

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

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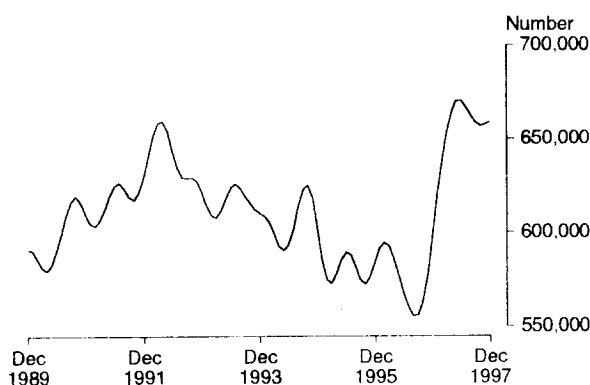
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MAIN FEATURES

Livestock Slaughterings

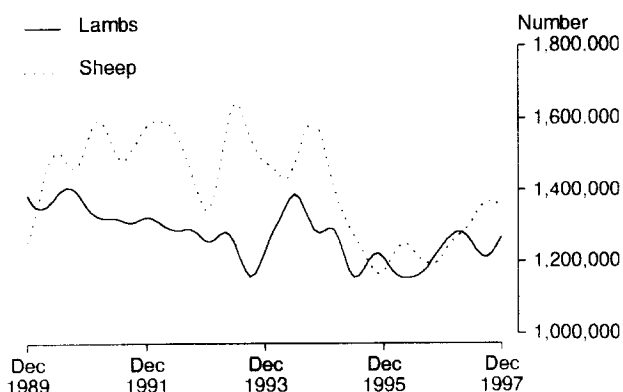
The trend estimate for cattle slaughterings rose marginally from the previous month, but is 1.7% below the last peak in June 1997. The trend estimate for calf slaughterings rose marginally for the seventh consecutive month and is 8.5% above the last trough in May 1997.

CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series



The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings fell marginally in December 1997 and is 1.3% below the last peak in October 1997. Lamb slaughterings rose 1.9% from the previous month and is 4.6% above the last trough in September 1997.

SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series



The trend estimate for pig slaughterings fell marginally in December 1997 and is 3.6% below the last peak in June 1997.

Red Meat

In December 1997, the trend estimate for total red meat rose marginally for the second consecutive month, but is 0.3% below the last peak in June 1997. The trend estimate for veal rose 1.3% from last month and is 17.8% above the last trough in May 1997. Mutton production fell marginally in December 1997 and is 1.3% below the last peak in October 1997. The trend estimate for lamb rose 2.1% from the previous month and is 5.1% above the last trough in September 1997. The trend estimate for pigmeat fell marginally for the fifth consecutive month and is 3.5% below the last peak in July 1997.

Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production fell marginally in December 1997 and is 1.0% below the last peak in September 1997.

Whole Milk Intake

The trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories fell marginally in November 1997 and is 7.8% above the last trough in February 1997.

Wool Receivals by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receivals by brokers and dealers rose marginally from the previous month. However, it is still 16.2% below the last peak in May 1997.

Live Exports

In November 1997 live sheep exports rose 29.0% to 453,100. The unit value (\$36.44) fell 5.5% and the gross value (\$16.5 million) rose 21.9%.

Live cattle exports fell 12.3% to 50,500 in November 1997. The unit value (\$439.13) fell 10.5% and the gross value (\$22.2 million) fell 21.6%.

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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)									
1994-95	1,105.6	782.7	1,597.1	206.1	244.0	111.2	4,056.6	..	..
1995-96	1,024.0	946.9	1,505.8	180.4	218.0	95.4	3,988.2	..	..
1996-97 p	1,072.9	899.8	1,506.2	170.0	198.2	110.1	3,980.6	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	94.5	79.0	127.3	15.8	20.1	7.6	345.8	307.5	312.2
November	96.9	72.1	136.0	17.5	20.3	9.4	354.7	317.0	321.7
December	81.1	80.7	78.3	14.0	21.2	12.3	288.7	328.8	335.1
January	86.0	89.4	75.4	16.3	20.3	12.8	301.8	352.5	347.4
February	88.2	85.3	137.3	14.5	16.7	10.6	353.9	379.8	354.7
March	93.7	66.2	136.8	14.7	14.2	10.1	336.8	349.9	355.9
April	99.3	81.9	141.3	17.3	14.2	10.3	366.1	355.6	352.7
May	94.6	71.1	150.4	15.2	14.1	9.7	359.2	336.0	348.1
June	78.8	62.3	140.6	13.7	13.1	7.5	318.6	339.4	344.2
1997-98 p —									
July	86.0	73.7	156.4	12.0	14.7	8.6	354.3	341.1	342.1
August	86.1	67.3	158.0	10.4	14.6	7.2	347.6	347.6	341.9
September	86.9	72.2	171.0	13.4	18.1	5.2	369.1	350.2	341.4
October	87.7	75.0	163.3	17.9	21.0	6.7	374.4	337.9	340.4
November	81.1	72.1	151.6	18.1	19.9	7.3	350.6	323.2	339.4
December	77.5	71.8	125.3	15.1	19.1	8.2	317.1	348.1	338.3
COWS AND HEIFERS (a)									
1994-95	943.4	684.6	960.7	218.1	186.4	96.7	3,163.4	..	..
1995-96	939.1	576.7	901.2	194.1	181.9	88.9	2,961.5	..	..
1996-97 p	962.7	777.9	995.3	198.8	207.8	98.3	3,304.9	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	83.6	67.8	70.6	18.0	19.9	6.4	271.5	256.3	251.5
November	73.7	59.8	68.0	19.3	19.7	8.0	252.0	254.8	256.4
December	64.0	57.8	42.4	14.9	19.7	8.9	209.1	256.5	262.9
January	76.6	69.9	50.4	16.5	20.7	8.1	244.0	274.4	271.7
February	82.0	63.5	84.4	17.1	20.9	8.8	278.3	275.9	283.0
March	80.2	65.0	89.1	14.5	17.9	8.1	276.1	299.8	297.0
April	93.6	83.7	109.6	19.9	15.3	11.0	336.6	313.4	311.4
May	103.5	84.0	124.0	18.9	16.5	12.7	369.1	317.1	322.1
June	97.5	77.1	111.2	18.7	14.4	10.7	337.0	328.2	326.5
1997-98 p —									
July	102.0	73.3	130.2	19.5	17.4	9.9	357.6	349.3	325.1
August	92.7	65.1	118.3	19.1	17.2	6.8	324.7	328.5	321.0
September	87.2	57.5	107.6	15.2	18.7	5.3	298.6	288.5	317.6
October	89.8	72.0	106.0	16.4	21.5	9.8	321.3	302.6	316.6
November	92.1	68.4	93.3	16.9	19.0	10.1	300.5	323.1	318.2
December	91.0	77.0	81.9	14.1	22.4	10.3	297.1	343.7	320.7

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(^{'000})—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
TOTAL CATTLE (excludes calves) (a)									
1994-95	2,049.0	1,467.3	2,557.8	424.3	430.5	207.9	7,220.0	..	..
1995-96	1,963.1	1,523.6	2,406.9	374.5	399.9	184.2	6,949.7	..	..
1996-97 p	2,035.6	1,677.8	2,501.5	368.8	406.0	208.3	7,285.5	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	178.1	146.7	197.9	33.8	40.0	14.0	617.3	563.8	563.7
November	170.6	131.9	204.0	36.8	40.0	17.4	606.7	571.9	578.1
December	145.0	138.4	120.7	28.9	40.9	21.2	497.9	585.3	598.0
January	162.6	159.3	125.8	32.9	41.0	21.0	545.8	627.0	619.1
February	170.2	148.8	221.7	31.6	37.5	19.4	632.3	655.7	637.8
March	173.9	131.2	225.9	29.3	32.1	18.2	613.0	649.7	652.9
April	192.9	165.6	250.9	37.2	29.5	21.3	702.7	669.0	664.1
May	198.2	155.2	274.4	34.1	30.6	22.4	728.3	653.1	670.2
June	176.2	139.4	251.8	32.4	27.5	18.2	655.6	667.6	670.6
1997-98 p —									
July	188.0	147.0	286.7	31.5	32.2	18.5	711.8	690.4	667.3
August	178.9	132.4	276.3	29.6	31.9	14.0	672.2	676.1	662.9
September	174.1	129.7	278.6	28.6	36.8	10.5	667.7	638.8	659.0
October	177.5	147.0	269.3	34.3	42.5	16.5	695.7	640.5	657.0
November	173.2	140.5	244.9	35.0	38.9	17.4	651.1	646.3	657.6
December	168.5	148.8	207.2	29.2	41.6	18.5	614.2	691.8	659.0
CALVES									
1994-95	248.3	635.6	117.1	12.0	3.8	28.8	1,047.7	..	..
1995-96	244.2	589.8	91.2	12.6	3.2	41.4	984.6	..	..
1996-97 p	256.9	697.6	108.8	15.8	5.2	43.7	1,129.4	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	18.2	70.4	10.2	1.1	0.5	6.1	106.5	90.5	91.0
November	18.1	19.2	9.0	0.8	0.5	0.6	48.3	85.1	91.6
December	15.4	8.7	7.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	33.4	94.1	93.4
January	24.7	7.9	10.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	44.4	98.3	96.2
February	22.5	6.6	7.4	0.9	0.4	0.1	37.9	96.5	99.3
March	20.7	15.9	9.0	1.2	0.4	0.4	47.7	96.9	101.3
April	27.2	42.4	11.1	2.3	0.3	1.6	85.1	120.1	101.9
May	23.9	55.9	10.2	2.0	0.6	1.7	94.5	97.6	101.6
June	22.3	75.1	8.9	1.9	0.4	1.0	109.7	91.8	101.7
1997-98 p —									
July	28.5	101.6	9.9	1.7	0.5	1.9	144.2	103.1	102.7
August	24.3	179.7	8.8	2.0	0.3	14.8	230.1	97.7	104.5
September	25.7	174.0	8.8	2.1	0.4	20.4	231.5	119.2	106.6
October	26.2	78.7	9.3	1.4	0.4	9.4	125.6	108.8	108.5
November	22.9	27.3	7.5	1.1	0.4	1.2	60.4	109.0	109.8
December	20.4	10.8	6.7	1.1	0.4	0.4	39.7	104.8	110.2

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	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
SHEEP									
1994-95	6,577.8	3,229.6	770.9	3,114.4	3,088.1	569.3	17,499.8
1995-96	5,680.4	2,488.0	727.5	2,370.5	2,833.3	349.7	14,581.1	..	..
1996-97 p	5,233.7	2,790.9	956.8	2,527.6	2,784.9	397.9	14,786.2	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	466.4	251.8	84.6	232.3	314.4	19.8	1,379.6	1,185.5	1,193.9
November	450.8	251.0	91.1	316.1	269.6	32.3	1,419.6	1,189.7	1,200.2
December	392.5	274.8	75.9	191.1	235.2	42.0	1,221.0	1,184.2	1,217.2
January	467.8	324.5	92.5	256.8	219.0	47.5	1,417.2	1,279.1	1,240.3
February	478.3	304.8	86.6	276.6	223.2	47.4	1,426.4	1,280.2	1,258.3
March	465.2	234.3	66.3	257.7	239.1	43.5	1,313.7	1,198.9	1,271.5
April	513.9	261.1	79.7	260.2	226.7	47.6	1,398.6	1,404.5	1,281.9
May	462.9	225.4	73.8	183.5	250.1	37.0	1,240.4	1,252.4	1,295.1
June	385.3	174.5	69.7	154.9	130.8	32.1	948.0	1,245.2	1,315.3
1997-98 p —									
July	454.9	189.5	98.6	88.1	149.7	31.7	1,012.5	1,294.1	1,339.0
August	424.7	194.6	88.2	221.1	224.7	23.6	1,176.9	1,466.0	1,359.4
September	428.8	229.4	101.2	253.1	294.8	19.1	1,326.6	1,381.4	1,370.2
October	554.7	305.0	117.7	256.4	339.6	34.0	1,607.3	1,380.5	1,371.8
November	534.0	279.7	99.9	282.9	291.6	40.7	1,528.8	1,352.2	1,366.8
December	506.0	285.4	91.6	233.3	235.5	50.7	1,402.5	1,298.3	1,354.5
LAMBS									
1994-95	4,133.7	6,303.2	608.7	1,914.8	1,463.7	477.2	15,289.4	..	..
1995-96	3,417.3	5,897.7	695.3	1,905.2	1,594.0	393.3	14,223.1	..	..
1996-97 p	3,609.3	5,973.1	775.5	1,765.1	2,093.7	374.4	14,843.7	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	368.1	552.5	74.4	176.2	242.0	25.2	1,463.0	1,192.4	1,207.3
November	270.0	547.6	59.8	149.9	157.1	27.1	1,236.1	1,210.6	1,228.2
December	262.8	528.3	55.4	125.7	129.2	28.2	1,153.4	1,267.0	1,247.1
January	287.7	533.6	72.1	156.3	125.5	42.8	1,241.3	1,306.3	1,262.9
February	275.1	460.0	63.3	155.8	180.5	35.6	1,192.6	1,287.0	1,276.2
March	280.6	466.0	60.4	142.6	176.4	35.0	1,179.9	1,178.2	1,284.1
April	322.9	559.2	70.3	172.7	198.5	35.2	1,383.8	1,328.5	1,284.4
May	286.8	518.7	68.4	171.8	228.6	42.7	1,341.8	1,302.4	1,273.7
June	262.0	474.7	58.2	164.4	141.0	30.7	1,134.9	1,292.8	1,253.6
1997-98 p —									
July	310.1	531.9	72.9	80.8	155.0	36.7	1,187.4	1,240.6	1,232.2
August	298.6	449.8	70.5	122.7	154.6	22.9	1,119.1	1,148.0	1,216.9
September	312.3	535.6	71.6	140.9	221.5	23.9	1,305.9	1,199.6	1,213.3
October	336.9	582.4	67.0	192.0	220.3	33.2	1,431.9	1,184.6	1,224.7
November	293.0	567.3	51.5	157.1	185.9	32.0	1,286.9	1,289.5	1,245.2
December	312.4	577.1	50.2	134.7	135.8	34.2	1,244.4	1,325.8	1,269.3

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	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
PIGS									
1994-95	1,505.4	1,196.9	1,154.4	469.6	604.1	92.9	5,119.6
1995-96	1,408.0	1,142.1	1,080.0	466.8	562.8	86.5	4,823.4	..	..
1996-97 p	1,335.2	1,195.7	988.6	428.5	550.8	79.2	4,641.3	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	109.6	102.8	79.5	32.0	39.2	5.9	375.2	365.4	379.2
November	109.6	94.3	77.7	38.3	44.9	5.7	376.5	383.6	380.2
December	130.6	103.0	78.6	30.4	46.9	7.0	403.1	387.7	382.7
January	96.6	92.9	81.5	30.9	42.6	6.8	356.6	390.8	385.9
February	94.2	96.8	82.3	36.9	45.7	6.2	366.9	392.8	389.2
March	108.2	90.2	80.6	31.6	50.0	6.6	371.9	370.0	392.1
April	108.0	111.1	92.5	35.7	44.8	6.8	404.7	414.1	394.6
May	108.2	113.4	89.4	39.6	49.3	7.9	413.2	387.2	396.6
June	118.4	105.2	84.1	35.8	52.7	6.3	404.0	401.0	398.1
1997-98 p —									
July	119.5	118.4	93.7	34.6	46.8	8.0	421.5	403.9	397.9
August	105.1	104.1	85.5	37.2	44.8	6.0	383.3	395.6	395.9
September	118.7	107.9	84.0	32.8	45.4	5.8	395.3	387.2	392.8
October	116.1	107.7	90.9	32.3	42.9	7.2	397.7	389.6	389.8
November	107.2	98.7	87.8	33.6	41.8	6.1	375.7	394.2	387.3
December	133.7	112.5	86.7	27.6	44.2	7.8	413.3	377.2	383.9

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

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

	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
BEEF (c)									
1994-95	471,183	335,059	697,750	99,108	97,140	49,907	1,765,607	..	..
1995-96	458,209	348,649	655,664	89,704	94,859	45,377	1,710,922	..	..
1996-97 p	469,831	373,785	683,174	85,350	93,625	52,485	1,774,599	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	42,306	33,023	54,345	8,130	9,456	3,434	152,000	138,338	138,458
November	40,612	29,508	57,380	8,930	9,416	4,262	151,178	142,392	141,965
December	34,460	31,543	33,378	6,681	9,130	5,559	121,286	143,388	146,631
January	37,809	35,911	35,151	7,333	9,291	5,434	131,502	152,441	151,442
February	39,880	33,269	61,801	7,223	8,512	4,976	156,179	158,921	155,407
March	41,293	28,956	61,834	6,845	7,389	4,635	151,364	158,872	158,315
April	43,290	36,391	68,552	8,355	6,662	5,394	169,646	161,417	160,266
May	44,355	33,595	73,879	7,606	7,024	5,524	174,568	158,600	161,247
June	38,228	30,309	67,523	7,168	6,375	4,479	155,946	158,496	161,120
1997-98 p —									
July	40,544	31,459	76,729	6,810	7,555	4,530	169,151	163,103	160,321
August	39,176	28,265	74,300	6,031	7,465	3,614	160,656	164,857	159,495
September	38,670	28,260	74,939	5,832	8,932	2,542	160,817	155,833	158,853
October	40,543	31,908	71,921	7,870	10,265	4,177	168,186	154,100	158,563
November	39,461	30,920	66,726	7,859	9,348	4,315	158,824	155,079	158,740
December	38,235	32,534	55,752	6,563	9,861	4,640	147,676	166,775	159,193
VEAL									
1994-95	16,677	14,428	4,918	433	250	977	37,810	..	..
1995-96	16,273	12,009	3,854	396	213	875	33,774	..	..
1996-97 p	16,515	14,344	5,194	530	290	920	37,888	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	1,090	1,469	484	35	24	125	3,232	2,910	3,120
November	1,169	494	437	27	25	15	2,172	3,045	3,167
December	1,012	226	384	22	26	7	1,684	3,348	3,224
January	1,631	218	518	26	23	5	2,425	3,331	3,285
February	1,517	174	395	40	21	6	2,157	3,337	3,328
March	1,325	363	438	36	21	13	2,201	3,119	3,329
April	1,731	895	529	69	17	38	3,295	3,791	3,297
May	1,549	1,106	499	71	37	40	3,319	3,149	3,279
June	1,428	1,446	432	81	22	22	3,436	2,981	3,310
1997-98 p —									
July	1,853	1,997	447	64	24	43	4,434	3,290	3,393
August	1,547	3,547	406	80	20	303	5,908	3,586	3,507
September	1,602	3,476	404	91	24	413	6,016	3,957	3,627
October	1,670	1,594	431	57	23	193	3,976	3,626	3,731
November	1,522	613	365	50	21	52	2,629	3,759	3,813
December	1,373	260	323	43	23	16	2,044	3,800	3,864

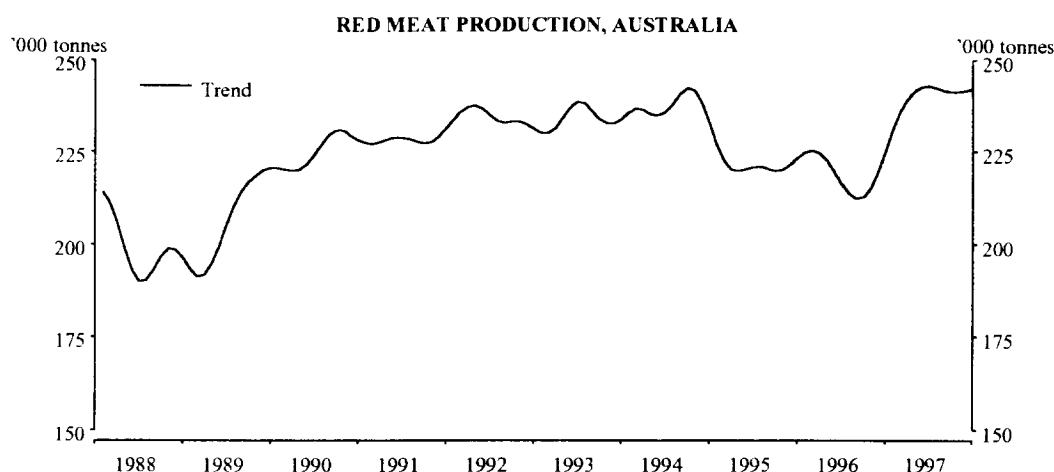
TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
MUTTON									
1994-95	131,052	64,440	15,308	66,759	61,868	11,230	353,590	..	..
1995-96	121,376	50,910	14,161	55,600	57,428	7,414	309,577	..	..
1996-97 p	109,311	55,367	19,328	56,875	55,337	8,464	306,654	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	10,011	5,217	1,770	5,528	6,272	409	29,424	24,844	24,888
November	9,754	5,066	1,837	7,351	5,466	700	30,356	24,743	25,046
December	8,401	5,610	1,575	4,500	4,693	928	25,908	25,110	25,391
January	10,059	6,485	1,902	5,815	4,245	1,020	29,783	26,360	25,819
February	9,952	5,915	1,778	6,057	4,280	1,019	29,183	26,439	26,095
March	9,641	4,469	1,375	5,396	4,982	927	26,938	24,924	26,259
April	10,343	4,990	1,587	5,632	4,681	1,014	28,415	28,900	26,378
May	9,280	4,301	1,411	4,063	4,835	774	24,806	25,673	26,601
June	7,675	3,459	1,356	3,382	2,556	669	19,113	25,659	27,008
1997-98 p —									
July	9,243	3,689	1,910	1,890	3,026	664	20,422	26,053	27,512
August	8,812	3,759	1,735	4,760	4,680	477	24,222	30,677	27,953
September	8,773	4,492	2,049	5,513	6,354	390	27,572	28,273	28,195
October	11,872	6,035	2,351	5,763	7,243	699	33,964	28,759	28,234
November	11,266	5,459	1,944	6,251	6,122	844	31,887	27,340	28,126
December	10,403	5,584	1,811	5,191	4,882	1,044	28,914	26,847	27,860
LAMB									
1994-95	71,738	111,202	10,621	36,147	22,359	8,412	267,968	..	..
1995-96	62,648	110,172	12,584	37,735	28,139	7,407	264,721	..	..
1996-97 p	66,944	111,293	14,171	35,081	35,881	7,043	275,075	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	6,882	10,158	1,345	3,422	3,985	474	26,734	21,902	22,315
November	5,041	10,074	1,093	2,983	2,644	510	22,813	22,355	22,738
December	4,936	9,866	999	2,574	2,226	528	21,582	23,754	23,107
January	5,377	10,024	1,347	3,247	2,181	806	23,405	24,061	23,414
February	5,082	8,721	1,168	3,154	3,110	670	22,263	23,731	23,687
March	5,183	8,804	1,124	2,899	2,990	658	21,961	21,846	23,866
April	5,973	10,656	1,287	3,501	3,381	663	25,937	25,037	23,909
May	5,455	9,840	1,251	3,469	3,974	804	25,276	24,379	23,763
June	4,719	9,027	1,059	3,304	2,606	578	21,366	23,864	23,457
1997-98 p —									
July	5,864	9,943	1,380	1,464	2,834	691	22,177	23,174	23,129
August	5,650	8,454	1,282	2,396	2,590	429	20,800	21,805	22,907
September	5,811	9,962	1,318	2,782	4,007	450	24,330	22,838	22,905
October	6,322	10,748	1,240	3,862	3,948	626	26,745	22,354	23,174
November	5,592	10,583	936	3,242	3,340	592	24,286	24,280	23,598
December	5,847	10,860	911	2,782	2,467	635	23,503	25,162	24,082

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
PIGMEAT									
1994-95	102,175	84,728	83,143	32,063	37,109	5,982	351,299	..	..
1995-96	95,788	83,052	77,696	31,695	35,341	5,634	333,967	..	..
1996-97 p	88,547	85,765	72,834	29,853	38,897	5,171	324,937	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	7,491	7,416	5,868	2,232	2,919	386	26,705	26,086	26,481
November	7,223	6,671	5,742	2,629	3,165	368	26,177	26,653	26,618
December	8,239	7,365	5,591	2,000	3,261	456	27,324	27,312	26,834
January	6,232	6,607	5,886	2,136	3,095	456	24,649	27,452	27,061
February	6,260	6,836	5,974	2,570	3,310	413	25,579	27,979	27,278
March	6,782	6,313	5,848	2,202	3,575	431	25,365	25,304	27,462
April	7,242	7,973	6,829	2,508	3,149	445	28,602	28,710	27,652
May	7,468	8,236	6,747	2,828	3,734	516	29,959	27,650	27,853
June	8,163	7,685	6,317	2,533	3,893	409	29,086	28,260	28,028
1997-98 p —									
July	8,230	8,567	7,076	2,447	3,077	457	29,876	28,631	28,088
August	7,088	7,587	6,503	2,669	2,944	382	27,195	27,654	27,986
September	8,047	7,934	6,342	2,323	3,019	365	28,059	27,388	27,756
October	7,932	7,994	6,912	2,267	2,816	450	28,394	27,902	27,526
November	7,279	7,202	6,627	2,276	2,659	382	26,448	27,492	27,326
December	8,840	7,872	6,218	1,769	2,724	467	27,918	26,665	27,096
TOTAL RED MEAT (c)									
1994-95	792,826	609,857	811,740	234,511	218,725	76,509	2,776,274	..	..
1995-96	754,293	604,792	763,960	215,131	215,979	66,707	2,652,960	..	..
1996-97 p	751,148	640,554	794,701	207,690	224,030	74,083	2,719,153	..	..
1996-97 p —									
October	67,781	57,283	63,811	19,346	22,656	4,827	238,095	214,080	215,263
November	63,798	51,813	66,489	21,921	20,716	5,855	232,696	219,188	219,533
December	57,047	54,610	41,927	15,777	19,336	7,479	197,784	222,911	225,187
January	61,109	59,245	44,804	18,557	18,834	7,721	211,765	233,646	231,021
February	62,690	54,915	71,115	19,045	19,233	7,083	235,362	240,407	235,796
March	64,224	48,905	70,620	17,378	18,957	6,664	227,828	234,064	239,232
April	68,579	60,905	78,783	20,065	17,890	7,553	255,896	247,856	241,501
May	68,107	57,078	83,787	18,036	19,604	7,659	257,928	239,452	242,743
June	60,213	51,926	76,686	16,467	15,452	6,157	228,946	239,260	242,922
1997-98 p —									
July	65,734	55,655	87,542	12,676	16,516	6,385	246,060	244,250	242,444
August	62,272	51,612	84,225	15,935	17,699	5,204	238,781	248,578	241,848
September	62,904	54,125	85,051	16,541	22,338	4,160	246,795	238,290	241,335
October	68,339	58,278	82,855	19,819	24,295	6,145	261,265	236,742	241,227
November	65,121	54,776	76,597	19,679	21,491	6,185	244,074	237,950	241,602
December	64,698	57,110	65,015	16,348	19,956	6,802	230,056	249,250	242,095

(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 December.

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 3.01%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:</i>	
		rises by 3%	falls by 3%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1997-98p			
July	242,444	242,198	242,489
August	241,848	241,385	241,896
September	241,335	241,106	241,360
October	241,227	241,903	241,230
November	241,602	243,639	241,417
December	242,095	246,036	241,848
January	—	248,521	242,202

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>1996-97 p —</i>							
September	27,668	8,149	3,091	1,407	36	6,618	46,969
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
December	19,697	6,712	2,948	967	28	5,418	35,770
January	19,236	3,709	2,372	955	23	5,122	31,417
February	22,364	3,518	2,651	1,211	18	5,526	35,288
March	22,353	3,952	3,327	1,646	14	5,777	37,069
April	23,584	4,594	3,537	1,962	24	5,608	39,309
May	24,182	4,062	3,896	1,563	43	5,867	39,613
June	24,732	3,839	3,348	1,758	28	5,760	39,465
<i>1997-98 p —</i>							
July	22,642	3,873	3,207	1,955	47	5,175	36,899
August	23,908	4,105	3,132	2,739	64	5,193	39,141
September	24,215	4,057	3,726	2,692	58	4,475	39,223
October	23,170	4,595	3,714	2,651	61	4,132	38,323
November	23,372	4,886	3,751	2,092	13	4,022	38,136

(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>			
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	50,718	702,614	1,696	5,348	80,955	64,215	46,269	7,744	5,656	359	13,289
1996-97 p	48,488	692,242	1,172	3,761	92,364	50,686	54,090	8,334	6,674	320	11,690
<i>1996-97 p —</i>											
September	5,332	46,702	148	423	6,386	3,528	4,267	557	595	39	1,070
October	5,651	56,495	147	411	7,516	4,744	5,417	724	666	29	1,008
November	7,362	59,147	68	372	9,453	5,190	4,937	882	659	29	1,121
December	6,056	53,919	28	171	9,597	4,431	4,061	726	296	25	816
January	2,853	39,361	51	169	7,770	4,052	3,359	609	223	29	667
February	3,596	57,231	80	337	9,269	4,374	4,370	906	305	35	1,090
March	4,059	62,789	54	239	8,351	4,288	4,658	733	370	16	940
April	2,877	69,165	87	334	8,557	3,672	5,424	825	401	3	989
May	1,829	71,041	123	305	8,176	4,157	5,558	656	949	17	995
June	3,434	63,766	93	355	6,826	4,233	5,499	576	989	33	1,026
<i>1997-98 p —</i>											
July	4,340	72,246	157	460	5,785	4,063	4,947	675	1,234	6	1,180
August	6,466	66,199	151	606	6,060	4,418	4,088	511	902	—	1,061
September	6,065	59,569	130	697	8,203	5,208	4,734	599	1,040	17	1,236
October	6,134	70,462	186	652	8,931	5,702	5,957	727	1,113	1	1,230
November	6,791	61,020	156	369	11,579	6,961	5,949	680	1,037	16	1,410

(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 ('000)	Gross Weight ('000 tonnes)	Gross Value (\$ '000)	Unit Value(b) (\$)
1994-95	5,697.0	290.2	184,291	32.35
1995-96	5,879.9	296.9	226,911	38.59
1996-97 p	5,237.2	269.8	189,943	36.27
1996-97 p —				
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
December	474.7	25.6	16,081	33.87
January	546.3	30.0	18,776	34.37
February	489.3	25.3	17,251	35.25
March	471.7	23.2	17,206	36.48
April	335.5	17.4	12,285	36.62
May	357.3	17.6	13,314	37.26
June	294.0	13.3	11,844	40.28
1997-98 p —				
July	539.9	27.3	21,603	40.01
August	277.9	14.7	10,924	39.31
September	469.5	23.6	16,817	35.82
October	351.3	18.5	13,550	38.57
November	453.1	24.2	16,513	36.44

(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 ('000)	Gross Weight ('000 tonnes)	Gross Value (\$ '000)	Unit Value(b) (\$)
1994-95	385.7	136.5	201,948	523.52
1995-96	615.9	219.0	343,699	558.07
1996-97 p	863.8	313.9	427,721	495.19
1996-97 p —				
September	56.3	19.8	27,252	484.38
October	63.8	22.7	29,884	468.56
November	47.3	16.8	23,192	490.72
December	65.3	22.7	31,170	477.62
January	64.6	24.4	32,843	508.60
February	66.5	24.6	33,759	507.52
March	67.9	26.1	32,870	484.16
April	89.6	32.9	44,544	497.06
May	93.0	33.9	48,174	517.93
June	105.8	39.9	53,042	501.56
1997-98 p —				
July	84.5	29.6	42,319	500.66
August	81.6	31.7	39,854	488.29
September	87.0	31.1	43,880	504.34
October	57.6	19.8	28,274	490.71
November	50.5	17.3	22,178	439.13

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

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

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Aust. (b)</i>
1994-95	133,927.4	77,193.1	56,570.1	28,866.2	33,938.6	330,495.3
1995-96	133,756.6	85,410.9	55,333.1	26,948.2	34,931.2	336,380.0
1996-97 p	133,363.6	86,732.6	61,088.9	28,008.1	36,360.2	345,553.5
<i>1996-97 p —</i>						
October	11,729.3	8,282.4	5,312.9	2,396.1	3,192.3	30,912.9
November	10,148.7	6,957.6	4,855.2	2,221.8	2,952.5	27,135.8
December	11,478.0	7,780.8	5,395.2	2,570.2	3,330.8	30,554.9
January	11,254.9	7,661.6	5,423.8	2,506.3	3,253.8	30,100.4
February	10,398.5	6,863.8	4,759.9	2,056.1	2,892.5	26,970.9
March	11,517.4	6,520.7	5,301.6	2,457.2	2,714.6	28,511.5
April	11,475.7	7,244.5	5,373.5	2,452.2	3,019.1	29,564.9
May	10,608.2	6,867.5	4,956.8	2,305.0	2,834.1	27,571.6
June	11,476.0	6,692.3	5,468.2	2,353.1	2,915.9	28,905.4
<i>1997-98 p —</i>						
July	12,721.0	8,263.5	6,286.6	2,882.4	3,316.4	33,470.0
August	10,361.9	7,152.4	5,111.3	n.p.	n.p.	27,781.0
September	11,842.7	7,546.2	5,489.5	n.p.	n.p.	30,370.8
October	12,015.3	8,442.6	5,847.4	n.p.	n.p.	32,332.5
November	10,772.6	7,187.8	5,201.6	n.p.	n.p.	28,792.3
December	11,598.4	7,240.7	5,901.3	n.p.	n.p.	30,974.0

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

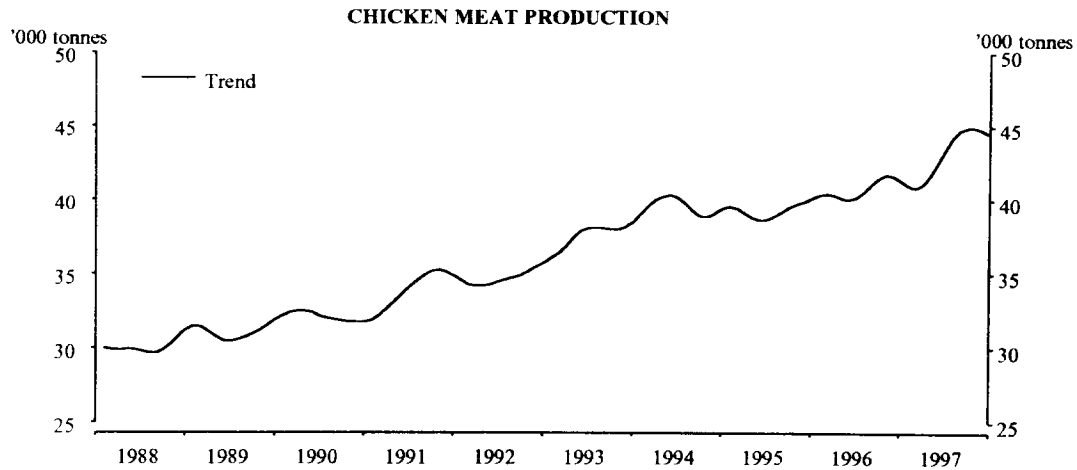
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Aust. (b)</i>	<i>Trend estimate (c)</i>
1994-95	199,589	109,515	76,337	39,103	42,007	466,551	..
1995-96	199,152	127,736	71,607	37,691	44,358	480,544	..
1996-97 p	200,277	129,930	80,485	38,932	46,789	496,414	..
<i>1996-97 p —</i>							
October	17,938	12,457	6,881	3,155	4,187	44,617	41,750
November	15,114	10,453	6,291	3,167	3,835	38,860	41,667
December	16,605	11,780	7,041	3,600	4,262	43,288	41,368
January	16,623	11,173	7,077	3,502	4,071	42,446	41,001
February	15,234	11,030	6,314	2,819	3,699	39,097	40,850
March	17,246	9,188	7,077	3,440	3,371	40,323	41,101
April	17,574	10,256	7,141	3,603	3,771	42,345	41,697
May	16,568	10,367	6,751	3,330	3,573	40,589	42,513
June	17,680	9,999	7,505	3,336	3,707	42,228	43,447
<i>1997-98 p —</i>							
July	19,391	13,039	8,246	4,129	4,172	48,978	44,267
August	16,553	10,842	6,696	n.p.	n.p.	41,013	44,785
September	18,389	11,910	7,309	n.p.	n.p.	44,901	44,960
October	18,895	13,479	7,853	n.p.	n.p.	48,426	44,933
November	16,571	11,500	6,989	n.p.	n.p.	42,550	44,779
December	17,710	11,823	7,815	n.p.	n.p.	45,891	44,513

(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 6252 5337 or by writing to PO Box 10, Belconnen ACT 2616 (Attention: Agriculture Section).



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- 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 3.97%

	Trend as published	What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:	
		rises by 4%	falls by 4%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1997-98p			
July	44,267	44,297	44,362
August	44,785	44,838	44,953
September	44,960	44,986	45,043
October	44,933	44,888	44,736
November	44,779	44,683	44,182
December	44,513	44,427	43,484
January	—	44,072	42,649

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>
1994-95	1,087	5,113	741	484	343	436	8,206	..	..
1995-96	1,114	5,481	751	513	342	514	8,716	..	..
1996-97 p	1,192	5,622	797	535	349	529	9,023	..	..
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
September	105	599	67	50	31	49	900	740	751
October	116	758	72	57	32	69	1,104	752	749
November	109	748	69	54	29	74	1,083	760	749
December	110	691	72	51	28	71	1,021	759	748
January	105	568	71	47	27	56	874	740	746
February	91	429	61	39	26	48	694	734	746
March	98	390	67	40	29	48	672	756	750
April	90	284	61	37	28	37	537	743	759
May	91	263	62	39	29	28	511	776	772
June	90	245	64	38	30	16	483	793	785
<i>1997-98 p —</i>									
July	96	276	69	42	33	12	528	805	794
August	105	420	73	47	34	21	698	796	800
September	113	648	72	54	34	53	973	800	803
October	125	816	76	62	36	82	1,197	815	805
November	117	763	73	58	31	81	1,124	791	804

(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>
1994-95	605	452	368	167	188	52	1,832
1995-96	611	456	372	163	187	50	1,840
1996-97 p	576	452	376	173	193	50	1,820
<i>1996-97 p —</i>							
September	48	37	30	14	15	4	148
October	49	39	32	15	17	4	156
November	47	38	31	15	15	4	150
December	47	37	30	15	15	4	148
January	48	37	32	15	16	4	151
February	44	34	29	13	15	4	139
March	49	37	31	14	16	4	152
April	48	37	31	16	16	4	152
May	49	39	33	15	16	4	157
June	47	37	30	15	16	4	149
<i>1997-98 p —</i>							
July	52	37	33	15	16	4	157
August	52	39	32	14	16	4	157
September	50	37	32	15	15	4	152
October	51	39	32	16	17	4	159
November	49	35	30	15	15	4	148

(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 November.

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.

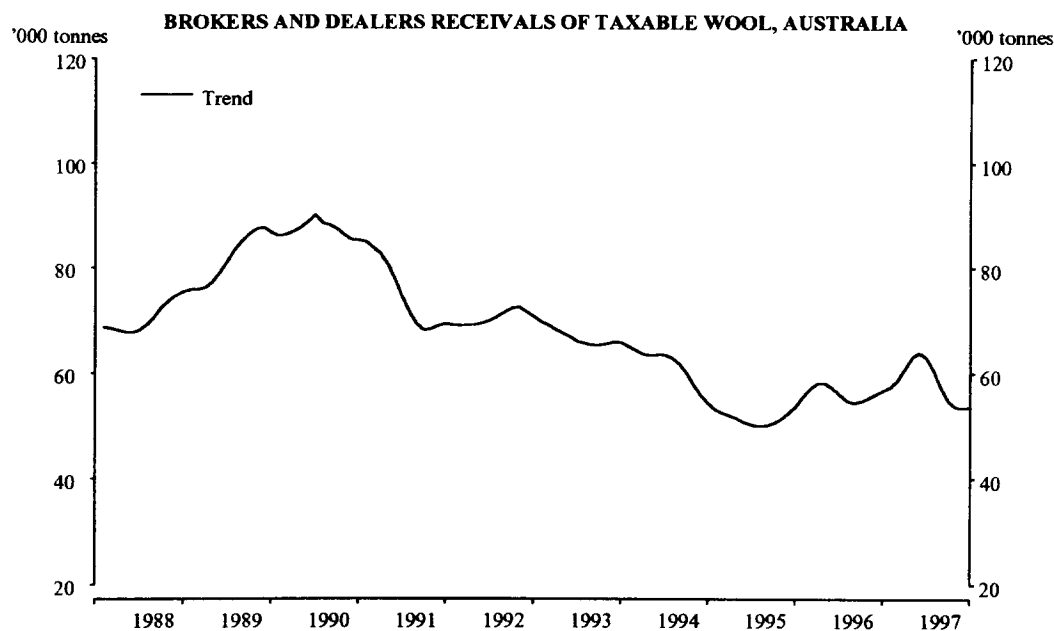
The percentage change of 2% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 2.04%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:</i>	
		rises by 2%	falls by 2%
(million litres)			
1996-97p			
June	785	785	785
1997-98p			
July	794	795	796
August	800	800	801
September	803	803	802
October	805	804	799
November	804	804	795
December	---	804	790

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

							Australia			
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Total	% of Total received by brokers	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(a)
1994-95	177,649	171,915	51,935	86,977	173,383	17,577	679,435	83.4	..	..
1995-96	165,523	161,388	44,639	87,764	165,979	15,997	641,290	85.5	..	..
1996-97 p	195,277	174,978	45,850	89,590	160,020	18,876	684,593	82.5	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>										
October	25,111	26,202	2,902	13,334	21,541	2,335	91,425	85.2	55,407	55,376
November	19,639	26,239	2,977	10,558	14,957	2,900	77,269	82.6	59,083	56,108
December	11,924	17,585	1,679	4,907	6,273	1,778	44,147	78.7	56,401	56,747
January	13,237	13,094	2,930	3,846	11,221	1,641	45,970	82.0	60,158	57,364
February	12,340	10,932	1,864	6,091	14,989	838	47,055	80.9	52,097	58,711
March	14,552	9,947	4,795	8,115	15,237	835	53,482	82.3	56,810	60,927
April	14,497	9,397	5,652	8,343	13,833	945	52,668	82.2	69,512	63,088
May	13,537	8,834	4,614	5,217	6,962	1,620	40,784	80.0	63,176	63,988
June	12,569	6,712	4,436	3,513	5,830	1,106	34,166	78.4	65,701	63,002
<i>1997-98 p—</i>										
July	17,002	10,189	5,625	7,052	11,119	1,352	52,339	79.8	68,056	60,384
August	19,328	14,209	5,111	9,754	15,839	1,612	65,853	82.9	51,299	57,196
September	21,693	17,810	4,536	10,399	18,321	1,570	74,329	83.1	45,987	54,740
October	23,643	24,681	3,674	13,416	22,898	2,224	90,535	84.0	55,399	53,596
November	19,056	20,764	2,400	10,194	14,263	2,554	69,231	80.0	55,400	53,433
December	12,243	16,726	2,088	5,405	7,105	1,848	45,415	75.2	57,941	53,612

(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 December.

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 8.85%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:</i>	
		<i>rises by 9%</i>	<i>falls by 9%</i>
(tonnes)			
1997-98p			
July	60,384	60,231	60,429
August	57,196	56,919	57,267
September	54,740	54,567	54,741
October	53,596	54,133	53,673
November	53,433	55,052	53,533
December	53,612	56,595	53,732
January	—	58,490	54,171

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. 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 (02) 6252 6345.

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- n.p. not publishable
- p preliminary
- .. not applicable
- nil or rounded to zero

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

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