

SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series



The trend estimate for pig slaughterings rose marginally for the first time in twenty five months. However it is 14.0% lower than the last peak in November 1994.

Red Meat

In December 1996, the trend estimate for total red meat production rose for the fourth consecutive month. However it is 6.5% below the last peak in January 1996. The trend estimate for beef production also rose in December 1996 for the fourth consecutive month and is 9.0% below the last peak in January 1996. The trend estimate for mutton production fell marginally in December 1996 and is 8.3% below the last peak in March 1996. The trend estimate for lamb production rose 2.3% in December 1996. It is 10.2% above the last trough in July 1996. The trend estimate for pigmeat production rose marginally for the second consecutive month. However, it is 12.3% lower than the last peak in May 1995.

Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production fell marginally for the first time in seven months. However it is 5.6% above the last trough in May 1996.

Whole Milk Intake

In November 1996, the trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories fell marginally. This is the fourth consecutive month in which a fall has occurred and is 5.4% lower than the last peak in June 1996.

Wool Receivals by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receivals by brokers and dealers rose 2.5% in December 1996. This is the third consecutive month in which a rise has occurred. However the trend estimate is 5.3% below the last peak in March 1996.

Live Exports

In November 1996 live sheep exports fell by 19.1% to 468,500. The unit value (\$35.75) fell 2.1% and the gross value (\$16.7 million) fell 20.8%.

Live cattle exports fell 25.5% to 47,500 in November 1996. The unit value (\$474.70) rose 1.2% but the gross value (\$22.5 million) fell 24.7%.

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED
(*000)

	<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>
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	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	1,380.2	186.4	233.3	99.2	3,894.2	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
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	330.0
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	336.7
April	85.6	78.1	108.5	11.9	16.5	6.6	307.6	328.8	333.0
May	102.8	91.7	115.8	13.1	17.3	10.8	352.5	325.1	324.4
June	90.6	72.7	97.2	11.1	16.4	9.1	298.9	320.8	312.2
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	89.8	82.3	107.1	10.2	14.3	7.6	312.7	309.3	299.6
August	84.2	66.2	100.2	9.6	15.5	6.4	284.6	270.1	290.3
September	86.5	59.6	102.8	12.8	17.8	6.6	288.2	276.4	285.8
October	94.8	75.9	103.0	16.3	21.0	7.9	320.5	282.0	285.4
November	97.8	75.8	102.2	18.0	20.2	9.8	326.2	288.2	287.9
December	81.8	77.4	67.9	14.5	21.6	12.9	277.6	315.4	292.3
COWS AND HEIFERS (a)									
1993-94	979.4	622.0	1,081.4	201.4	167.6	85.2	3,220.1	..	..
1994-95	943.4	684.6	960.7	218.1	186.4	96.7	3,163.4	..	..
1995-96 p	938.6	568.3	875.7	194.9	192.5	85.7	2,934.8	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
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	241.8
April	70.1	37.4	73.2	14.1	13.3	6.4	218.3	225.0	233.2
May	93.3	43.1	78.4	17.7	13.8	10.7	265.1	218.7	227.3
June	72.1	36.3	83.1	13.5	12.1	9.0	236.8	227.4	226.3
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	71.3	36.5	86.3	13.2	12.6	5.5	236.8	228.1	230.0
August	65.1	51.7	76.8	13.8	15.3	4.2	237.4	238.9	236.4
September	70.1	54.6	68.4	14.0	17.4	4.8	236.0	240.3	242.6
October	83.1	65.7	66.6	18.1	20.4	6.0	265.0	256.1	247.5
November	73.0	60.8	63.7	19.3	19.6	7.8	247.6	251.9	251.1
December	63.8	54.8	40.8	14.9	20.2	8.7	204.7	247.7	253.3

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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>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate(b)</i>
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	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	2,255.9	381.3	425.8	184.9	6,829.0	..	..
<i>1995-96 p--</i>									
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	586.4
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	578.6
April	155.8	115.5	181.7	26.0	29.8	13.0	525.9	553.7	566.2
May	196.1	134.8	194.1	30.8	31.1	21.5	617.6	543.8	551.7
June	162.6	109.1	180.3	24.5	28.4	18.1	535.7	548.2	538.4
<i>1996-97 p--</i>									
July	161.1	118.8	193.4	23.4	27.0	13.1	549.5	537.4	529.6
August	149.3	117.9	176.9	23.4	30.9	10.6	521.9	509.0	526.7
September	156.6	114.2	171.2	26.8	35.2	11.4	524.3	516.8	528.4
October	177.9	141.5	169.5	34.4	41.4	13.9	585.5	538.1	532.9
November	170.7	136.6	165.8	37.2	39.7	17.5	573.8	540.2	539.0
December	145.5	132.3	108.7	29.4	41.9	21.6	482.3	563.1	545.6
CALVES									
1993-94	221.4	583.4	148.7	8.8	4.4	23.2	991.6	..	..
1994-95	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>									
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	82.7
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	88.1
August	23.8	182.7	10.1	1.5	0.4	13.5	232.0	95.9	90.3
September	18.2	131.6	6.4	1.4	0.6	17.0	175.2	97.2	91.9
October	18.2	71.5	9.8	1.1	0.4	6.2	107.3	92.9	93.0
November	18.2	20.0	8.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	48.6	83.7	93.8
December	15.4	11.2	7.5	0.6	0.4	0.2	35.5	99.4	94.3

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally 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>									
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	1,169.9
March	555.7	219.4	79.7	242.2	193.6	40.6	1,342.0	1,204.5	1,186.7
April	515.8	196.0	67.2	154.0	183.1	31.4	1,158.5	1,186.5	1,192.3
May	495.4	158.4	83.1	144.1	206.5	42.5	1,143.4	1,134.7	1,186.7
June	394.5	128.6	65.9	130.5	166.7	30.6	926.6	1,201.2	1,173.2
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	403.8	123.6	89.3	106.2	175.3	22.9	930.7	1,151.7	1,158.7
August	364.5	182.0	73.8	112.2	195.3	12.2	946.2	1,173.9	1,147.9
September	376.7	182.7	77.0	148.6	211.2	13.1	1,015.2	1,113.3	1,136.0
October	464.0	251.6	76.0	221.8	243.8	20.6	1,288.2	1,117.2	1,122.9
November	448.5	254.5	83.0	305.3	202.3	36.5	1,338.8	1,121.6	1,111.0
December	390.2	260.7	70.2	188.6	195.3	48.8	1,163.4	1,090.8	1,098.1
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>									
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	1,175.9
March	300.4	453.8	67.1	167.3	110.3	41.2	1,162.6	1,149.3	1,161.2
April	318.7	459.1	58.5	144.3	114.4	30.7	1,150.5	1,156.4	1,149.1
May	297.0	508.2	48.4	162.1	141.5	39.7	1,225.1	1,134.2	1,139.0
June	267.7	404.1	47.0	98.6	117.8	33.1	990.3	1,127.9	1,133.0
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	319.2	428.5	62.0	100.3	145.3	26.0	1,103.4	1,152.6	1,134.9
August	334.7	442.7	73.5	103.3	123.9	21.6	1,121.2	1,115.3	1,145.5
September	355.8	471.3	53.9	146.5	152.5	26.2	1,223.5	1,172.1	1,162.5
October	373.4	554.1	73.1	176.4	205.1	25.9	1,432.6	1,164.3	1,183.4
November	275.5	562.4	58.5	150.6	144.0	28.0	1,243.5	1,210.4	1,205.8
December	266.7	540.9	55.0	126.6	116.1	29.1	1,158.2	1,264.4	1,227.1

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	PIGS								
1993-94	1,490.9	1,188.5	1,207.9	562.1	550.4	95.8	5,190.2
1994-95	1,505.4	1,196.9	1,154.4	469.6	604.1	92.9	5,119.6
1995-96 p	1,414.8	1,141.1	1,073.9	389.2	571.4	81.8	4,755.7	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
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	397.8
February	107.1	92.4	87.1	33.6	47.2	6.3	379.9	392.3	394.2
March	113.9	93.7	96.0	28.0	48.6	7.2	393.6	390.3	391.1
April	107.1	94.4	80.9	28.4	46.6	6.0	369.4	386.3	388.9
May	125.0	107.1	89.5	37.3	51.2	7.3	425.0	385.5	386.9
June	117.8	86.9	91.0	29.6	44.9	6.6	383.2	380.7	384.3
<i>1996-97 p</i>									
July	118.2	103.0	87.6	35.9	49.2	6.8	407.2	398.0	381.2
August	113.3	91.6	80.7	34.5	44.4	5.9	377.1	373.9	377.6
September	122.0	91.3	72.6	26.4	43.3	5.9	366.7	371.1	374.5
October	110.2	102.4	79.0	24.9	39.9	5.5	368.6	358.6	372.4
November	110.2	93.9	77.2	31.9	45.6	5.2	370.7	377.4	371.5
December	131.0	100.8	77.8	23.0	47.6	6.6	393.8	379.9	371.6

(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.	Old	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	471,183	335,059	697,750	99,108	97,140	49,907	1,765,607	..	..
1995-96 p	458,701	348,201	608,396	90,958	97,059	44,812	1,666,904	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
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	142,466
January	38,019	34,722	26,817	9,208	8,359	4,467	122,583	144,271	143,705
February	42,187	33,838	46,359	9,065	9,719	4,122	146,045	146,356	143,569
March	41,591	30,612	54,511	8,091	8,297	4,175	148,052	146,115	141,762
April	36,419	26,871	48,215	6,352	6,984	3,012	128,669	135,286	138,246
May	46,448	31,202	50,664	7,037	7,037	5,230	149,355	131,755	133,826
June	37,431	25,172	46,522	5,913	6,485	4,429	128,449	130,677	129,757
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	37,215	27,059	50,742	5,342	5,862	3,203	131,876	129,310	127,098
August	34,559	26,343	46,386	5,292	6,862	2,564	124,465	120,204	126,297
September	35,906	25,495	44,983	6,752	8,039	2,811	125,633	125,120	126,839
October	42,356	31,814	45,264	8,232	9,448	3,375	141,821	130,454	127,966
November	40,725	30,835	45,101	9,012	9,103	4,218	140,090	130,400	129,365
December	34,478	29,612	29,399	6,783	9,072	5,488	115,394	133,113	130,838
VEAL									
1993-94	17,551	13,466	6,352	302	296	515	38,581	..	..
1994-95	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>									
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	2,726
April	1,259	654	242	48	11	26	2,246	2,688	2,693
May	1,619	1,032	289	43	14	42	3,053	2,685	2,724
June	1,261	1,567	233	38	19	21	3,146	2,606	2,803
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	1,399	1,791	252	39	21	48	3,559	2,733	2,911
August	1,510	3,660	458	43	21	344	6,037	3,492	3,024
September	1,159	2,715	245	37	27	430	4,612	3,264	3,124
October	1,092	1,504	443	33	23	157	3,253	2,930	3,204
November	1,173	502	396	26	24	17	2,137	3,062	3,270
December	1,013	337	341	21	24	7	1,744	3,559	3,330

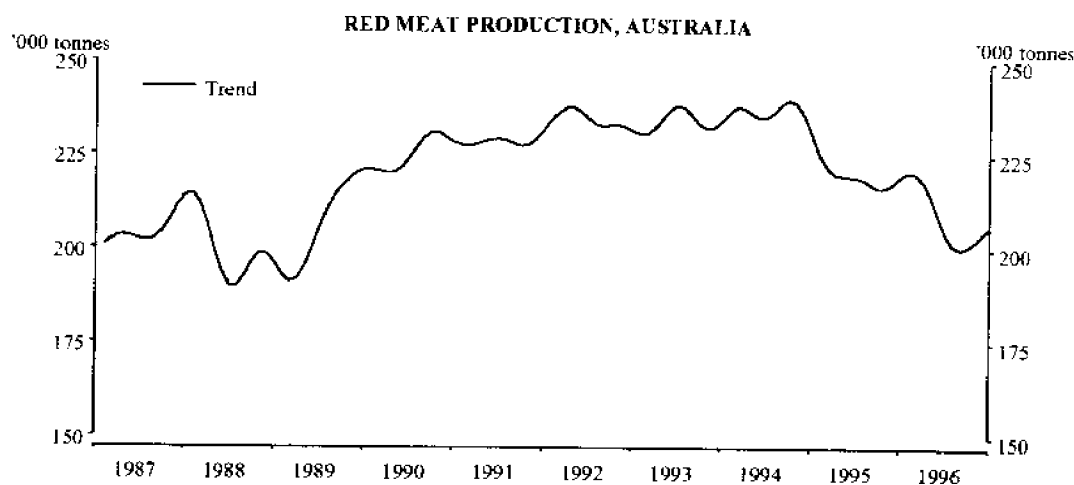
TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)—continued

	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>									
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	25,007
March	11,688	4,398	1,547	5,468	3,839	860	28,026	25,273	25,210
April	10,940	3,952	1,280	3,523	3,600	657	24,182	25,192	25,151
May	10,393	3,158	1,556	3,286	4,166	892	23,735	23,925	24,870
June	8,256	2,575	1,237	2,880	3,271	638	19,060	25,080	24,453
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	8,325	2,431	1,732	2,424	3,407	475	18,998	23,836	24,087
August	7,558	3,693	1,486	2,504	3,801	249	19,421	24,059	23,852
September	8,190	3,730	1,593	3,487	4,064	269	21,456	23,316	23,638
October	9,959	5,217	1,590	5,282	4,784	425	27,475	23,404	23,441
November	9,705	5,143	1,666	7,098	4,057	792	28,643	23,471	23,283
December	8,352	5,278	1,453	4,401	3,779	1,081	24,546	23,075	23,108
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>									
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	21,860
March	5,495	8,536	1,199	3,385	1,954	777	21,774	21,455	21,581
April	5,871	8,504	1,043	2,965	2,017	579	21,448	21,569	21,320
May	5,521	9,741	854	3,282	2,445	749	23,127	21,286	21,065
June	4,941	7,598	831	1,921	2,078	624	18,413	20,418	20,878
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	5,854	7,720	1,108	1,904	2,448	488	19,941	20,948	20,867
August	6,130	8,046	1,334	1,863	2,102	407	20,292	20,639	21,079
September	6,564	8,523	972	2,784	2,584	493	22,249	21,861	21,467
October	6,965	10,210	1,318	3,429	3,345	488	26,224	21,387	21,954
November	5,126	10,377	1,066	3,000	2,394	527	22,957	22,526	22,470
December	4,995	10,098	998	2,594	1,976	547	21,660	23,846	22,987

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	102,175	84,728	83,143	32,063	37,109	5,982	351,299	..	..
1995-96 p	96,240	82,989	77,111	26,711	35,437	5,346	328,866	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
October	7,747	7,081	6,249	2,125	3,013	399	27,048	28,121	27,889
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	27,530
January	6,984	6,525	5,493	2,092	2,497	397	24,408	27,639	27,340
February	6,986	6,742	6,091	2,297	2,909	410	25,840	27,065	27,128
March	7,609	6,636	6,815	1,899	3,009	470	26,779	26,678	26,994
April	7,645	6,619	5,803	1,985	2,907	397	25,711	26,558	26,884
May	8,613	8,043	6,489	2,646	3,233	476	29,945	27,015	26,749
June	8,231	6,320	6,693	2,136	2,762	430	26,943	26,459	26,552
<i>1996-97 p</i>									
July	8,241	7,441	6,504	2,561	2,900	443	28,467	27,227	26,333
August	7,829	6,588	6,017	2,454	2,921	385	26,586	26,046	26,102
September	7,492	6,619	5,365	1,896	2,999	384	25,075	24,986	25,931
October	7,528	7,391	5,819	1,775	2,927	360	26,214	25,589	25,869
November	7,265	6,647	5,693	2,214	3,173	342	25,736	26,038	25,905
December	8,269	7,235	5,519	1,522	3,269	430	26,680	26,825	26,026
TOTAL RED MEAT (c)									
1993-94	779,374	593,630	867,334	249,644	220,899	71,031	2,816,585	..	..
1994-95	792,826	609,857	811,740	234,511	201,230	76,509	2,758,779	..	..
1995-96 p	755,769	605,729	715,629	208,607	199,591	67,259	2,585,210	..	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
October	60,773	56,087	56,067	20,995	18,634	4,761	220,327	211,875	216,442
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	219,619
January	63,178	56,089	34,901	19,726	16,190	6,538	198,844	222,716	220,713
February	67,195	54,985	54,984	20,917	18,074	6,150	224,196	224,307	220,372
March	67,794	50,474	64,344	18,884	17,111	6,290	226,672	222,321	218,273
April	62,134	46,600	56,583	14,873	15,519	4,671	202,257	211,293	214,295
May	72,593	53,177	59,853	16,294	16,895	7,389	229,215	206,666	209,233
June	60,120	43,231	55,516	12,888	14,614	6,143	196,010	205,239	204,443
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	61,033	46,441	60,338	12,271	14,638	4,657	202,841	204,054	201,296
August	57,586	48,331	55,681	12,155	15,707	3,949	196,801	194,440	200,354
September	59,311	47,081	53,158	14,955	17,713	4,387	199,025	198,547	200,998
October	67,900	56,137	54,433	18,751	20,526	4,804	224,987	203,765	202,434
November	63,994	53,503	53,921	21,349	18,751	5,897	219,563	205,497	204,293
December	57,108	52,561	37,710	15,321	18,120	7,553	190,024	210,418	206,289

(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 DECEMBER 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 January.

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for January of 3% on the December figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for January of 3% on the December 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 3.10%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted December estimate</i>	
		+3%	-3%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1996-97p			
July	201,296	200,924	201,176
August	200,354	199,727	200,171
September	200,998	200,720	200,941
October	202,434	203,044	202,459
November	204,293	206,073	204,141
December	206,289	209,319	205,677
January	—	212,539	207,044

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>1995-96 p--</i>							
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
September	27,546	8,155	3,087	1,407	36	6,534	46,765
October	28,105	8,617	3,341	1,474	51	6,852	48,440
November	22,881	8,926	3,166	1,312	49	6,320	42,654

(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>			
1993-94	62,662	742,390	1,342	5,818	97,851	70,959	52,719	5,226	5,355	204	10,354
1994-95	59,811	716,750	1,983	6,920	103,259	65,380	48,539	4,595	5,496	160	11,531
1995-96 p	50,701	702,644	1,696	5,348	80,937	64,191	46,266	7,744	5,656	359	14,207
<i>1995-96 p--</i>											
September	4,905	61,517	209	735	5,553	4,575	3,687	631	445	15	1,197
October	5,823	63,670	107	1,009	6,185	5,874	4,882	652	491	17	1,193
November	6,113	59,527	116	416	7,796	7,333	5,004	727	681	1	1,485
December	4,140	65,534	147	249	9,458	6,979	4,947	728	298	36	1,251
January	2,224	40,777	195	76	6,970	5,398	3,063	424	246	—	851
February	3,948	49,793	151	270	7,264	5,239	3,342	682	234	76	1,244
March	5,639	70,802	154	324	9,632	5,791	4,359	754	431	48	1,624
April	4,161	57,226	89	363	6,408	5,444	3,599	774	328	48	762
May	2,965	56,499	173	377	6,392	4,983	3,961	855	515	24	883
June	1,448	54,541	84	207	5,662	4,459	4,102	639	914	51	876
<i>1996-97 p--</i>											
July	1,698	60,849	171	270	5,130	4,465	3,461	545	693	62	902
August	3,740	51,776	122	374	5,190	3,457	3,014	585	528	3	1,042
September	5,316	46,854	148	423	6,242	3,439	4,240	554	594	39	1,057
October	5,571	56,419	153	410	7,426	4,702	5,315	721	666	29	989
November	7,338	58,369	68	372	8,974	5,017	4,727	855	597	29	1,066

(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) (\$)
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	5,878.9	296.9	226,911	38.60
<i>1995-96 p--</i>				
September	504.4	24.9	20,679	41.00
October	343.8	16.7	13,503	39.27
November	417.9	22.0	14,359	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	387.3	19.1	14,359	37.08
September	559.2	28.5	20,973	37.50
October	578.8	30.3	21,137	36.52
November	468.5	25.8	16,748	35.75

(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) (\$)
1993-94	234.7	79.9	115,020	489.97
1994-95	385.7	136.5	201,948	523.52
1995-96 p	616.3	219.1	343,918	557.99
<i>1995-96 p-</i>				
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	66.5	23.4	33,282	500.31
<i>1996-97 p-</i>				
July	71.0	25.7	35,967	506.76
August	71.9	24.1	34,554	480.54
September	56.3	19.8	27,252	484.38
October	63.8	22.8	29,935	468.99
November	47.5	16.9	22,533	474.70

(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	133,756.6	78,440.5	55,333.1	26,948.2	34,931.2	329,409.5
<i>1995-96 p—</i>						
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	11,828.7	6,722.5	4,890.0	2,310.9	3,030.4	28,782.6
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	4,484.2	2,139.6	2,828.4	26,380.1
September	11,634.8	6,727.8	4,882.2	2,206.1	3,203.6	28,654.5
October	11,729.3	7,701.7	5,312.9	2,396.1	3,192.3	30,332.1
November	10,148.7	6,376.9	4,854.6	2,216.7	2,952.5	26,549.4
December	11,420.1	7,138.2	5,394.5	2,562.2	3,330.8	29,845.9

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

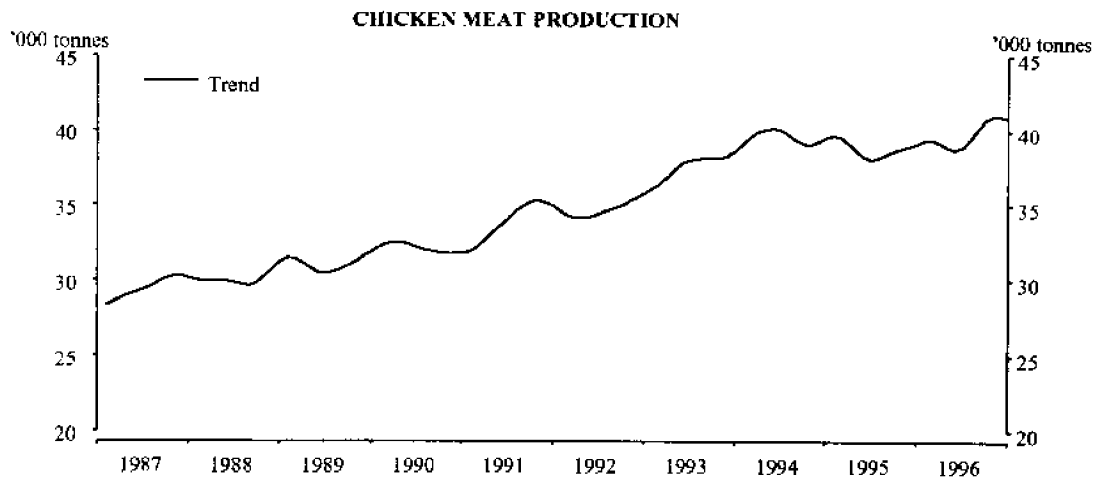
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	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	199,152	114,701	71,607	37,691	44,358	467,509	..
<i>1995-96 p—</i>							
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	39,399
March	18,093	9,833	6,496	3,359	3,863	41,645	39,192
April	15,987	9,482	5,783	3,438	3,698	38,388	38,881
May	16,509	9,614	5,427	2,880	3,642	38,071	38,711
June	16,496	9,152	5,677	2,942	3,922	38,189	38,944
<i>1996-97 p—</i>							
July	16,763	9,678	6,304	3,110	4,329	40,184	39,478
August	15,510	10,305	5,786	2,827	3,757	38,185	40,135
September	17,422	10,061	6,318	3,042	4,227	41,070	40,709
October	17,938	11,396	6,881	3,155	4,187	43,556	40,977
November	15,114	9,393	6,290	3,156	3,835	37,788	40,997
December	16,543	10,590	7,041	3,586	4,262	42,022	40,870

(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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FOR CHICKEN MEAT**

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- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for January of 4% on the December figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for January of 4% on the December 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 4.02%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted December estimate</i>	
		+4%	-4%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1996-97p			
July	39,478	39,471	39,532
August	40,135	40,122	40,231
September	40,709	40,703	40,757
October	40,977	40,961	40,819
November	40,997	40,973	40,502
December	40,870	40,893	40,005
January	—	40,784	39,444

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>1995-96 p—</i>									
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	751
April	83	307	54	35	26	37	542	767	769
May	86	274	57	37	27	31	512	795	780
June	86	239	60	36	29	17	466	825	781
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	89	261	64	39	30	12	495	767	774
August	96	394	66	44	30	22	652	741	763
September	104	599	67	50	31	49	900	737	753
October	115	758	72	57	32	69	1,104	748	745
November	109	748	69	54	29	71	1,080	754	739

(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	611	456	372	163	187	50	1,840
<i>1995-96 p—</i>							
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	49	37	30	14	15	4	149
January	51	36	31	13	15	4	151
February	47	37	30	13	16	4	147
March	53	39	32	14	16	4	157
April	51	38	31	13	14	4	151
May	53	41	32	14	17	4	162
June	51	37	30	13	15	4	150
<i>1996-97 p—</i>							
July	50	39	33	14	17	4	157
August	53	40	33	14	17	5	162
September	53	37	30	14	15	4	154
October	51	39	32	15	17	4	159
November	50	38	31	15	15	4	153

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



**RELIABILITY OF NOVEMBER 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 December.

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

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

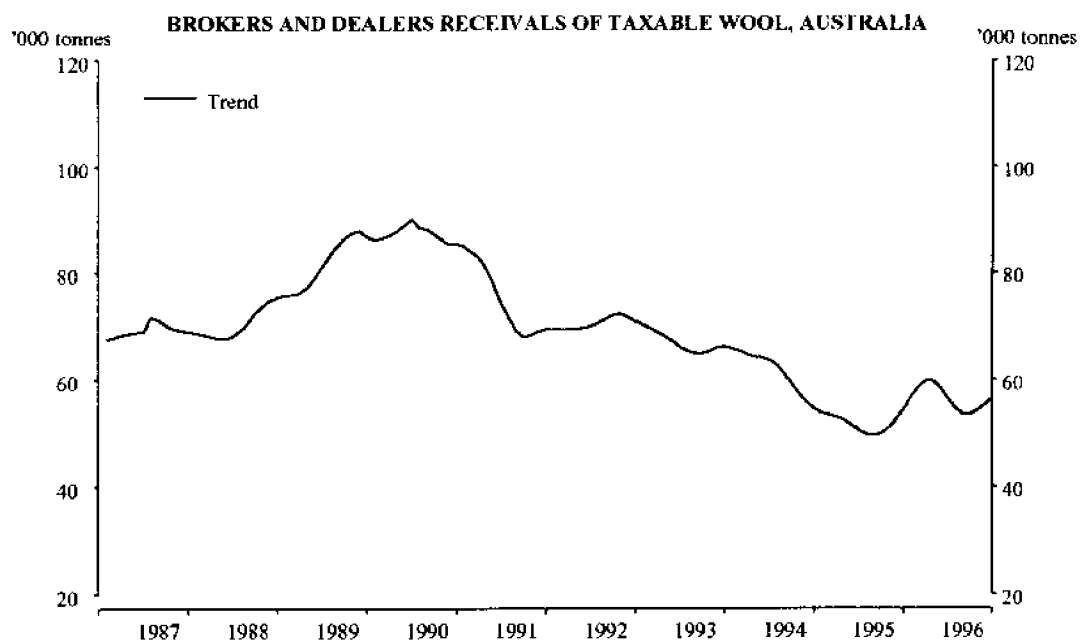
The percentage change of 2% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 2.13%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted November estimate</i>	
		+2%	-2%
(million litres)			
1995-96p			
June	781	781	782
1996-97p			
July	774	774	775
August	763	763	764
September	753	754	752
October	745	749	745
November	739	749	740
December	—	750	736

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

							Australia			
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tax	Total	% of Total received by brokers	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(a)
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	161,388	44,639	87,763	165,979	15,997	641,316	85.5	..	..
<i>1995-96 p</i>										
October	20,176	24,676	3,633	13,032	21,125	1,800	84,443	88.1	49,726	50,787
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	54,182
January	10,798	12,794	1,966	4,890	11,159	1,400	43,007	86.0	58,445	56,487
February	13,969	11,162	3,850	6,315	16,748	871	52,915	85.1	58,356	58,553
March	13,449	10,416	4,125	7,884	16,422	675	52,972	83.3	57,225	59,758
April	11,361	9,464	3,511	6,566	12,719	604	44,225	84.4	61,832	59,688
May	11,172	8,683	4,076	4,787	9,334	1,798	39,850	82.7	62,342	58,422
June	10,226	4,856	4,196	2,878	4,426	957	27,540	80.3	56,583	56,458
<i>1996-97 p</i>										
July	14,068	8,277	4,845	4,775	9,511	1,290	42,766	79.7	52,064	54,620
August	18,956	14,591	4,853	8,317	17,932	1,693	66,343	85.6	49,352	53,543
September	24,301	22,609	4,303	12,574	21,634	1,894	87,314	85.5	55,079	53,441
October	24,366	25,727	2,901	13,334	21,350	2,333	90,011	86.0	53,259	54,149
November	18,399	25,712	2,971	10,552	14,241	2,900	74,775	83.7	56,901	55,189
December	13,015	17,669	1,665	5,321	6,626	1,822	46,118	78.0	58,201	56,561

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



**RELIABILITY OF DECEMBER 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 January.

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for January of 9% on the December figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for January of 9% on the December 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 8.32%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted December estimate</i>	
		+9%	-9%
		(tonnes)	
1996-97p			
July	54,620	54,446	54,633
August	53,543	53,235	53,564
September	53,441	53,287	53,451
October	54,149	54,568	54,134
November	55,189	56,427	54,993
December	56,561	58,401	55,698
January	—	60,372	56,293

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.

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—	nil or rounded to zero

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.

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