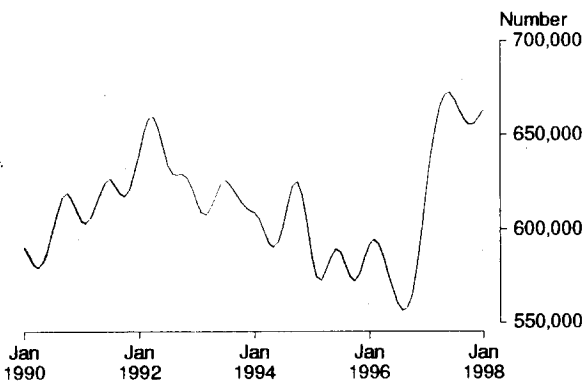


## MAIN FEATURES

### Livestock Slaughtering

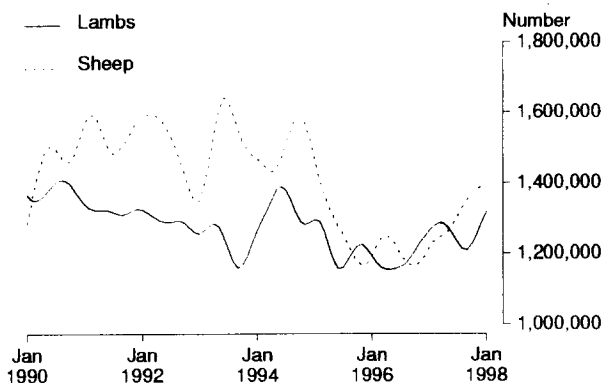
The trend estimate for cattle slaughtering rose marginally in January 1998 and is 1.1% above the last trough in October 1997. The trend estimate for calf slaughtering fell 1.3% from the previous month and is 1.9% below the last peak in November 1997.

**CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS**  
Trend Series



The trend estimate for sheep slaughtering continued to rise and is 19.8% above the last trough in October 1996. Lamb slaughtering rose 2.5% in January 1998 and is 8.9% above the last trough in September 1997.

**SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS**  
Trend Series



The trend estimate for pig slaughtering rose marginally in January 1998 and is 1.6% above the last trough in October 1997.

### Red Meat

The trend estimate for total red meat rose marginally from the previous month and is 0.6% above the last trough in October 1997. Although the trend estimate for beef rose marginally for the first time in seven months, it is still 2.9% below the last peak in June 1997. The trend estimate for veal fell 1.1% from last month and is 1.2% below the last peak in November 1997. Mutton production rose marginally for the fifteenth consecutive month and is 17.7% above the last trough in October 1996. The trend estimate for lamb rose 2.0% in January 1998 and is 7.8% above the last trough in August 1997. The trend estimate for pigmeat rose marginally from December 1997 and is 1.1% above the last trough in October 1997.

### Chicken Meat

In January 1998, the trend estimate for chicken meat production rose marginally for the eleventh consecutive month and is 12.9% above the last trough in February 1997.

### Whole Milk Intake

The trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories fell marginally in January 1998 and is 1.6% below the last peak in September 1997.

### Wool Receivals by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receivals by brokers and dealers rose 1.1% from the previous month and is 1.7% above the last trough in November 1997.

### Live Exports

In December 1997 live sheep exports fell 9.3% to 411,500. The unit value (\$34.71) fell 4.6% and the gross value (\$14.3 million) fell 13.5%.

Live cattle exports rose 23.4% to 62,200 in December 1997. The unit value (\$509.61) rose 15.8% and the gross value (\$31.7 million) rose 42.9%.

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
<b>BULLS, BULLOCKS AND STEERS (a)</b>									
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	1,073.3	898.7	1,509.3	171.1	192.3	110.2	3,977.6	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	97.0	72.0	136.2	17.6	19.9	9.4	354.4	316.8	321.5
December	81.1	80.6	78.5	14.1	20.7	12.3	288.5	328.5	334.8
January	86.0	89.3	75.7	16.4	19.8	12.9	301.5	352.3	347.1
February	88.2	85.2	137.5	14.6	16.2	10.6	353.7	379.6	354.5
March	93.8	66.1	137.1	14.8	13.7	10.1	336.6	349.7	355.6
April	99.4	81.8	141.5	17.4	13.7	10.3	365.9	355.4	352.6
May	94.7	71.0	150.6	15.3	13.6	9.7	358.9	335.8	348.1
June	78.8	62.2	140.8	13.8	12.6	7.5	318.4	339.1	344.6
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	86.1	74.4	156.7	12.1	14.3	8.6	354.8	341.6	342.7
August	86.2	67.1	158.2	10.5	14.2	7.2	347.3	347.3	341.7
September	86.9	72.0	171.3	13.5	17.6	5.3	368.8	349.9	339.5
October	87.7	75.3	160.8	18.0	20.6	6.7	371.7	335.5	335.7
November	81.2	72.4	150.5	18.2	19.6	7.3	349.5	322.2	331.2
December	79.5	79.1	92.4	15.2	18.6	8.2	293.1	321.7	326.9
January	70.3	85.8	82.3	14.1	15.8	8.7	277.1	328.4	323.3
<b>COWS AND HEIFERS (a)</b>									
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	966.9	777.2	1,008.5	197.6	214.5	93.4	3,322.0	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	74.0	59.7	69.1	19.2	20.2	7.6	253.4	256.3	258.0
December	64.3	57.7	43.5	14.8	20.3	8.5	210.5	258.3	264.5
January	77.0	69.8	51.5	16.4	21.3	7.7	245.4	276.0	273.2
February	82.4	63.5	85.5	17.0	21.4	8.4	279.8	277.3	284.5
March	80.5	64.9	90.2	14.5	18.5	7.7	277.6	301.3	298.5
April	94.0	83.6	110.7	19.8	15.9	10.6	338.0	314.7	312.8
May	103.9	84.0	125.1	18.8	17.0	12.3	370.5	318.3	323.6
June	97.8	77.0	112.3	18.6	15.0	10.3	338.4	329.6	327.9
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	102.4	73.9	131.3	19.4	18.0	9.5	359.8	351.5	326.3
August	93.1	65.1	119.4	19.1	17.8	6.4	326.2	330.1	321.9
September	87.6	57.4	108.7	15.1	19.2	4.9	300.1	289.9	318.9
October	90.1	72.0	107.0	16.3	22.0	9.4	322.7	303.9	319.9
November	92.4	68.2	94.9	16.8	19.1	9.7	301.8	324.5	324.9
December	93.4	84.9	76.3	14.0	23.0	9.9	301.8	349.2	332.1
January	91.3	80.8	74.9	12.8	28.4	13.3	301.9	353.1	339.6

TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED  
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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	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	2,040.2	1,675.9	2,517.9	368.7	406.8	203.6	7,299.7	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	171.0	131.8	205.3	36.8	40.1	17.0	607.9	573.1	579.4
December	145.4	138.3	122.0	28.9	41.0	20.8	499.0	586.8	599.3
January	163.0	159.1	127.2	32.8	41.0	20.6	546.9	628.3	620.4
February	170.6	148.6	223.0	31.6	37.6	19.0	633.5	656.9	639.0
March	174.3	131.0	227.3	29.2	32.2	17.8	614.1	651.0	654.1
April	193.3	165.4	252.2	37.2	29.6	20.9	703.9	670.1	665.4
May	198.5	155.0	275.7	34.1	30.7	22.0	729.4	654.1	671.6
June	176.6	139.3	253.1	32.4	27.6	17.8	656.8	668.7	672.5
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	188.4	148.3	288.0	31.5	32.2	18.1	714.5	693.1	669.0
August	179.2	132.2	277.7	29.5	31.9	13.6	673.4	677.3	663.5
September	174.5	129.4	279.9	28.6	36.9	10.1	668.8	639.9	658.4
October	177.9	147.3	267.8	34.3	42.6	16.1	694.4	639.5	655.6
November	173.6	140.6	245.4	35.0	38.7	17.0	651.3	646.7	656.0
December	173.0	163.9	168.8	29.2	41.6	18.1	594.9	670.9	659.0
January	161.7	166.6	157.2	26.9	44.2	22.0	579.0	681.5	662.9
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	257.4	697.3	120.9	15.7	5.6	43.6	1,141.9	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	18.2	19.2	10.0	0.8	0.5	0.6	49.3	86.9	93.5
December	15.5	8.7	8.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	34.4	97.0	95.7
January	24.7	7.9	11.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	45.4	100.6	98.6
February	22.5	6.5	8.5	0.9	0.4	0.1	38.9	99.1	101.6
March	20.8	15.9	10.0	1.2	0.4	0.4	48.7	99.0	103.3
April	27.3	42.4	12.1	2.3	0.4	1.6	86.2	121.6	103.7
May	23.9	55.8	11.3	2.0	0.6	1.7	95.5	98.7	103.3
June	22.3	75.1	9.9	1.9	0.4	0.9	110.7	92.7	103.5
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	28.5	105.2	10.9	1.7	0.5	1.9	148.8	106.4	104.9
August	24.4	185.5	9.8	2.0	0.4	14.7	236.9	100.6	107.2
September	25.7	178.5	9.8	2.1	0.4	20.4	237.1	122.1	109.6
October	26.3	80.0	10.3	1.4	0.4	9.4	127.9	110.8	111.5
November	22.9	28.3	8.5	1.1	0.4	1.2	62.5	112.9	111.9
December	20.3	11.8	7.5	1.1	0.4	0.4	41.5	109.6	111.3
January	23.7	10.8	9.6	1.0	0.4	0.3	45.9	105.6	109.8

TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED  
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	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally 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	5,241.3	2,806.6	977.3	2,311.8	2,635.2	384.4	14,451.2	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	451.4	252.3	92.8	298.1	257.1	31.2	1,391.7	1,166.3	1,172.8
December	393.1	276.1	77.7	173.1	222.8	40.8	1,193.1	1,157.1	1,191.9
January	468.4	325.8	94.2	238.8	206.5	46.3	1,389.2	1,253.9	1,215.8
February	478.9	306.1	88.3	258.7	210.8	46.3	1,398.5	1,255.1	1,233.1
March	465.8	235.6	68.0	239.7	226.6	42.4	1,285.8	1,173.4	1,244.7
April	514.6	262.4	81.4	242.2	214.2	46.5	1,370.7	1,376.4	1,252.7
May	463.6	226.7	75.5	165.5	237.6	35.9	1,212.4	1,224.2	1,263.3
June	386.0	175.8	71.4	136.9	118.3	31.0	920.1	1,208.5	1,280.9
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	455.5	192.3	100.4	70.1	137.2	30.6	986.0	1,260.2	1,303.7
August	425.3	195.8	89.9	203.2	212.3	22.5	1,149.0	1,431.2	1,328.6
September	429.5	234.5	103.0	235.1	282.3	18.0	1,302.4	1,356.3	1,350.0
October	555.3	322.7	119.4	238.4	327.1	32.9	1,595.8	1,370.7	1,368.1
November	534.7	310.1	101.6	264.9	277.9	39.5	1,528.8	1,352.2	1,380.3
December	506.6	340.5	107.4	238.1	215.7	49.5	1,457.9	1,349.5	1,389.9
January	518.4	338.3	132.7	264.7	263.3	49.9	1,567.4	1,442.0	1,395.2
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	3,621.4	5,978.9	785.1	1,754.0	2,081.2	364.0	14,837.2	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	271.0	548.0	60.6	149.0	156.1	26.3	1,235.6	1,210.1	1,227.7
December	263.8	528.8	56.2	124.8	128.2	27.3	1,152.9	1,266.4	1,246.5
January	288.7	534.0	72.9	155.4	124.4	41.9	1,240.8	1,305.7	1,262.1
February	276.1	460.5	64.1	154.9	179.4	34.8	1,192.1	1,286.4	1,275.6
March	281.6	466.5	61.2	141.7	175.4	34.1	1,179.3	1,177.7	1,283.8
April	323.9	559.6	71.1	171.7	197.5	34.4	1,383.3	1,328.0	1,284.4
May	287.8	519.1	69.2	170.9	227.5	41.8	1,341.2	1,301.9	1,274.2
June	263.0	475.1	59.0	163.5	140.0	29.9	1,134.4	1,292.2	1,254.1
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	311.1	541.0	73.7	79.9	153.9	35.9	1,195.5	1,249.0	1,230.3
August	299.6	442.2	71.3	121.8	153.6	22.0	1,110.6	1,139.2	1,212.8
September	313.4	537.6	72.4	140.0	220.5	23.1	1,306.9	1,200.5	1,209.8
October	337.8	582.7	67.8	191.1	219.3	32.3	1,431.0	1,183.9	1,226.4
November	294.0	565.1	52.3	156.2	175.1	31.1	1,273.8	1,276.4	1,254.8
December	308.0	583.1	53.3	138.2	132.9	33.4	1,248.9	1,330.6	1,285.7
January	291.6	546.5	66.3	151.4	117.5	47.6	1,221.0	1,332.1	1,317.5

TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED  
(<sup>'000</sup>)—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	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	1,338.4	1,197.3	1,002.3	427.4	550.2	74.9	4,653.9	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	109.8	94.4	78.9	38.3	44.9	5.3	377.6	384.7	381.3
December	130.9	103.1	79.7	30.3	46.9	6.7	404.2	388.7	383.8
January	96.9	93.0	82.6	30.8	42.6	6.5	357.7	391.9	387.0
February	94.5	96.9	83.4	36.8	45.6	5.9	368.0	394.0	390.3
March	108.5	90.3	81.8	31.5	49.9	6.2	373.0	371.1	393.1
April	108.2	111.2	93.6	35.6	44.8	6.5	405.7	415.2	395.7
May	108.4	113.5	90.5	39.5	49.2	7.5	414.2	388.2	397.7
June	118.7	105.4	85.2	35.7	52.7	5.9	405.1	402.0	399.1
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	119.7	118.8	94.9	34.5	46.7	7.7	422.8	405.2	398.3
August	105.4	104.2	86.6	37.1	44.8	5.7	384.3	396.7	396.0
September	119.0	108.1	85.2	32.7	45.4	5.4	396.3	388.3	393.6
October	116.4	107.9	92.1	32.2	42.9	6.8	398.8	390.7	393.0
November	107.5	98.9	88.9	33.5	41.7	5.7	376.7	395.3	394.1
December	134.1	115.7	89.2	27.5	44.2	7.5	418.9	382.3	396.1
January	100.3	104.7	88.5	29.9	41.4	6.9	372.2	419.1	399.1

(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.	Seas- onally 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	471,231	373,818	687,802	85,478	91,369	51,723	1,777,702	..	..
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
November	40,728	29,511	57,765	8,941	9,228	4,199	151,437	142,636	142,244
December	34,576	31,546	33,764	6,691	8,942	5,495	121,545	143,694	146,910
January	37,926	35,913	35,537	7,343	9,103	5,371	131,761	152,741	151,714
February	39,997	33,272	62,186	7,234	8,323	4,912	156,438	159,184	155,673
March	41,410	28,959	62,219	6,855	7,201	4,572	151,622	159,143	158,582
April	43,406	36,393	68,938	8,366	6,474	5,331	169,905	161,663	160,560
May	44,471	33,598	74,265	7,616	6,836	5,461	174,827	158,835	161,574
June	38,345	30,312	67,908	7,178	6,187	4,416	156,204	158,759	161,610
<i>1997-98 p —</i>									
July	40,660	31,773	77,114	6,820	7,367	4,467	169,720	163,652	160,836
August	39,292	28,256	74,685	6,042	7,277	3,550	160,903	165,110	159,690
September	38,786	28,241	75,324	5,842	8,744	2,478	161,053	156,063	158,464
October	40,657	31,971	71,366	7,881	10,077	4,113	167,562	153,528	157,463
November	39,575	30,971	66,473	7,870	9,249	4,251	158,580	154,841	156,910
December	39,131	35,616	44,691	6,574	9,665	4,576	140,339	158,489	156,843
January	37,009	35,831	40,253	5,790	9,934	4,995	133,901	160,416	156,928
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	16,444	14,293	5,579	514	319	907	38,140	..	..
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
November	1,163	490	469	26	27	14	2,193	3,074	3,196
December	1,006	222	416	21	28	6	1,705	3,389	3,255
January	1,625	214	550	24	25	4	2,446	3,360	3,316
February	1,511	170	427	38	23	5	2,178	3,370	3,357
March	1,319	359	470	35	23	11	2,222	3,148	3,355
April	1,725	891	561	68	20	37	3,316	3,816	3,323
May	1,544	1,102	531	69	40	39	3,339	3,169	3,310
June	1,422	1,442	464	80	24	21	3,457	2,999	3,351
<i>1997-98 p —</i>									
July	1,848	2,060	479	63	27	42	4,522	3,355	3,450
August	1,541	3,658	438	78	23	302	6,044	3,669	3,579
September	1,596	3,565	436	90	27	412	6,130	4,032	3,699
October	1,664	1,618	463	56	26	192	4,025	3,672	3,785
November	1,516	638	397	49	23	51	2,679	3,830	3,815
December	1,363	286	350	42	26	15	2,086	3,879	3,810
January	1,627	276	473	41	22	14	2,457	3,556	3,768

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

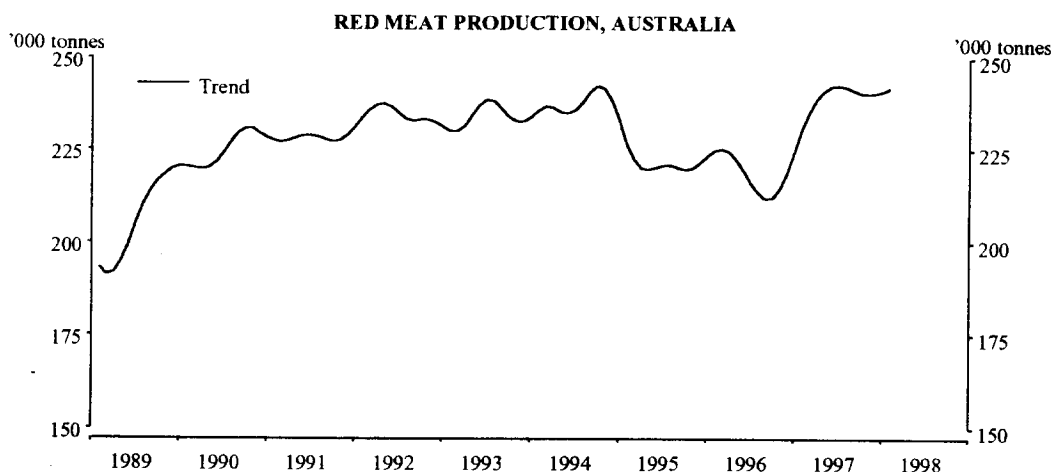
	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
MUTTON									
1994-95	131,052	64,440	15,308	66,759	61,868	11,230	353,590	..	..
1995-96	121,376	50,910	14,161	55,600	57,428	7,414	309,577	..	..
1996-97 p	109,198	55,545	19,646	51,778	52,164	8,170	298,473	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	9,744	5,081	1,863	6,926	5,201	675	29,674	24,187	24,387
December	8,392	5,625	1,601	4,075	4,429	904	25,226	24,449	24,780
January	10,050	6,500	1,928	5,390	3,980	996	29,101	25,756	25,224
February	9,942	5,930	1,805	5,633	4,016	995	28,501	25,822	25,477
March	9,632	4,484	1,402	4,972	4,718	902	26,256	24,294	25,596
April	10,334	5,005	1,614	5,207	4,416	989	27,734	28,206	25,650
May	9,270	4,315	1,438	3,638	4,570	749	24,124	24,968	25,807
June	7,666	3,474	1,383	2,958	2,292	644	18,431	24,744	26,157
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	9,233	3,733	1,936	1,466	2,761	639	19,769	25,220	26,674
August	8,802	3,773	1,762	4,335	4,416	452	23,539	29,812	27,251
September	8,764	4,663	2,076	5,089	6,090	365	27,046	27,734	27,749
October	11,863	6,521	2,378	5,338	6,978	675	33,753	28,581	28,128
November	11,257	6,189	1,970	5,826	5,895	820	31,958	27,400	28,330
December	10,392	6,861	2,102	5,345	4,488	1,020	30,208	28,048	28,443
January	10,656	6,485	2,604	6,013	5,432	1,027	32,217	28,901	28,466
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	67,174	111,403	14,348	34,890	35,701	6,876	275,054	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	5,060	10,083	1,108	2,967	2,629	496	22,812	22,353	22,736
December	4,955	9,875	1,014	2,558	2,211	514	21,580	23,752	23,105
January	5,396	10,034	1,362	3,231	2,166	793	23,403	24,059	23,409
February	5,101	8,730	1,182	3,138	3,095	656	22,261	23,729	23,680
March	5,202	8,813	1,139	2,883	2,975	645	21,959	21,844	23,863
April	5,992	10,666	1,301	3,485	3,366	650	25,935	25,035	23,918
May	5,475	9,849	1,266	3,453	3,959	791	25,274	24,377	23,792
June	4,738	9,036	1,073	3,288	2,591	564	21,364	23,862	23,502
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	5,883	10,112	1,395	1,448	2,819	677	22,335	23,339	23,157
August	5,669	8,498	1,296	2,380	2,575	415	20,833	21,840	22,910
September	5,830	10,001	1,332	2,766	3,992	436	24,358	22,865	22,902
October	6,339	10,759	1,255	3,846	3,933	612	26,743	22,352	23,215
November	5,610	10,558	951	3,226	3,164	578	24,088	24,082	23,700
December	5,673	11,001	982	2,846	2,416	621	23,538	25,200	24,205
January	5,430	10,275	1,207	3,159	2,170	892	23,134	24,660	24,697

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	88,753	85,872	73,809	29,842	38,837	4,934	325,914	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	7,240	6,680	5,823	2,628	3,160	349	26,259	26,736	26,705
December	8,256	7,374	5,672	1,999	3,256	437	27,406	27,393	26,921
January	6,250	6,616	5,967	2,135	3,090	436	24,731	27,543	27,146
February	6,277	6,845	6,055	2,569	3,305	393	25,661	28,068	27,363
March	6,799	6,322	5,929	2,201	3,570	412	25,446	25,385	27,546
April	7,259	7,982	6,910	2,507	3,144	425	28,684	28,792	27,735
May	7,485	8,245	6,829	2,827	3,729	496	30,040	27,725	27,935
June	8,180	7,694	6,398	2,532	3,888	389	29,167	28,339	28,103
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	8,247	8,594	7,157	2,446	3,072	437	29,976	28,726	28,127
August	7,105	7,596	6,575	2,665	2,939	362	27,264	27,725	28,004
September	8,064	7,943	6,414	2,320	3,014	345	28,129	27,456	27,817
October	7,950	8,003	6,984	2,263	2,812	430	28,465	27,972	27,730
November	7,297	7,211	6,699	2,273	2,654	362	26,519	27,566	27,763
December	8,862	8,100	6,348	1,765	2,724	447	28,275	27,006	27,867
January	6,749	7,578	6,466	2,018	2,285	436	25,556	29,287	28,024
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	752,800	640,931	801,184	202,501	218,390	72,610	2,715,283	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
November	63,935	51,845	67,029	21,488	20,246	5,733	232,374	218,987	219,268
December	57,185	54,642	42,467	15,344	18,866	7,356	197,461	222,677	224,971
January	61,246	59,277	45,344	18,124	18,364	7,599	211,442	233,460	230,810
February	62,828	54,946	71,655	18,613	18,763	6,960	235,039	240,172	235,550
March	64,361	48,936	71,160	16,946	18,487	6,541	227,506	233,814	238,942
April	68,717	60,936	79,324	19,633	17,420	7,431	255,573	247,512	241,185
May	68,244	57,109	84,328	17,603	19,134	7,536	257,605	239,075	242,418
June	60,351	51,957	77,226	16,035	14,982	6,034	228,624	238,703	242,723
<i>1997-98 p—</i>									
July	65,871	56,271	88,082	12,243	16,046	6,262	246,322	244,293	242,245
August	62,409	51,781	84,757	15,500	17,229	5,081	238,584	248,156	241,434
September	63,041	54,412	85,582	16,106	21,868	4,037	246,716	238,149	240,630
October	68,473	58,871	82,446	19,384	23,825	6,022	260,548	236,104	240,322
November	65,256	55,568	76,491	19,244	20,985	6,062	243,824	237,719	240,517
December	65,421	61,865	54,472	16,572	19,319	6,679	224,446	242,622	241,167
January	61,470	60,445	51,004	17,022	19,843	7,364	217,264	246,820	241,884

(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 JANUARY TREND ESTIMATES  
FOR PRODUCTION OF RED MEAT**

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

- trend estimates as published;
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- 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 3.01%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:</i>	
		<i>rises by 3%</i>	<i>falls by 3%</i>
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
<i>1997-98p</i>			
August	241,434	241,209	241,497
September	240,630	240,237	240,743
October	240,322	240,102	240,354
November	240,517	241,042	240,376
December	241,167	242,948	240,747
January	241,884	245,425	241,278
February	—	248,087	241,830

**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>							
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	23,365	4,625	3,714	2,651	61	4,133	38,549
November	24,420	4,985	3,801	2,092	13	4,238	39,549
December	22,887	4,695	3,196	1,958	12	4,190	36,938

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

(b) Includes buffalo meat.

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

	<i>Fresh, chilled or frozen</i>								<i>Bacon and ham(d)</i>	<i>Canned meat(e)</i>	
	<i>Beef(b)(c)</i>		<i>Veal(b)</i>		<i>Mutton(b)</i>		<i>Lamb(b)</i>				
	<i>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>											
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
July	4,340	72,257	157	460	5,785	4,063	4,947	675	1,234	6	1,180
<i>1997-98 p—</i>											
July	4,340	72,257	157	460	5,785	4,063	4,947	675	1,234	6	1,180
August	6,466	66,214	151	606	6,060	4,418	4,088	511	902	—	1,061
September	6,072	59,604	130	697	8,203	5,224	4,734	599	1,040	17	1,236
October	6,256	70,725	186	669	8,974	5,745	5,934	727	1,113	2	1,243
November	7,100	62,158	156	369	12,007	7,094	6,027	703	1,023	19	1,405
December	4,330	67,736	59	425	10,583	6,286	5,372	739	643	32	1,013

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

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

	Number ( <i>'000</i> )	Gross Weight ( <i>'000 tonnes</i> )	Gross Value ( <i>\$ '000</i> )	Unit Value(b) ( <i>\$</i> )
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
<i>1996-97 p —</i>				
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
<i>1997-98 p —</i>				
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	351.4	18.5	13,746	39.12
November	453.7	24.2	16,513	36.40
December	411.5	22.1	14,285	34.71

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

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

	Number ( <i>'000</i> )	Gross Weight ( <i>'000 tonnes</i> )	Gross Value ( <i>\$ '000</i> )	Unit Value(b) ( <i>\$</i> )
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
<i>1996-97 p —</i>				
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
<i>1997-98 p —</i>				
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	57.4	19.7	28,263	492.04
November	50.4	17.3	22,195	440.02
December	62.2	24.4	31,720	509.61

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

TABLE 7. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust. (b)
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>						
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.	28,812.2
December	12,191.4	8,240.7	5,901.5	n.p.	n.p.	32,510.4
January	11,404.4	8,183.6	5,892.8	n.p.	n.p.	31,595.8

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

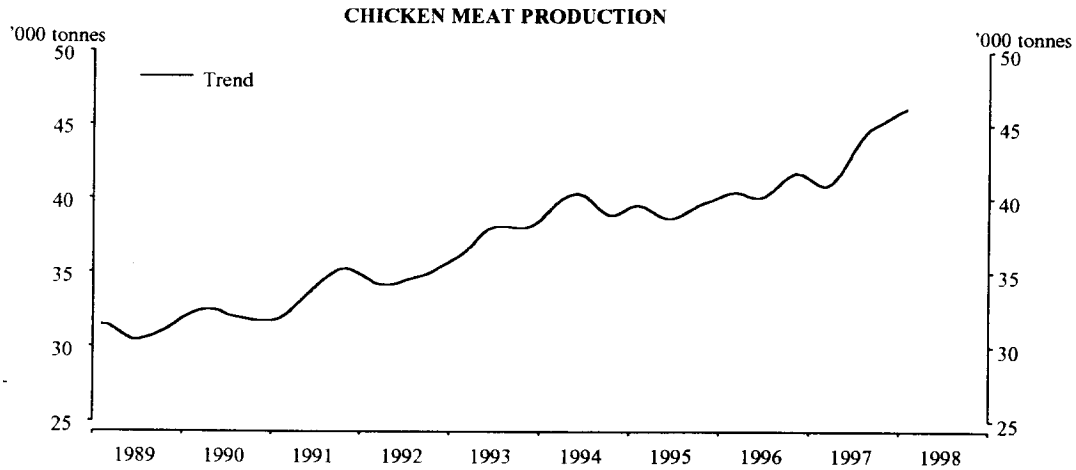
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)  
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust. (b)	Trend estimate(c)
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>							
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	42,512
June	17,680	9,999	7,505	3,336	3,707	42,228	43,410
<i>1997-98 p —</i>							
July	19,391	13,039	8,246	4,129	4,172	48,978	44,181
August	16,553	10,842	6,696	n.p.	n.p.	41,013	44,716
September	18,389	11,910	7,309	n.p.	n.p.	44,901	45,027
October	18,895	13,479	7,853	n.p.	n.p.	48,426	45,283
November	16,571	11,500	6,989	n.p.	n.p.	42,578	45,582
December	18,380	13,215	7,815	n.p.	n.p.	47,875	45,907
January	17,546	13,372	7,841	n.p.	n.p.	47,237	46,139

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Note: Some slaughtering and meat production statistics for 'Ducks and Drakes' and 'Other Fowls and Turkeys' are available by contacting the ABS on Hobart (03) 6222 5808 or by writing to GPO Box 66A, Hobart Tas 7001 (Attention: Agriculture Section).



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- 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 3.95%

	Trend as published	What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:	
		rises by 4%	falls by 4%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1997-98p			
August	44,716	44,674	44,746
September	45,027	44,953	45,081
October	45,283	45,239	45,303
November	45,582	45,707	45,538
December	45,907	46,349	45,792
January	46,139	47,058	46,008
February	—	47,884	46,301

**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	9,024	..	..
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
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	30	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	786
<i>1997-98 p —</i>									
July	96	276	69	42	33	12	528	805	796
August	105	420	73	47	34	21	698	796	801
September	113	648	72	54	34	53	973	800	801
October	125	816	76	62	36	82	1,197	815	798
November	117	763	73	58	31	81	1,124	791	793
December	111	689	72	56	29	74	1,032	768	788

(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>							
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
December	50	36	31	16	16	4	153

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



**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.

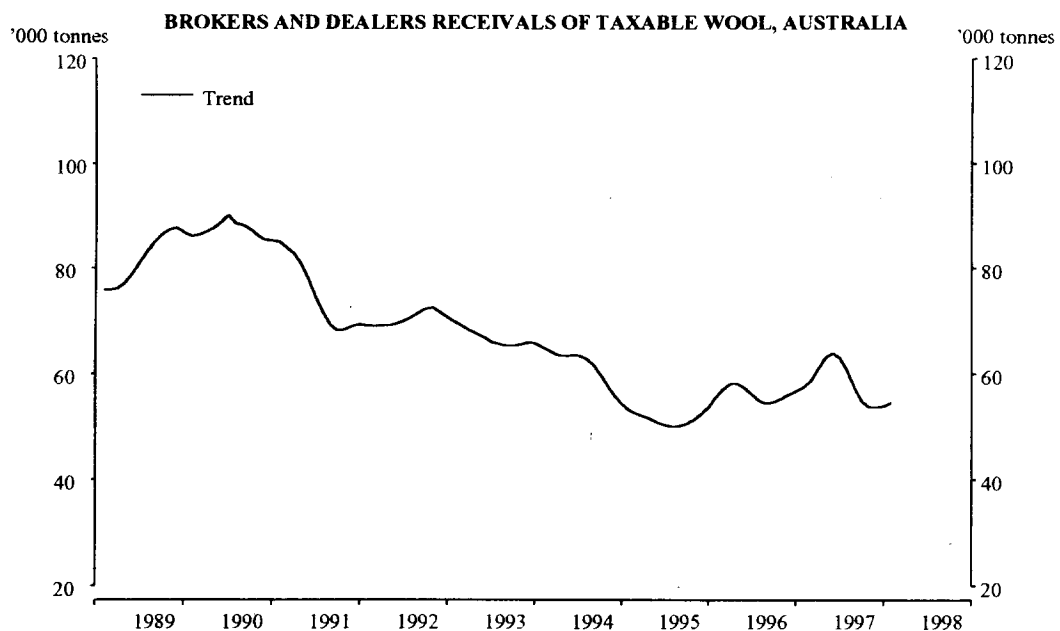
The percentage change of 2% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 2.05%

	Trend as published	What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:	
		rises by 2%	falls by 2%
(million litres)			
1997-98p			
July	796	797	797
August	801	802	803
September	801	802	802
October	798	798	796
November	793	792	788
December	788	787	778
January	—	782	768

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

							Australia			
	NSW	Vic.	Old	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	195,330	174,954	45,844	89,592	159,981	18,876	684,578	82.5	..	..
<i>1996-97 p—</i>										
November	19,639	26,235	2,971	10,558	14,957	2,900	77,259	82.6	59,075	56,109
December	11,945	17,585	1,679	4,931	6,251	1,778	44,169	78.7	56,436	56,747
January	13,270	13,085	2,930	3,824	11,203	1,641	45,954	82.1	60,128	57,362
February	12,340	10,932	1,864	6,091	14,989	838	47,055	80.9	52,097	58,708
March	14,552	9,947	4,795	8,115	15,237	835	53,482	82.3	56,810	60,924
April	14,497	9,397	5,652	8,343	13,833	945	52,668	82.2	69,512	63,086
May	13,537	8,830	4,614	5,217	6,962	1,620	40,780	80.0	63,170	63,990
June	12,569	6,707	4,436	3,513	5,830	1,106	34,161	78.4	65,693	63,014
<i>1997-98 p—</i>										
July	17,002	10,183	5,625	7,071	11,119	1,352	52,352	79.7	68,071	60,411
August	19,328	14,203	5,111	9,754	15,839	1,612	65,847	82.9	51,292	57,203
September	21,622	17,819	4,536	10,408	18,326	1,570	74,280	83.0	45,961	54,654
October	23,506	24,697	3,674	13,435	22,909	2,224	90,445	83.9	55,339	53,615
November	19,065	20,763	2,398	10,196	14,065	2,553	69,040	80.2	55,246	53,561
December	11,609	16,600	2,080	5,219	7,348	1,959	44,815	76.1	57,431	53,893
January	11,373	9,617	2,522	3,842	10,787	1,716	39,857	80.4	54,111	54,491

(a) 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 wool receivals 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 8.83%

	<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			
August	57,203	57,106	57,291
September	54,654	54,419	54,744
October	53,615	53,471	53,633
November	53,561	53,895	53,467
December	53,893	54,956	53,540
January	54,491	56,082	53,415
February	—	57,817	53,792

## 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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12. Users may also wish to refer to the following priced publications which are available on request:

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p preliminary  
.. not applicable  
— nil or rounded to zero

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