

**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA
JANUARY 1995**

MAIN FEATURES

The following table summarises movements in livestock slaughterings, in terms of trend estimates.

	Livestock Slaughterings Percentage change, January 1995 on	
	December 1994	January 1994
Bulls, bullocks and steers	+0.2	+4.2
Cows and heifers	-1.7	-5.0
Calves	-0.6	+8.6
Sheep	-1.2	+0.4
Lambs	+1.0	-3.6
Pigs	+0.4	+0.4

Livestock Slaughterings

The trend estimate for cattle for January 1995 fell by 0.8 per cent when compared to December 1994. The trend estimate for calves fell for the fifth month, declining by 3.6 per cent since the last peak in August 1994.

Sheep slaughterings fell for the fourth consecutive month, down by 3.6 per cent since September 1994. The trend estimate for lamb slaughterings in January 1995 has increased by 1.0 per cent when compared to December 1994.

The trend estimate for pig slaughterings increased for the third consecutive month in January 1995 and is 1.4 per cent above the last trough which occurred in October 1994.

Red Meat

The trend estimate for red meat for January 1995 fell by 0.5 percent when compared to December 1994. Lamb has fallen by 19.0 per cent since the peak in June 1994. The trend estimate for beef fell by 0.5 per cent when compared to December 1994.

Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production fell by 1.3 per cent in January 1995, continuing the decline that commenced in July 1994. Since that time, production has fallen 7.0 per cent.

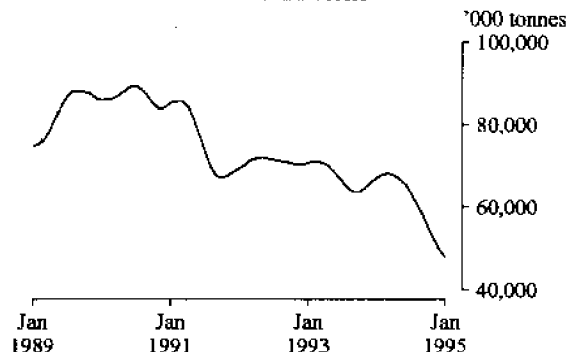
Whole Milk Intake

The trend estimate for whole milk intake for December 1994 was unchanged from the November 1994 estimate of 686 million litres. The trend estimate for December 1994 was 2.4 per cent higher than the trend estimate for December 1993.

Wool Receivals by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receivals by brokers and dealers in January 1995 fell by 3.8 per cent on December and continues the decline of the previous nine months. The trend estimate for January 1995 was 29.7 per cent below the March 1994 peak.

**BROKERS AND DEALERS RECEIVALS OF
TAXABLE WOOL, AUSTRALIA
Trend Series**



Live Sheep Exports

The number of live sheep exported in December 1994 was 465,000, down 17.5 per cent on November. The unit value per sheep exported, (\$27.91) increased by 4.5 per cent when compared with the unit value for November. The gross value increased by 13.8 per cent in December when compared with the previous month.

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED
(^{'000})

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally 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>									
November	86.6	68.4	166.2	20.5	27.0	7.7	377.2	339.7	338.9
December	80.9	72.2	101.1	16.2	27.7	9.8	308.2	332.2	339.4
January	78.9	65.4	82.9	17.1	19.0	8.7	272.1	348.2	340.5
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
November	113.7	73.1	160.0	17.7	24.8	9.3	398.7	347.5	350.9
December	84.6	69.7	120.1	26.3	26.0	11.3	338.1	375.5	354.2
January	82.5	59.9	71.7	18.2	20.3	11.3	263.9	334.3	354.8
<i>7 months ended January—</i>									
1994	601.9	427.3	1,034.4	120.7	176.7	55.0	2,428.4	..	..
1995 p	662.3	436.7	987.0	123.9	150.3	56.7	2,423.8	..	..
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>									
November	83.5	57.6	89.2	18.2	12.8	7.3	272.9	276.7	275.9
December	79.4	57.2	53.8	16.2	15.0	8.4	234.0	265.2	273.9
January	71.8	49.4	56.9	14.1	14.4	6.1	215.8	280.4	271.6
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
November	86.9	46.3	64.2	21.4	16.4	7.5	247.0	241.1	266.0
December	69.1	52.6	57.9	11.1	19.9	9.2	222.8	262.5	262.3
January	65.9	48.3	40.6	22.3	17.0	7.9	205.0	261.8	257.9
<i>7 months ended January—</i>									
1994	568.9	348.5	581.1	117.9	97.6	45.2	1,808.7	..	..
1995 p	541.0	368.1	546.6	108.3	112.1	46.8	1,769.2	..	..
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>									
November	170.1	126.0	255.4	38.7	39.8	15.0	650.1	612.0	613.3
December	160.3	129.4	154.9	32.4	42.7	18.1	542.1	596.9	612.4
January	150.7	114.8	139.8	31.2	33.4	14.8	487.9	626.6	611.8
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
November	200.6	119.4	224.2	39.1	41.2	16.8	645.6	585.5	617.3
December	153.8	122.3	178.0	37.4	45.9	20.5	560.9	648.7	616.6
January	148.4	108.2	112.3	40.5	37.3	19.2	468.9	586.4	611.5
<i>7 months ended January—</i>									
1994	1,170.9	775.8	1,615.5	238.6	274.3	100.2	4,237.0	..	..
1995 p	1,203.3	804.8	1,533.6	232.2	262.3	103.6	4,193.1	..	..
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>									
November	15.1	12.3	11.4	0.6	0.5	0.3	40.3	70.5	77.2
December	15.0	8.4	10.8	0.5	0.3	—	35.2	85.5	78.9
January	18.9	5.6	11.9	0.4	0.3	—	37.2	90.6	81.0

TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED—continued
(^{'000})

	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
CALVES—continued									
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
November	22.1	23.5	8.6	1.0	0.3	0.5	56.3	92.5	89.9
December	13.0	7.9	8.7	0.7	0.4	0.1	30.9	79.7	88.6
January	18.6	6.5	9.8	0.9	0.5	0.1	36.5	86.3	88.0
<i>7 months ended January—</i>									
1994	124.5	404.8	87.5	5.3	2.7	22.4	648.4	..	..
1995 p	142.6	478.8	66.2	6.9	2.8	25.1	723.6	..	..
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>									
November	563.1	362.8	89.8	387.4	332.7	39.7	1,789.0	1,488.8	1,486.7
December	504.8	474.4	75.7	268.9	291.5	46.0	1,677.8	1,510.0	1,451.1
January	512.8	412.9	80.2	215.1	199.7	50.1	1,484.9	1,415.5	1,424.3
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
November	650.4	401.0	37.0	374.1	195.8	63.2	1,737.7	1,392.7	1,463.3
December	538.2	351.7	27.8	310.2	230.7	64.2	1,534.1	1,399.9	1,447.1
January	548.7	340.2	28.8	302.1	220.2	50.2	1,500.8	1,431.1	1,429.8
<i>7 months ended January—</i>									
1994	3,512.9	2,358.0	559.2	1,915.0	1,807.0	251.0	10,506.4	..	..
1995 p	3,997.9	2,056.8	298.5	1,929.0	1,396.0	305.7	10,074.2	..	..
LAMBS									
1991-92	4,683.7	6,320.8	1,016.1	1,631.0	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>									
November	327.0	506.7	67.6	209.7	131.3	32.0	1,304.7	1,179.0	1,171.4
December	291.5	518.2	47.9	176.7	85.1	39.6	1,187.5	1,220.5	1,214.4
January	300.1	406.3	51.2	182.2	69.9	34.1	1,068.3	1,221.7	1,261.3
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
November	298.8	571.6	27.1	175.9	82.9	37.3	1,223.0	1,078.1	1,202.9
December	276.5	516.6	22.7	152.7	121.6	41.3	1,157.8	1,232.8	1,204.4
January	413.0	464.8	28.4	157.9	91.0	40.7	1,226.8	1,355.3	1,216.4
<i>7 months ended January—</i>									
1994	2,275.9	3,123.8	399.5	1,207.4	956.1	221.8	8,376.5	..	..
1995 p	2,518.2	3,785.9	252.6	1,166.5	775.8	263.1	8,988.6	..	..
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>									
November	118.5	93.8	95.9	53.8	46.1	7.9	423.1	417.4	430.9
December	138.5	102.3	114.1	40.5	48.8	11.2	463.9	430.4	431.4
January	103.9	82.4	89.2	38.1	39.6	6.6	366.1	435.2	432.9
<i>1994-95 p</i>									
November	129.2	97.6	99.6	51.3	52.9	8.0	448.1	430.1	431.0
December	139.9	104.9	94.3	37.6	49.5	9.7	442.9	425.8	432.8
January	111.8	88.9	80.4	35.5	42.9	5.8	372.0	433.4	434.5
<i>7 months ended January—</i>									
1994	840.4	694.0	690.7	333.7	314.5	55.9	2,984.2	..	..
1995 p	859.0	694.0	661.4	287.7	339.5	52.9	2,952.7	..	..

(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>									
November	40,314	28,874	68,334	9,313	9,382	3,780	160,923	149,797	148,098
December	36,530	30,025	41,889	7,715	9,984	4,555	131,521	141,436	149,199
January	34,817	26,685	37,839	7,528	8,684	3,966	120,629	157,558	150,821
<i>1994-95p</i>									
November	45,192	26,809	62,907	8,927	9,348	4,143	158,154	138,838	150,162
December	35,023	27,469	49,828	8,859	10,569	5,104	137,474	159,972	150,471
January	34,182	24,399	31,450	9,602	8,421	4,790	113,460	143,860	149,684
<i>7 Months ended</i>									
<i>January</i>									
1994	270,887	172,852	428,850	56,257	63,928	25,088	1,028,715	..	..
1995 p	278,675	176,103	420,251	53,658	59,265	25,258	1,022,926	..	..
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>									
November	1,221	366	496	26	33	6	2,157	3,058	3,203
December	1,192	346	453	18	21	2	2,041	3,460	3,305
January	1,589	367	533	18	30	1	2,546	4,045	3,368
<i>1994-95p</i>									
November	1,442	581	338	44	23	18	2,463	3,360	3,218
December	867	275	341	27	26	10	1,554	2,732	3,140
January	1,266	239	387	46	33	11	1,993	3,128	3,083
<i>7 Months ended</i>									
<i>January</i>									
1994	10,252	8,838	3,895	183	192	487	23,911	..	..
1995 p	9,468	10,552	2,731	277	191	835	24,126	..	..
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>									
November	11,333	8,035	1,866	9,320	7,135	759	38,729	31,289	31,580
December	10,914	10,560	1,531	6,203	5,990	874	36,373	31,983	30,848
January	10,643	8,843	1,660	4,853	4,101	959	31,418	30,507	30,386
<i>1994-95p</i>									
November	13,496	8,148	722	8,282	3,849	1,277	36,112	28,433	29,508
December	10,989	6,956	537	6,781	4,777	1,275	31,569	28,695	29,306
January	10,995	6,646	543	6,412	4,344	971	30,124	29,331	29,132
<i>7 Months ended</i>									
<i>January</i>									
1994	74,345	50,997	11,344	44,894	37,598	4,725	226,026	..	..
1995 p	81,290	41,379	5,640	41,897	27,585	6,061	205,730	..	..
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>									
November	5,423	9,087	1,106	3,860	2,205	506	22,769	21,240	20,704
December	5,021	9,161	791	3,325	1,438	635	20,837	21,518	21,550
January	5,371	7,639	833	3,577	922	550	19,356	21,396	22,448

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

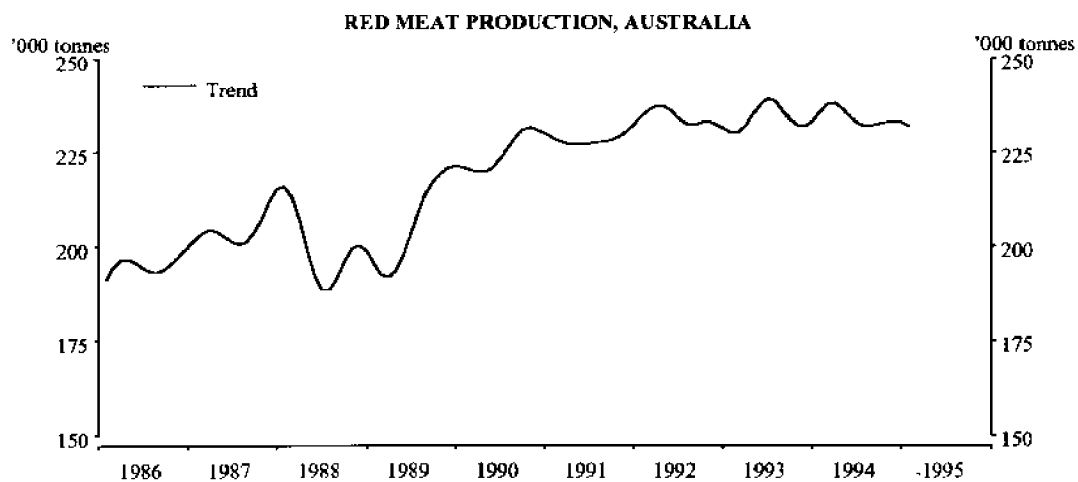
	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
LAMB — continued									
1994-95p —									
November	5,265	10,028	453	3,244	1,220	657	21,752	19,842	20,879
December	4,555	8,995	385	2,816	1,866	691	19,810	21,134	20,459
January	5,468	8,243	496	2,970	1,437	681	19,868	21,618	20,247
7 Months ended									
January —									
1994	38,748	55,923	6,557	22,210	15,386	3,542	145,883	..	..
1995 p	42,899	66,260	4,206	21,903	11,953	4,381	156,405	..	..
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	..	..
1993-94									
November	7,869	6,405	6,679	3,529	2,707	480	28,101	27,549	28,252
December	8,813	6,891	7,746	2,563	2,741	686	29,953	28,478	28,423
January	6,771	5,507	6,093	2,543	2,168	414	23,887	28,602	28,725
1994-95p —									
November	8,452	7,216	7,186	3,784	2,990	493	30,727	29,435	29,287
December	8,611	7,303	6,469	2,929	3,113	649	29,510	28,853	29,480
January	7,272	6,182	5,669	2,400	2,500	381	24,792	29,197	29,634
7 Months ended									
January —									
1994	54,785	45,778	48,248	22,074	18,370	3,420	196,041	..	..
1995 p	56,228	48,347	46,890	20,647	20,183	3,394	199,302	..	..
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	..	..
1993-94									
November	66,161	52,766	78,482	26,047	21,462	5,531	252,680	232,934	231,837
December	62,471	56,984	52,410	19,825	20,173	6,752	220,724	226,875	233,325
January	59,190	49,041	46,957	18,520	15,905	5,891	197,836	242,108	235,747
1994-95p —									
November	73,847	52,782	71,606	24,280	17,429	6,587	249,208	219,908	233,054
December	60,044	50,997	57,559	21,411	20,352	7,731	219,917	241,385	232,855
January	59,182	45,709	38,545	21,430	16,736	6,833	190,237	227,134	231,781
7 Months ended									
January —									
1994	449,018	334,387	498,893	145,619	135,473	37,262	1,620,576	..	..
1995 p	468,561	342,641	479,718	138,382	119,177	39,930	1,608,489	..	..

(a) Red meat is shown in tonnes 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.

TABLE 3. RED MEAT PRODUCED(a) — SUMMARY OF TREND ESTIMATES(b)

	Beef(c)	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Total
1993-94 —						
November	148,098	3,203	31,580	20,704	28,252	231,837
December	149,199	3,305	30,848	21,550	28,423	233,325
January	150,821	3,368	30,386	22,448	28,725	235,747
February	152,009	3,350	30,236	23,218	29,051	237,865
March	151,547	3,276	30,159	23,901	29,273	238,156
April	149,551	3,187	30,119	24,522	29,193	236,573
May	147,464	3,142	30,132	24,959	28,862	234,559
June	145,817	3,184	30,239	24,984	28,506	232,730
1994-95 p —						
July	145,442	3,273	30,286	24,491	28,319	231,811
August	146,476	3,339	30,176	23,603	28,379	231,974
September	147,967	3,336	29,947	22,561	28,654	232,465
October	149,394	3,286	29,714	21,582	28,997	232,973
November	150,162	3,218	29,508	20,879	29,287	233,054
December	150,471	3,140	29,306	20,459	29,480	232,855
January	149,684	3,083	29,132	20,247	29,634	231,781

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**RELIABILITY OF JANUARY 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 February.

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

- trend estimates as published
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for February of 3% on the January figure
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for February of 3% on the January 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 3.26%.

	Trend as published	Trend change with seasonally adjusted February estimate	
		+3%	-3%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
<i>1994-95p</i>			
August	231,974	231,883	232,170
September	232,465	232,342	232,845
October	232,973	232,901	233,152
November	233,054	233,223	232,559
December	232,855	232,898	230,705
January	231,781	232,404	228,271
February	—	232,086	225,849

TABLE 4. 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 ---</i>							
October	38,523	19,178	5,467	1,443	676	10,541	75,828
November	39,421	20,905	5,587	1,414	635	10,563	78,525
December	35,241	21,261	5,326	3,683	864	8,919	75,294
<i>1994p —</i>							
October	32,142	6,248	2,955	2,239	134	8,024	51,742
November	33,730	7,260	3,095	2,070	134	8,845	55,134
December	31,259	6,979	2,346	2,142	136	8,136	50,998

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

	Number (^{'000})	Gross Weight (^{'000} tonnes)	Gross Value (\$ ^{'000})	Unit Value (\$)
1991-92(f)	4,395.6	258.0	87,717	19.96
1992-93	5,078.3	269.3	120,702	23.77
1993-94	5,429.8	287.4	148,907	27.42
<i>1993-94</i>				
October	393.0	21.7	10,368	26.38
November	427.7	22.2	11,233	26.26
December	555.4	30.0	16,534	29.77
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	465.0	24.6	12,979	27.91
<i>6 Months ended December</i>				
1993	2,686.8	142.8	71,345	26.55
1994 p	2,612.0	134.7	77,427	29.64

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

TABLE 6. EXPORTS OF FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT(a), AUSTRALIA
(tonnes)

	Fresh, chilled or frozen										Bacon and ham(d)	Canned meat(e)
	Beef(b)(c)		Veal(b)		Mutton(b)		Lamb(b)		Pork			
	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out	Bone-in	Bone-out				
1991-92(f)	99,972	691,525	1,536	5,703	103,705	74,993	39,396	4,628	5,038	59	7,220	
1992-93	80,980	739,863	2,087	5,361	80,195	77,394	46,681	5,537	6,974	128	7,427	
1993-94	62,662	742,356	1,339	5,818	97,823	70,906	52,697	5,226	5,855	204	10,331	
<i>1993</i>												
September	7,104	61,531	131	999	5,915	5,340	3,755	285	428	21	855	
October	6,527	72,093	179	915	8,613	6,503	5,204	472	789	11	978	
November	7,326	65,513	100	431	12,153	7,640	4,624	483	609	2	1,175	
<i>1994p</i>												
September	7,438	63,244	416	790	10,424	5,436	4,261	534	520	2	980	
October	8,603	69,804	229	1,192	13,260	5,598	3,908	387	734	20	689	
November	6,405	72,036	177	909	13,354	5,923	3,701	254	678	4	797	

(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 7. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)
(^{'000})

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust. (b)
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>						
November	10,471.2	6,738.4	4,270.2	2,159.9	2,399.0	26,038.7
December	12,320.3	8,304.6	5,054.4	2,647.2	2,826.5	31,153.1
January	10,045.6	8,102.8	4,481.3	2,441.3	2,557.6	27,628.6
<i>1994-95p</i>						
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	8,798.0	6,548.4	4,931.4	2,521.4	2,920.3	25,719.5
<i>7 Months ended January</i>						
1994	73,999.6	49,131.1	31,082.1	16,370.2	18,071.5	188,654.4
1995 p	79,965.2	47,833.4	33,155.7	16,750.8	20,186.5	197,891.6

(a) Compr excludes Tasmania, 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>							
November	15,316	10,097	5,671	3,024	2,965	37,073	38,489
December	17,852	11,341	6,757	3,699	3,494	43,143	38,796
January	14,283	10,951	5,798	3,403	3,181	37,617	39,184
<i>1994-95p —</i>							
November	15,370	8,051	5,692	2,845	3,372	35,331	38,411
December	18,354	9,944	5,858	3,321	4,259	41,737	37,841
January	13,385	8,879	6,421	3,491	3,644	35,819	37,339
<i>7 Months ended January —</i>							
1994	110,104	71,713	40,494	23,231	22,570	268,111	..
1995 p	113,612	64,752	44,227	22,411	24,956	269,958	..

(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 JANUARY 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 February.

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

- trend estimates as published
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for February of 4% on the January figure
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for February of 4% on the January 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 3.92%.

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted February estimate</i>	
		<i>+4%</i>	<i>-4%</i>
		(tonnes, carcass weight)	
<i>1994-95p</i>			
August	39,826	39,857	39,910
September	39,443	39,482	39,575
October	38,965	38,984	39,030
November	38,411	38,366	38,243
December	37,841	37,706	37,301
January	37,339	37,078	36,315
February	—	36,488	35,337

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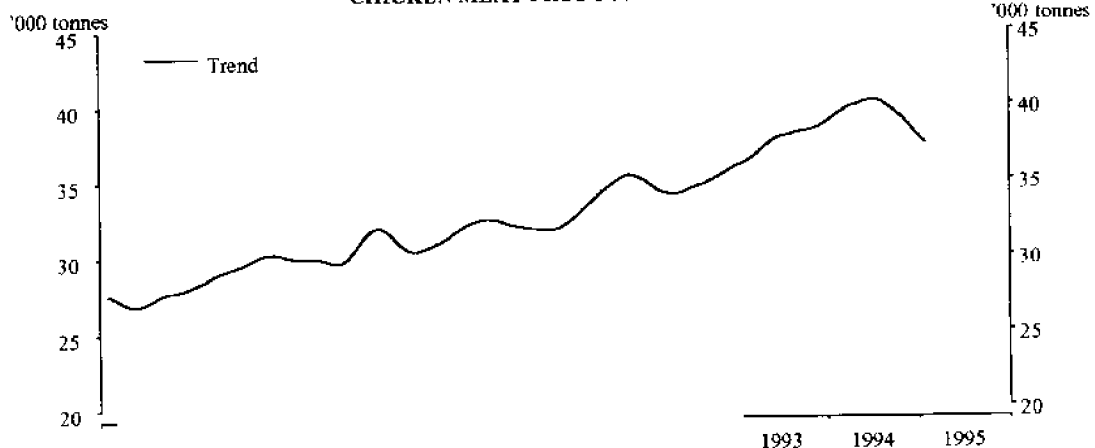


TABLE 9. WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES (a)
(Source: Australian Dairy Corporation)
(Million Litres)

	<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	1,097	4,967	764	456	344	447	8,076	..	..
<i>1993-94</i>									
October	104	645	70	49	32	60	960	646	648
November	99	629	66	46	29	61	929	650	658
December	98	589	69	43	26	58	883	666	670
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	696
September	96	549	64	46	33	44	832	682	690
October	101	700	66	52	33	63	1,015	684	687
November	96	688	62	48	28	66	987	691	686
December	96	626	64	45	26	61	918	693	686
<i>6 Months ended December—</i>									
1993	571	2,904	396	253	181	246	4,550	..	..
1994 p	570	3,169	380	265	182	265	4,831	..	..

(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.

RELIABILITY OF DECEMBER 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 January.

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

- trend estimates as published
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for January of 2% on the December figure
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for January of 2% on the December 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 January estimate</i>	
		+2%	-2%
(million litres)			
<i>1994-95p</i>			
July	702	701	701
August	695	692	693
September	694	692	693
October	698	702	700
November	707	717	713
December	717	736	727
January	—	755	742

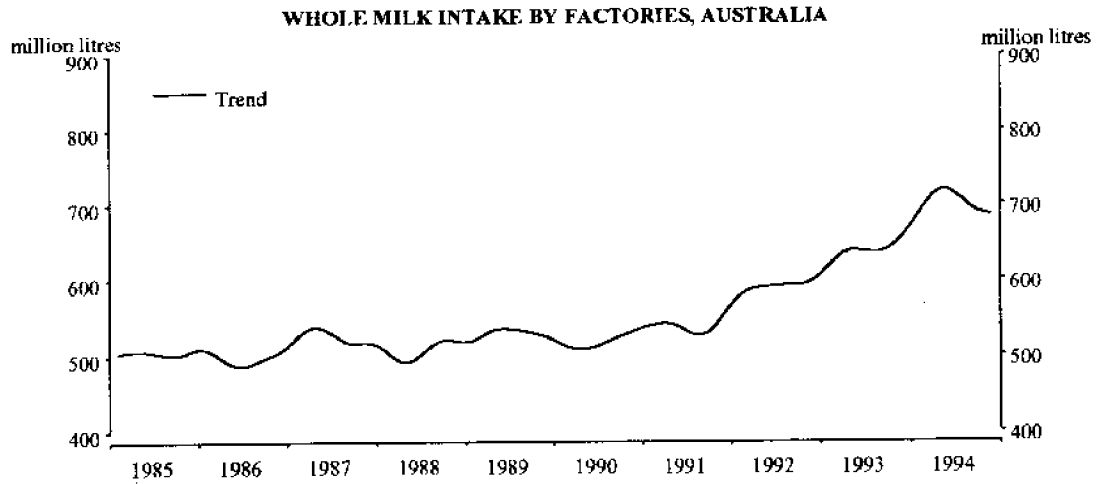


TABLE 10. MARKET MILK SALES BY FACTORIES (a)
(Source: Australian Dairy Corporation)
(Million Litres)

	<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	166	181	53	1,818
<i>1993-94 —</i>							
October	51	38	30	13	15	4	151
November	50	36	29	13	15	4	147
December	49	37	30	14	15	5	150
January	50	37	29	14	15	4	149
February	47	35	28	13	15	4	142
March	53	40	32	16	17	5	162
April	51	38	29	14	15	4	151
May	53	40	30	16	16	5	159
June	51	40	30	14	15	4	155
<i>1994-95 p —</i>							
July	53	39	31	14	15	5	157
August	53	40	32	15	16	5	159
September	51	39	30	15	16	5	154
October	53	39	31	14	15	4	156
November	51	37	30	15	15	4	152
December	50	37	31	15	15	4	152
<i>6 Months ended December—</i>							
1993	302	225	178	79	89	26	901
1994 p	309	231	185	87	92	26	930

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

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>										
November	25,532	31,936	2,597	14,034	25,682	3,198	102,980	79.2	70,464	64,596
December	12,737	19,716	1,935	5,107	9,065	1,841	50,400	78.4	59,545	65,845
January	12,460	10,872	3,359	3,837	10,777	1,235	42,540	85.9	65,650	66,931
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	65,483
<i>1994-95 p —</i>										
July	14,859	9,104	6,352	4,860	11,963	1,395	48,533	81.2	62,798	63,381
August	22,047	19,323	6,788	11,213	24,758	1,454	85,582	86.8	57,728	60,929
September	26,118	28,377	5,884	15,670	29,327	1,820	107,196	86.9	66,647	58,107
October	21,346	25,639	4,065	12,518	22,108	1,940	87,616	85.8	52,688	55,080
November	18,205	23,085	2,605	9,398	15,205	2,983	71,481	82.5	46,842	52,224
December	11,048	16,086	1,693	4,268	5,455	1,609	40,159	79.3	51,317	49,749
January	9,208	7,900	2,224	3,810	7,901	1,714	32,758	84.8	48,242	47,851
<i>7 Months ended</i>										
<i>January —</i>										
1994	138,394	138,840	31,222	73,918	148,924	12,994	544,293	81.8	..	..
1995 p	122,832	129,513	29,610	61,738	116,716	12,915	473,324	81.8	..	..

(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 JANUARY 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 February.

The table below shows, for receivals of taxable wool for the six months ended January.

- trend estimates as published
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for February of 9% on the January figure
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for February of 9% on the January 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 9.12%

	Trend as published	Trend change with seasonally adjusted February estimate	
		+9%	-9%
(tonnes)			
<i>1994-95p</i>			
August	60,929	60,822	60,992
September	58,107	57,920	58,219
October	55,080	54,983	55,132
November	52,224	52,500	52,105
December	49,749	50,633	49,330
January	47,851	49,407	46,951
February	—	48,789	45,084

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains information (preliminary where indicated) on livestock slaughterings, meat production, exports of live sheep, fresh, frozen and processed meat and stocks of frozen meat, 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 exports

6. This table contains statistics of the number of live sheep exported, the gross weight, gross value and unit value. It does not include sheep exported for breeding.

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, chicken meat, milk and wool are shown in Tables 1, 2, 8, 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.

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)

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 Publication Advice (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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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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