

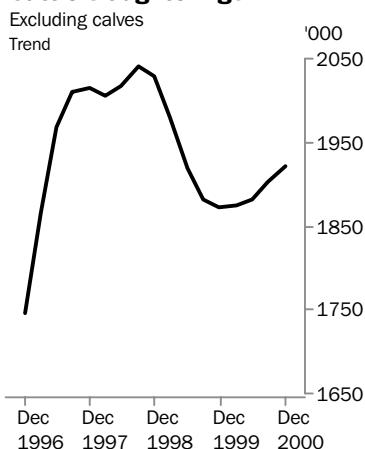


LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

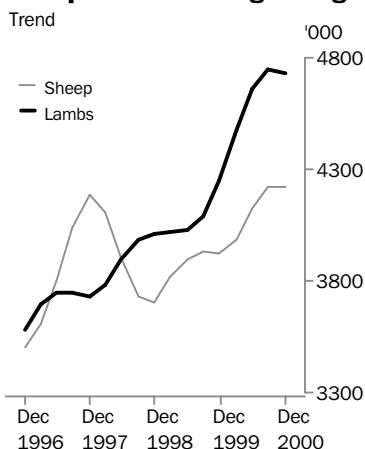
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Cattle slaughterings



Sheep and lamb slaughterings



DECEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES	Dec Qtr 1999 '000	Sep Qtr 2000 '000	Dec Qtr 2000 '000
Number slaughtered			
Cattle	1 871.9	1 903.2	1 922.0
Calves	277.3	268.0	249.3
Sheep	3 918.8	4 218.8	4 223.3
Lambs	4 246.6	4 744.2	4 730.3
Pigs	1 250.4	1 238.7	1 222.4
Chickens	96 938.5	100 829.0	101 055.5
Meat produced			
Beef	484 535	501 485	508 093
Veal	8 986	8 680	8 542
Mutton	82 334	89 601	89 983
Lamb	83 527	94 532	93 689
Pig meat	90 650	89 818	88 447
Chicken meat	146 738	154 616	157 140
Wool receivals	156 469	157 623	143 770
Whole milk intake by factories			
	Sep Qtr 1999 ML	Jun Qtr 2000 ML	Sep Qtr 2000 ML
	2 708	2 802	n.a.

DECEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for lamb production in December quarter 2000 was 93,700 tonnes, a decrease of 1% on the September quarter 2000 estimate and the first drop in lamb production since September quarter 1996.
- The trend estimate for the number of calves slaughtered in December quarter 2000 was 249,000, a decrease of 7% on the September quarter 2000 estimate. This was the third consecutive quarterly decrease and the lowest quarterly figure since March quarter 1996.
- The trend estimate for chicken meat production rose by 2% to a record level of 157,000 tonnes in December quarter 2000.

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**CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE**

Due to increased coverage, sheep slaughtering, mutton production and red meat production figures have been revised back to September quarter 1998.

**FORTHCOMING CHANGES**

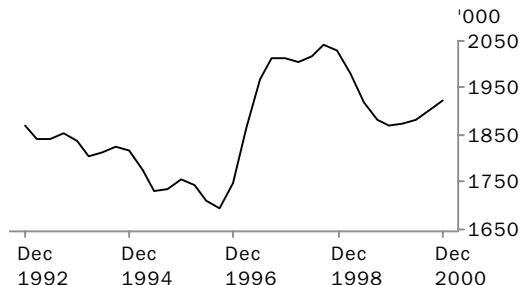
There are no forthcoming changes.



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Australian Statistician

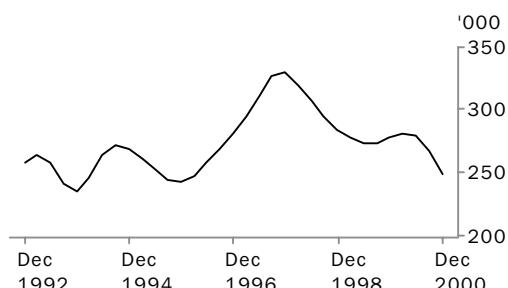
LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED: Trend

CATTLE (EXCLUDING CALVES)



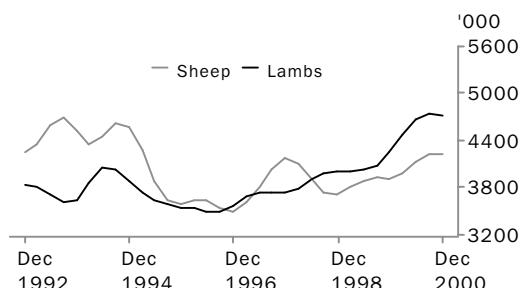
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CALVES



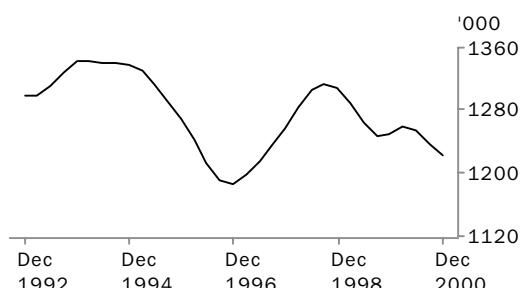
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SHEEP AND LAMBS



The trend estimate for the number of sheep slaughtered in December quarter 2000 remained steady at 4.2 million. The trend estimate for the number of lambs slaughtered fell slightly to 4.7 million. This was the first decrease since December quarter 1997.

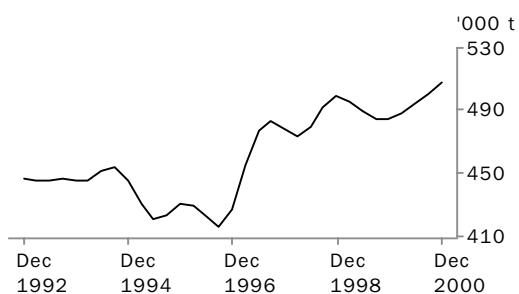
PIGS



The trend estimate for the number of pigs slaughtered in December quarter 2000 fell by 1% to 1.2 million. This was the lowest quarterly figure since June quarter 1997.

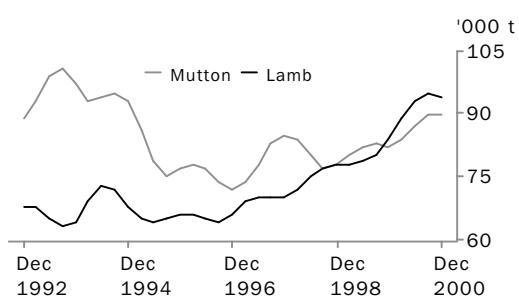
M E A T P R O D U C T I O N : Trend

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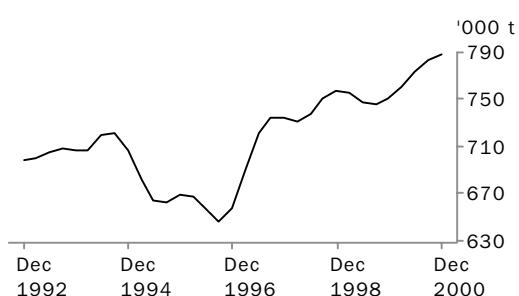
The trend estimate for beef production increased by 1% to 508,000 tonnes in December quarter 2000.

MUTTON AND LAMB



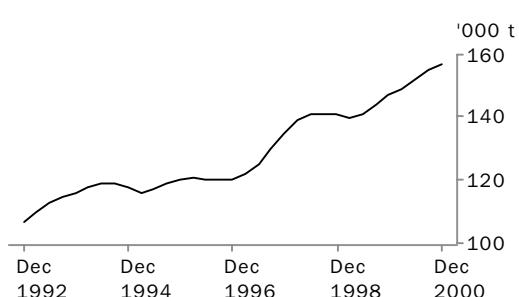
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TOTAL RED MEAT



The trend estimate for total red meat production increased by 1% to 789,000 tonnes in December quarter 2000.

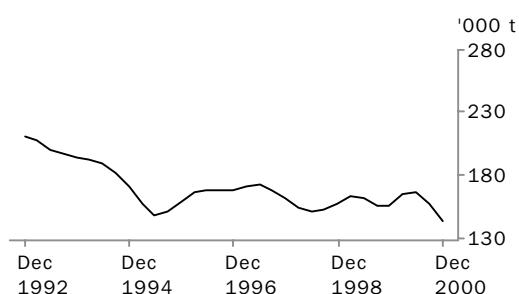
CHICKEN MEAT



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LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS: Trend

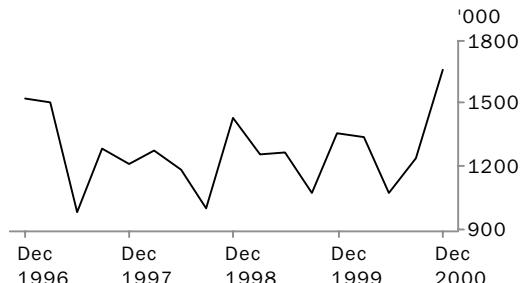
BROKERS AND DEALERS
RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE
WOOL



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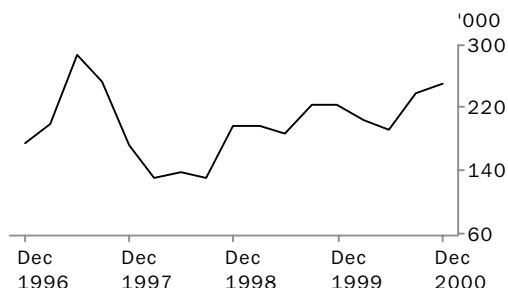
LIVESTOCK EXPORTS: Original

EXPORTS OF LIVE SHEEP



Live sheep exports rose by 34% in December quarter 2000 to 1.7 million. The gross value of live sheep exports rose by 39% to \$67.6 million, while the unit value increased by 4% to \$40.75.

EXPORTS OF LIVE CATTLE



Live cattle exports rose by 5% in December quarter 2000 to 252,000. The gross value of live cattle exports increased by 26% to \$146 million, while the unit value increased by 20% to \$580.15.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED, Australia(a): All Series

	Bulls, bullocks and steers	Cows and heifers	Total cattle (excluding calves)	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs	Chickens
Quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL								
1999								
September	1 009.5	909.3	1 918.8	557.4	3 511.3	4 212.1	1 253.6	94 143.4
December	1 015.5	831.1	1 846.6	176.0	4 144.9	4 363.2	1 234.2	100 146.8
2000								
March	920.3	885.9	1 806.3	132.8	4 543.1	4 255.9	1 229.4	98 678.2
June	947.4	1 001.0	1 948.3	255.9	3 657.8	4 725.9	1 307.5	98 804.8
September	1 010.6	930.9	1 941.5	522.9	3 863.2	4 736.0	1 238.0	100 165.6
December	1 004.9	870.3	1 875.2	168.4	4 392.3	4 910.9	1 211.8	102 526.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1999								
September	992.1	903.5	1 895.6	284.9	4 066.0	4 179.1	1 236.1	95 625.9
December	1 000.4	887.9	1 888.4	254.9	3 803.0	4 165.5	1 247.3	97 477.2
2000								
March	942.0	918.4	1 860.4	292.6	3 992.1	4 406.7	1 269.1	98 104.2
June	957.9	915.8	1 873.7	285.9	4 029.3	4 831.2	1 261.1	100 196.8
September	993.2	924.5	1 917.7	266.7	4 472.1	4 695.6	1 226.3	102 078.4
December	989.4	930.5	1 920.0	243.7	4 031.6	4 693.7	1 227.7	99 741.3
TREND ESTIMATES								
1999								
September	978.2	903.4	1 881.6	273.0	3 934.4	4 092.9	1 248.6	95 524.5
December	975.6	896.3	1 871.9	277.3	3 918.8	4 246.6	1 250.4	96 938.5
2000								
March	967.2	906.7	1 873.9	281.1	3 983.2	4 472.2	1 258.6	98 799.2
June	964.8	917.9	1 882.6	279.8	4 120.6	4 657.6	1 253.5	100 086.6
September	978.2	925.0	1 903.2	268.0	4 218.8	4 744.2	1 238.7	100 829.0
December	993.3	928.7	1 922.0	249.3	4 223.3	4 730.3	1 222.4	101 055.5

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 5 to 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, Australia(a): All Series

RED MEAT.....

Quarter	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pig meat	Total red meat	Chicken meat	Whole milk intake by factories	Brokers and dealers receivals of taxable wool
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	ML	tonnes
ORIGINAL									
1999									
September	492 430	13 884	74 279	82 160	90 382	753 135	141 684	2 551	180 276
December	482 582	6 689	89 736	84 846	88 357	752 211	151 052	3 731	187 062
2000									
March	472 298	6 397	94 135	84 882	88 130	745 843	150 476	2 682	137 250
June	505 010	8 610	75 062	95 435	95 985	780 103	149 492	1 883	137 721
September	510 074	13 429	83 423	94 268	90 708	791 903	152 454	n.a.	169 983
December	500 360	6 553	94 820	95 780	87 553	785 066	160 945	n.a.	172 121
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1999									
September	488 053	8 931	85 696	81 949	88 770	753 399	143 939	2 725	156 664
December	488 629	8 786	80 428	81 377	89 732	748 952	147 004	2 634	149 499
2000									
March	482 804	9 176	83 242	87 452	93 717	756 391	150 005	2 746	158 137
June	492 847	8 725	84 748	97 037	90 782	774 139	151 068	2 843	189 826
September	505 505	8 630	96 210	93 966	89 086	793 397	154 868	n.a.	147 957
December	506 620	8 610	85 006	91 989	88 976	781 201	157 681	n.a.	136 723
TREND									
1999									
September	484 506	8 761	82 737	80 009	89 975	745 988	143 895	2 708	155 743
December	484 535	8 986	82 334	83 527	90 650	750 032	146 738	2 705	156 469
2000									
March	488 028	8 938	83 761	88 840	91 540	761 107	149 473	2 738	165 102
June	493 577	8 823	87 060	93 008	91 153	773 621	151 944	2 802	167 002
September	501 485	8 680	89 601	94 532	89 818	784 116	154 616	n.a.	157 623
December	508 093	8 542	89 983	93 689	88 447	788 754	157 140	n.a.	143 770

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 5 to 9 and 13 to 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Bulls, Bullocks and Steers: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	187.3	173.6	536.7	37.1	42.2	26.7	1 009.5
December	196.7	189.0	502.1	44.5	55.8	26.0	1 015.5
2000							
March	192.2	192.9	416.1	46.7	42.3	29.9	920.3
June	179.3	154.5	503.3	41.3	41.2	26.4	947.4
September	179.5	145.6	578.8	38.5	45.8	18.9	1 010.6
December	168.6	164.5	538.4	49.8	60.9	22.4	1 004.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	188.5	194.9	479.0	44.7	46.6	31.1	992.1
December	195.2	183.9	514.4	37.3	44.5	26.4	1 000.4
2000							
March	187.1	172.6	472.4	44.3	44.1	26.7	942.0
June	185.0	162.1	493.1	44.6	46.2	25.5	957.9
September	180.6	158.0	517.3	46.3	51.0	21.8	993.2
December	167.2	157.8	550.9	41.9	48.8	22.8	989.4
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	187.3	193.5	482.6	38.8	45.2	28.6	978.2
December	190.0	183.2	488.0	41.8	44.5	28.5	975.6
2000							
March	190.3	172.5	490.4	43.3	45.0	26.4	967.2
June	184.6	163.9	496.9	44.4	46.8	24.6	964.8
September	177.8	158.8	517.0	44.8	48.8	23.3	978.2
December	171.3	156.3	542.3	43.6	50.1	22.1	993.3

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Cows and Heifers: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	250.7	181.1	355.4	34.9	54.0	21.0	909.3
December	228.0	200.3	287.4	30.6	56.2	25.7	831.1
2000							
March	242.7	208.1	313.3	38.6	52.8	29.3	885.9
June	248.0	224.4	398.1	41.0	49.4	32.9	1 001.0
September	236.2	205.1	379.9	32.3	54.7	14.7	930.9
December	234.4	223.3	297.7	32.7	58.8	22.4	870.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	257.7	197.2	323.2	36.9	57.3	28.4	903.5
December	239.3	194.1	340.2	31.7	51.5	27.2	887.9
2000							
March	238.3	202.3	351.5	37.7	48.8	27.0	918.4
June	232.8	220.0	341.6	38.4	55.7	26.8	915.8
September	240.5	222.9	346.0	34.0	58.1	19.8	924.5
December	249.3	216.4	351.7	34.1	53.9	23.8	930.5
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	251.7	192.3	337.2	33.8	56.0	27.6	903.4
December	242.6	195.9	337.0	35.0	52.5	27.8	896.3
2000							
March	236.6	205.7	343.0	36.4	51.6	26.8	906.7
June	236.2	214.8	346.5	36.5	53.9	24.9	917.9
September	240.7	220.3	347.0	35.7	55.9	23.1	925.0
December	246.0	221.2	348.6	34.1	56.3	21.8	928.7

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NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Total Cattle (excluding Calves): All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	438.0	354.6	892.1	72.0	96.1	47.7	1 918.8
December	424.6	389.3	789.5	75.0	112.0	51.6	1 846.6
2000							
March	434.9	400.9	729.5	85.3	95.1	59.2	1 806.3
June	427.3	378.9	901.4	82.3	90.6	59.4	1 948.3
September	415.7	350.7	958.6	70.8	100.5	33.6	1 941.5
December	403.0	387.8	836.1	82.6	119.6	44.7	1 875.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	446.2	392.1	802.2	81.6	103.9	59.5	1 895.6
December	434.5	377.9	854.7	69.1	96.0	53.7	1 888.4
2000							
March	425.4	374.9	823.9	82.0	92.9	53.7	1 860.4
June	417.8	382.0	834.7	82.9	101.9	52.3	1 873.7
September	421.2	380.9	863.3	80.3	109.0	41.6	1 917.7
December	416.5	374.2	902.6	76.0	102.7	46.6	1 920.0
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	439.0	385.8	819.8	72.6	101.2	56.3	1 881.6
December	432.6	379.1	825.0	76.8	97.1	56.3	1 871.9
2000							
March	426.8	378.2	833.4	79.7	96.7	53.3	1 873.9
June	420.8	378.8	843.4	81.0	100.7	49.5	1 882.6
September	418.5	379.1	864.0	80.5	104.7	46.4	1 903.2
December	417.3	377.5	890.8	77.7	106.4	44.0	1 922.0

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NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Calves: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	51.3	415.9	33.4	6.2	2.3	48.1	557.4
December	48.3	79.9	32.6	3.2	3.0	8.8	176.0
2000							
March	56.2	32.2	36.6	3.6	2.9	1.2	132.8
June	55.2	150.5	39.1	4.6	2.4	4.0	255.9
September	54.5	384.4	38.5	4.4	1.6	39.4	522.9
December	51.3	71.8	35.0	2.0	1.4	6.7	168.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	50.1	172.5	32.4	5.1	2.1	15.9	284.9
December	53.7	144.2	34.5	4.5	2.9	14.0	254.9
2000							
March	56.6	189.2	37.5	4.3	2.9	21.7	292.6
June	50.7	175.5	37.2	3.7	2.6	14.2	285.9
September	53.4	158.9	37.4	3.6	1.5	12.9	266.7
December	56.9	129.8	37.0	2.8	1.3	10.7	243.7
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	52.7	162.5	32.7	4.9	2.4	15.8	273.0
December	53.4	167.3	35.0	4.6	2.8	16.9	277.3
2000							
March	53.5	173.8	36.6	4.3	2.8	17.4	281.1
June	53.5	172.1	37.4	3.8	2.4	15.9	279.8
September	53.8	158.1	37.4	3.4	1.8	13.2	268.0
December	55.0	138.0	37.1	3.0	1.3	10.8	249.3

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NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Sheep: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	1 320.5	767.6	419.4	239.3	679.4	85.3	3 511.3
December	1 336.8	1 012.4	328.6	359.8	955.6	151.8	4 144.9
2000							
March	1 416.5	1 132.4	357.5	377.4	1 059.3	200.0	4 543.1
June	1 311.8	903.6	318.5	247.3	723.9	152.8	3 657.8
September	1 374.5	865.5	381.1	314.7	867.7	59.6	3 863.2
December	1 390.0	1 002.1	355.3	377.3	1 187.5	80.1	4 392.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	1 437.1	946.6	409.3	331.1	787.3	149.3	4 066.0
December	1 283.5	885.7	327.9	304.7	858.8	141.8	3 803.0
2000							
March	1 309.0	954.2	338.3	300.2	950.0	146.9	3 992.1
June	1 372.6	1 049.6	348.1	294.3	794.7	154.1	4 029.3
September	1 495.4	1 065.2	371.7	435.8	1 007.1	104.0	4 472.1
December	1 334.1	878.8	354.1	319.7	1 070.4	74.9	4 031.6
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	1 362.0	904.9	374.0	347.8	807.4	135.5	3 934.4
December	1 330.9	931.8	355.2	300.3	850.6	148.1	3 918.8
2000							
March	1 333.6	976.8	341.6	300.9	877.2	151.5	3 983.2
June	1 377.7	1 016.0	347.9	333.6	906.8	136.2	4 120.6
September	1 411.9	1 009.4	359.8	359.0	966.1	111.3	4 218.8
December	1 408.9	959.3	363.5	369.7	1 040.6	84.3	4 223.3

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Lambs: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	1 047.0	1 714.5	227.3	568.8	553.4	101.2	4 212.1
December	985.8	1 855.6	205.3	576.2	638.9	101.5	4 363.2
2000							
March	922.2	1 748.9	239.6	657.0	548.4	139.8	4 255.9
June	1 104.0	1 825.6	245.5	832.7	604.3	113.9	4 725.9
September	1 159.0	1 949.0	273.5	737.7	503.6	113.2	4 736.0
December	989.6	2 179.5	234.9	727.7	675.3	104.0	4 910.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	991.7	1 721.6	208.5	609.9	538.8	122.5	4 179.1
December	975.9	1 714.8	217.7	566.3	571.1	110.9	4 165.5
2000							
March	983.4	1 787.9	241.0	669.2	623.2	120.4	4 406.7
June	1 107.2	1 934.5	252.4	779.0	621.5	103.8	4 831.2
September	1 098.0	1 955.9	250.6	790.5	490.6	136.9	4 695.6
December	977.9	2 015.8	249.3	717.3	603.5	113.7	4 693.7
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	977.3	1 675.6	204.8	575.3	542.0	118.5	4 092.9
December	984.5	1 730.1	222.1	612.0	582.9	115.1	4 246.6
2000							
March	1 024.9	1 813.7	238.6	678.4	602.0	114.5	4 472.2
June	1 062.6	1 895.1	248.2	742.3	586.7	117.4	4 657.6
September	1 065.4	1 968.1	251.8	769.6	565.6	120.8	4 744.2
December	1 038.3	2 008.9	251.2	759.1	556.8	121.5	4 730.3

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a), Pigs: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	331.1	376.3	268.2	111.8	143.6	20.0	1 253.6
December	340.7	364.8	272.6	109.3	128.0	16.5	1 234.2
2000							
March	349.7	358.7	276.5	120.3	105.8	16.4	1 229.4
June	386.7	344.0	294.0	127.7	136.4	17.3	1 307.5
September	429.2	277.3	268.0	118.4	128.7	14.6	1 238.0
December	416.7	261.1	268.0	119.9	131.0	13.5	1 211.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	329.5	362.2	267.5	110.6	142.0	19.6	1 236.1
December	332.9	365.4	276.0	115.8	134.2	16.2	1 247.3
2000							
March	365.2	382.3	281.2	120.3	106.7	17.8	1 269.1
June	380.7	329.5	284.3	121.1	129.8	16.3	1 261.1
September	424.0	273.3	268.2	117.8	125.6	14.5	1 226.3
December	411.5	262.2	270.2	126.0	139.2	13.3	1 227.7
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	330.2	370.3	272.9	116.0	136.0	19.0	1 248.6
December	337.8	372.7	276.4	115.5	127.4	17.8	1 250.4
2000							
March	361.0	361.5	279.7	118.1	121.3	16.9	1 258.6
June	387.4	329.5	278.9	120.2	122.0	16.0	1 253.5
September	408.4	289.3	273.9	121.4	129.1	14.8	1 238.7
December	421.4	251.3	268.7	123.0	138.2	13.3	1 222.4

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes.

NUMBER OF CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED(a): All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Australia
Quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
ORIGINAL						
1999						
September	32 171.0	25 289.5	16 449.0	n.p.	n.p.	94 143.4
December	35 764.0	26 951.9	18 232.3	n.p.	n.p.	100 146.8
2000						
March	35 561.0	26 500.3	17 174.4	n.p.	n.p.	98 678.2
June	36 470.6	26 200.7	17 105.5	n.p.	n.p.	98 804.8
September	37 486.4	26 285.8	16 913.0	n.p.	n.p.	100 165.6
December	38 109.2	26 591.2	17 907.1	n.p.	n.p.	102 526.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
1999						
September	32 360.0	25 822.9	16 828.5	n.p.	n.p.	95 625.9
December	35 045.2	26 290.5	17 530.0	n.p.	n.p.	97 477.2
2000						
March	35 246.3	26 313.5	17 128.9	n.p.	n.p.	98 104.2
June	37 109.2	26 374.7	17 438.7	n.p.	n.p.	100 196.8
September	37 764.9	27 133.8	17 323.6	n.p.	n.p.	102 078.4
December	37 457.4	25 752.2	17 207.6	n.p.	n.p.	99 741.3
TREND ESTIMATES						
1999						
September	33 288.2	25 639.5	17 010.8	n.p.	n.p.	95 524.5
December	34 122.0	26 164.1	17 214.2	n.p.	n.p.	96 938.5
2000						
March	35 707.6	26 474.2	17 350.9	n.p.	n.p.	98 799.2
June	36 805.2	26 563.7	17 344.3	n.p.	n.p.	100 086.6
September	37 452.7	26 507.7	17 302.2	n.p.	n.p.	100 829.0
December	37 939.2	26 299.0	17 286.3	n.p.	n.p.	101 055.5

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

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NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a): Original

Financial year	New South Wales '000	Victoria '000	Queensland '000	South Australia '000	Western Australia '000	Tasmania '000	Australia '000
BULLS, BULLOCKS AND STEERS							
1997-1998	956.5	901.4	1 660.9	169.6	196.0	93.4	3 993.6
1998-1999	780.9	852.1	1 808.0	123.1	197.9	94.8	3 871.1
1999-2000	755.4	710.0	1 958.2	169.5	181.5	109.0	3 892.7
COWS AND HEIFERS							
1997-1998	1 182.1	896.6	1 353.7	202.8	252.1	123.6	4 058.1
1998-1999	1 113.6	899.2	1 499.1	154.7	240.8	116.3	4 068.0
1999-2000	969.4	813.8	1 354.2	145.2	212.4	108.9	3 627.3
TOTAL CATTLE (excluding calves)							
1997-1998	2 138.6	1 798.0	3 014.6	372.4	448.1	217.0	8 051.7
1998-1999	1 894.5	1 751.3	3 307.0	277.8	438.7	211.1	7 939.1
1999-2000	1 724.8	1 523.8	3 312.5	314.7	393.9	217.9	7 520.0
CALVES							
1997-1998	306.2	767.2	114.9	20.2	5.6	53.9	1 268.7
1998-1999	242.6	714.4	112.3	19.9	6.4	61.0	1 157.4
1999-2000	211.0	678.5	141.7	17.6	10.5	62.1	1 122.1
SHEEP							
1997-1998	5 902.7	3 285.6	1 277.1	2 655.0	2 717.4	461.0	16 298.8
1998-1999	5 583.2	3 079.6	1 333.8	2 018.3	2 672.2	439.9	15 127.0
1999-2000	5 385.6	3 816.0	1 423.9	1 223.8	3 418.1	589.9	15 857.2
LAMBS							
1997-1998	3 695.2	6 385.7	765.7	1 865.8	1 856.5	423.3	14 992.1
1998-1999	3 913.2	6 699.4	756.5	2 153.5	2 076.4	480.1	16 079.2
1999-2000	4 059.0	7 144.5	917.6	2 634.7	2 345.0	456.3	17 557.1
PIGS							
1997-1998	1 392.0	1 567.7	1 082.7	413.8	550.0	78.1	5 091.3
1998-1999	1 347.1	1 572.8	1 132.4	465.8	568.7	81.2	5 176.3
1999-2000	1 408.2	1 443.7	1 111.2	469.2	513.9	70.1	5 024.7
CHICKENS							
1997-1998	135 651.5	92 935.0	66 129.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	364 233.7
1998-1999	140 794.0	95 543.3	65 989.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	374 979.5
1999-2000	139 966.7	104 942.4	68 961.2	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	391 773.2

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 4, 5 and 7 to 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

RED MEAT PRODUCED(a), Beef: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	105 945	80 139	250 573	17 107	22 568	12 538	492 430
December	107 148	91 365	223 191	18 401	27 780	13 812	482 582
2000							
March	111 490	93 437	206 293	21 743	23 147	15 907	472 298
June	107 400	86 332	251 995	20 750	21 478	15 301	505 010
September	105 596	81 363	269 611	18 011	24 059	8 993	510 074
December	104 191	91 685	240 080	21 982	29 848	12 289	500 360
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	108 402	88 519	225 620	20 037	24 925	16 192	488 053
December	108 494	87 756	241 507	16 526	23 463	13 794	488 629
2000							
March	108 444	86 714	230 231	20 858	22 219	14 416	482 804
June	106 726	88 452	235 827	20 935	25 005	13 665	492 847
September	108 119	89 802	243 114	21 036	26 350	11 566	505 505
December	105 403	88 101	259 534	19 764	25 062	12 277	506 620
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	107 473	88 604	230 133	17 395	24 248	14 962	484 506
December	107 968	87 096	232 164	18 868	23 472	14 919	484 535
2000							
March	108 345	87 485	234 290	19 985	23 462	14 079	488 028
June	107 610	88 257	237 452	20 669	24 465	13 190	493 577
September	106 941	88 828	244 876	20 858	25 468	12 457	501 485
December	106 247	88 980	255 187	20 270	25 962	11 821	508 093

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	3 086	8 088	1 422	160	180	934	13 884
December	2 983	1 643	1 530	92	249	179	6 689
2000							
March	3 461	739	1 815	98	239	33	6 397
June	3 514	2 899	1 783	121	191	89	8 610
September	3 447	7 441	1 537	112	116	764	13 429
December	3 240	1 410	1 593	58	98	141	6 553
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	3 097	3 437	1 428	135	165	318	8 931
December	3 343	2 781	1 650	118	232	268	8 786
2000							
March	3 492	3 558	1 747	115	253	382	9 176
June	3 125	3 455	1 715	103	216	288	8 725
September	3 474	3 145	1 546	95	107	260	8 630
December	3 620	2 392	1 719	74	91	213	8 610
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	3 240	3 207	1 506	131	183	312	8 761
December	3 294	3 241	1 635	120	227	320	8 986
2000							
March	3 312	3 345	1 696	113	238	323	8 938
June	3 351	3 334	1 687	103	198	303	8 823
September	3 421	3 066	1 652	91	138	262	8 680
December	3 540	2 668	1 641	80	83	217	8 542

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

RED MEAT PRODUCED(a), Mutton: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	29 431	15 813	8 038	5 654	13 656	1 687	74 279
December	30 511	21 213	6 706	8 714	19 498	3 094	89 736
2000							
March	31 057	21 994	6 917	8 810	21 354	4 002	94 135
June	27 948	17 699	6 043	5 792	14 569	3 013	75 062
September	30 823	18 336	7 427	8 072	17 620	1 146	83 423
December	31 254	21 216	6 801	9 826	24 113	1 610	94 820
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	31 832	19 360	7 750	7 776	15 961	3 088	85 696
December	28 478	17 949	6 594	7 181	17 340	2 923	80 428
2000							
March	28 930	18 902	6 515	7 096	18 990	2 992	83 242
June	30 107	21 100	6 849	7 078	16 279	2 854	84 748
September	33 316	22 397	7 149	11 114	20 619	2 095	96 210
December	29 144	17 982	6 682	8 102	21 500	1 524	85 006
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	29 985	18 368	7 252	8 064	16 321	2 762	82 737
December	29 525	18 742	6 932	6 998	17 138	3 019	82 334
2000							
March	29 517	19 622	6 694	7 181	17 721	3 024	83 761
June	30 427	20 609	6 775	8 162	18 427	2 652	87 060
September	31 145	20 756	6 915	9 008	19 651	2 171	89 601
December	31 012	19 947	6 912	9 446	21 022	1 717	89 983

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

RED MEAT PRODUCED(a), Lamb: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	20 539	33 468	4 286	11 492	10 388	1 988	82 160
December	19 297	35 817	3 902	11 944	11 940	1 945	84 846
2000							
March	18 222	34 616	4 628	14 475	10 256	2 685	84 882
June	21 958	36 314	4 640	18 757	11 551	2 215	95 435
September	23 075	38 694	5 335	15 785	9 179	2 201	94 268
December	19 336	42 107	4 543	15 689	12 113	1 992	95 780
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	19 479	33 842	3 900	12 783	10 158	2 247	81 949
December	19 154	33 432	4 029	11 720	10 703	2 196	81 377
2000							
March	19 318	34 911	4 602	14 501	11 628	2 338	87 452
June	22 064	38 386	4 835	17 307	11 815	2 053	97 037
September	21 883	39 047	4 879	17 554	8 987	2 480	93 966
December	19 156	39 394	4 887	15 434	10 848	2 255	91 989
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	19 294	32 680	3 810	11 861	10 147	2 272	80 009
December	19 353	33 852	4 166	12 908	10 938	2 232	83 527
2000							
March	20 219	35 658	4 521	14 714	11 333	2 222	88 840
June	21 079	37 481	4 768	16 358	10 978	2 256	93 008
September	21 133	38 977	4 893	16 975	10 429	2 296	94 532
December	20 516	39 568	4 917	16 572	10 089	2 319	93 689

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

RED MEAT PRODUCED(a), Pig Meat: All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	24 337	27 998	19 910	7 294	9 457	1 274	90 382
December	24 785	26 897	19 713	7 504	8 366	992	88 357
2000							
March	25 257	26 122	20 331	8 245	7 056	1 027	88 130
June	28 855	25 673	22 083	8 884	9 322	1 110	95 985
September	31 771	20 999	19 929	8 227	8 771	927	90 708
December	30 568	19 649	19 499	8 143	8 786	837	87 553
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	23 972	26 897	19 607	7 008	9 413	1 256	88 770
December	24 515	27 262	20 204	8 137	8 863	1 027	89 732
2000							
March	27 123	28 403	21 129	8 467	7 160	1 102	93 717
June	27 689	24 255	21 092	8 340	8 722	1 019	90 782
September	31 285	20 198	19 630	7 919	8 543	913	89 086
December	30 243	19 741	19 984	8 850	9 439	867	88 976
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	24 204	27 509	20 073	7 740	9 094	1 219	89 975
December	24 847	27 735	20 430	7 926	8 481	1 127	90 650
2000							
March	26 569	26 816	20 759	8 205	8 089	1 053	91 540
June	28 485	24 375	20 691	8 318	8 218	1 001	91 153
September	29 994	21 452	20 227	8 331	8 745	937	89 818
December	30 956	18 788	19 781	8 471	9 348	874	88 447

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

TOTAL RED MEAT PRODUCED(a): All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL							
1999							
September	183 338	165 506	284 230	41 707	56 249	18 421	753 135
December	184 724	176 935	255 042	46 655	67 833	20 023	752 211
2000							
March	189 488	176 908	239 984	53 370	62 052	23 654	745 843
June	189 674	168 917	286 545	54 303	57 112	21 728	780 103
September	194 712	166 832	303 838	50 206	59 744	14 031	791 903
December	188 589	176 069	272 515	55 698	74 958	16 869	785 066
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
September	186 782	172 055	258 305	47 739	60 622	23 101	753 399
December	183 984	169 180	273 984	43 682	60 601	20 208	748 952
2000							
March	187 307	172 488	264 224	51 037	60 250	21 230	756 391
June	189 711	175 648	270 318	53 763	62 037	19 879	774 139
September	198 077	174 589	276 318	57 718	64 606	17 314	793 397
December	187 566	167 610	292 806	52 224	66 940	17 136	781 201
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
September	184 196	170 368	262 774	45 191	59 993	21 527	745 988
December	184 987	170 666	265 327	46 820	60 256	21 617	750 032
2000							
March	187 962	172 926	267 960	50 198	60 843	20 701	761 107
June	190 952	174 056	271 373	53 610	62 286	19 402	773 621
September	192 634	173 079	278 563	55 263	64 431	18 123	784 116
December	192 271	169 951	288 438	54 839	66 504	16 948	788 754

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED(a): All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Australia
Quarter	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL						
1999						
September	50 735	39 708	23 269	n.p.	n.p.	141 684
December	56 035	43 557	25 382	n.p.	n.p.	151 052
2000						
March	57 613	42 363	23 208	n.p.	n.p.	150 476
June	56 862	42 511	23 581	n.p.	n.p.	149 492
September	57 150	42 735	23 628	n.p.	n.p.	152 454
December	61 743	46 915	24 768	n.p.	n.p.	160 945
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
1999						
September	51 347	40 650	23 718	n.p.	n.p.	143 939
December	55 114	41 889	24 516	n.p.	n.p.	147 004
2000						
March	57 184	42 505	23 348	n.p.	n.p.	150 005
June	57 424	43 119	23 803	n.p.	n.p.	151 068
September	57 474	43 729	24 119	n.p.	n.p.	154 868
December	61 393	45 096	23 917	n.p.	n.p.	157 681
TREND ESTIMATES						
1999						
September	52 851	40 533	23 740	n.p.	n.p.	143 895
December	54 444	41 723	23 951	n.p.	n.p.	146 738
2000						
March	56 336	42 517	23 886	n.p.	n.p.	149 473
June	57 550	43 167	23 809	n.p.	n.p.	151 944
September	58 664	43 947	23 901	n.p.	n.p.	154 616
December	60 066	44 757	24 079	n.p.	n.p.	157 140

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

MEAT PRODUCED(a): Original

Financial year	New South Wales tonnes	Victoria tonnes	Queensland tonnes	South Australia tonnes	Western Australia tonnes	Tasmania tonnes	Australia tonnes
BEEF							
1997-1998	473 784	389 086	799 779	80 924	102 482	53 064	1 911 089
1998-1999	437 769	398 815	904 430	62 266	104 979	53 271	1 972 736
1999-2000	431 983	351 273	932 053	78 001	94 973	57 557	1 952 321
VEAL							
1997-1998	20 818	15 579	5 520	734	312	1 149	44 164
1998-1999	15 630	14 225	5 604	607	436	1 241	37 792
1999-2000	13 044	13 370	6 550	471	859	1 236	35 581
MUTTON							
1997-1998	119 709	63 470	24 552	58 554	56 442	9 841	332 568
1998-1999	117 416	61 646	26 042	48 029	54 451	8 724	316 307
1999-2000	118 947	76 719	27 704	28 969	69 077	11 796	333 212
LAMB							
1997-1998	69 822	119 973	13 949	38 224	33 581	8 072	283 621
1998-1999	77 138	128 380	14 134	44 172	39 021	9 222	312 068
1999-2000	80 016	140 215	17 456	56 667	44 136	8 833	347 323
PIG MEAT							
1997-1998	95 590	112 504	81 172	28 489	35 499	4 916	358 489
1998-1999	97 185	114 582	84 053	30 864	37 534	5 242	369 851
1999-2000	103 234	106 690	82 037	31 927	34 201	4 403	362 855
TOTAL RED MEAT							
1997-1998	779 722	700 612	924 972	206 925	228 317	77 041	2 929 932
1998-1999	745 138	717 648	1 034 263	185 938	236 421	77 700	3 008 753
1999-2000	747 224	688 266	1 065 801	196 036	243 247	83 825	3 031 291
CHICKEN MEAT							
1997-1998	211 603	148 288	88 690	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	543 804
1998-1999	223 222	153 601	88 086	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	564 270
1999-2000	221 245	168 139	95 439	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	592 703

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 4 to 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

	FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN MEAT.....								PROCESSED MEAT		
Period	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	Pork	Bacon and ham	Canned meat
1997-1998	46 933	795 942	1 800	5 548	107 839	59 130	62 168	8 750	12 276	149	12 900
1998-1999	61 019	836 576	1 614	6 143	114 745	51 398	71 576	9 334	16 510	168	13 056
1999-2000	45 508	818 667	1 555	7 395	120 946	55 499	86 551	11 064	39 227	88	13 867
1999											
September	13 061	208 253	356	2 565	21 313	13 669	18 156	2 450	10 358	49	3 080
December	9 046	216 417	601	2 195	34 945	15 248	22 161	2 837	10 136	14	3 471
2000											
March	11 729	178 375	304	1 282	33 436	13 918	20 706	2 618	8 776	13	3 241
June	11 673	215 621	294	1 353	31 252	12 665	25 528	3 159	9 957	11	4 076
September	12 143	229 811	605	2 668	24 961	16 069	26 687	2 958	10 231	76	3 678
December	13 882	246 106	502	1 959	34 279	19 224	28 735	3 218	9 923	66	3 529

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Number</i> '000	<i>Gross weight</i> '000 tonnes	<i>Gross value</i> \$'000	<i>Unit value</i> \$
SHEEP				
1997-1998	4 961.1	256.0	193 266	38.96
1998-1999	4 958.7	254.9	181 671	36.64
1999-2000	4 858.6	243.3	180 345	37.12
1999				
September	1 074.8	55.0	41 216	38.35
December	1 361.5	68.4	48 981	35.98
2000				
March	1 345.1	66.7	49 924	37.12
June	1 077.2	53.3	40 223	37.34
September	1 241.4	60.7	48 598	39.15
December	1 660.2	78.3	67 646	40.75
CATTLE				
1997-1998	694.0	255.4	334 058	481.34
1998-1999	713.0	264.7	342 667	480.57
1999-2000	845.7	317.1	432 645	511.60
1999				
September	224.4	83.7	106 678	475.49
December	224.8	85.5	115 611	514.35
2000				
March	205.1	78.0	109 980	536.18
June	191.4	70.0	100 376	524.36
September	238.9	84.6	115 548	483.76
December	251.5	94.5	145 908	580.15

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 12 of the Explanatory Notes.

WHOLE MILK INTAKE, By Factories(a): All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Quarter	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML
ORIGINAL							
1999							
June	293	997	185	143	97	99	1 814
September	347	1 606	219	171	109	100	2 551
December	388	2 535	232	213	105	258	3 731
2000							
March	340	1 697	209	172	98	166	2 682
June	320	1 031	188	158	101	85	1 883
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
June	328	1 783	203	170	100	170	2 754
September	343	1 745	213	166	100	158	2 725
December	344	1 643	216	174	103	154	2 634
2000							
March	352	1 737	213	189	106	149	2 746
June	358	1 841	206	188	104	146	2 843
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
June	329	1 724	205	167	100	162	2 687
September	339	1 726	211	170	101	161	2 708
December	346	1 711	214	176	103	155	2 705
2000							
March	352	1 737	212	184	104	149	2 738
June	356	1 794	209	191	105	147	2 802
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 13 of the Explanatory Notes.

Source: Original series data from Australian Dairy Corporation.

MARKET MILK SALES, By Factories(a): All Series

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia(b)
Quarter	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML
ORIGINAL							
1999							
June	144	113	95	46	48	12	458
September	145	110	98	47	48	12	460
December	143	111	96	48	47	12	456
2000							
March	139	105	94	46	47	12	442
June	140	108	95	44	48	12	447
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
1999							
June	143	110	95	46	48	12	454
September	143	109	96	47	48	12	454
December	143	111	97	47	47	12	456
2000							
March	142	109	94	46	47	12	451
June	138	106	95	44	48	12	442
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
TREND ESTIMATES							
1999							
June	143	109	96	46	48	12	454
September	143	110	96	47	48	12	455
December	143	110	96	47	47	12	454
2000							
March	141	108	95	46	47	12	450
June	140	107	94	45	47	12	446
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 13
of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Australian total excludes Australian Capital
Territory and interstate transfer of UHT milk.

Source: Original series data from Australian Dairy
Corporation.

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia	% of total received by brokers
Quarter	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	%
ORIGINAL								
1999								
September	54 347	40 052	16 198	26 667	37 784	5 228	180 276	83.4
December	57 797	54 307	7 254	25 291	36 345	6 068	187 062	80.8
2000								
March	38 552	29 338	9 530	19 033	37 696	3 101	137 250	81.8
June	40 563	29 196	12 678	20 803	31 169	3 312	137 721	75.4
September	54 955	38 370	13 679	25 960	33 312	3 706	169 983	86.0
December	50 753	53 524	6 694	25 174	31 248	4 728	172 121	81.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
1999								
September	45 403	37 621	12 471	22 485	33 669	5 016	156 664	..
December	48 358	34 849	10 639	19 670	31 933	4 048	149 499	..
2000								
March	46 676	38 256	10 963	23 257	34 882	4 104	158 137	..
June	51 652	46 622	11 009	28 820	47 367	4 354	189 826	..
September	46 016	36 085	10 541	21 867	29 914	3 532	147 957	..
December	42 441	34 295	9 849	19 598	27 363	3 177	136 723	..
TREND ESTIMATES								
1999								
September	46 484	37 880	12 188	21 578	33 156	4 457	155 743	..
December	47 101	37 426	11 373	21 926	34 264	4 379	156 469	..
2000								
March	48 802	39 545	10 870	23 952	37 693	4 240	165 102	..
June	48 539	40 716	10 759	24 812	38 197	3 980	167 002	..
September	46 578	38 870	10 505	23 460	34 527	3 682	157 623	..
December	44 272	35 638	10 090	21 068	29 394	3 308	143 770	..

(a) For more information refer to paragraphs 14 and 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

<i>Financial year</i>	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	<i>Australia</i>
WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES (ML)(b)							
1997-1998	1 242	5 866	822	580	386	543	9 438
1998-1999	1 286	6 414	827	643	403	603	10 175
1999-2000	1 395	6 870	848	714	412	609	10 847
MARKET MILK SALES BY FACTORIES (ML)(b)							
1997-1998	591	442	379	182	190	49	1 833
1998-1999	578	442	382	185	191	48	1 827
1999-2000	566	434	383	185	190	48	1 805
BROKERS AND DEALERS RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL (Tonnes)							
1997-1998	183 156	152 600	45 906	87 910	153 882	17 265	640 717
1998-1999	181 712	153 981	51 873	89 450	145 515	16 232	638 763
1999-2000	191 258	152 893	45 661	91 795	142 994	17 708	642 310

(a) For more information refer to paragraph 13 to 15
of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Australian total excludes Australian Capital
Territory and interstate transfer of UHT milk.

Source: Original series data from Australian Dairy
Corporation.

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates are revised (see paragraphs 20 and 21 of the Explanatory Notes).

TREND REVISIONS

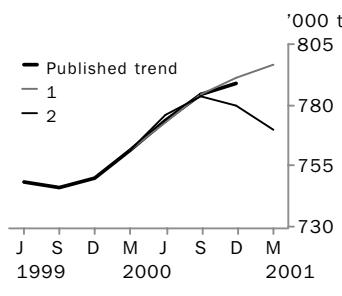
The graphs and tables which follow present the effect of two possible new seasonally adjusted estimates on the previous trend estimates:

1 The March Quarter 2001 seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the December Quarter 2000 estimate by the percentage shown.

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These percentages were chosen because they represent the average absolute quarterly percentage change for these series over the last ten years.

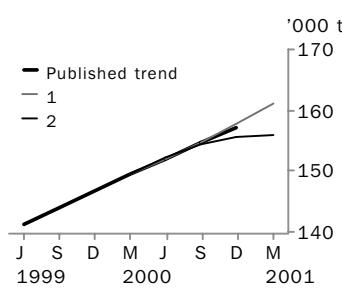
RED MEAT PRODUCTION



WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:

	TREND AS PUBLISHED		rises by 3% on Dec Qtr 2000		falls by 3% on Dec Qtr 2000	
	number	% change	number	% change	number	% change
Dec Qtr 1999	750 032	0.5	750 032	0.5	750 032	0.5
Mar Qtr 2000	761 107	1.5	761 109	1.5	761 109	1.5
Jun Qtr 2000	773 621	1.6	773 082	1.6	775 560	1.9
Sep Qtr 2000	784 116	1.4	784 238	1.4	783 284	1.0
Dec Qtr 2000	788 754	0.6	791 537	0.9	779 560	-0.5
Mar Qtr 2001	—	—	796 442	0.6	769 843	-1.2

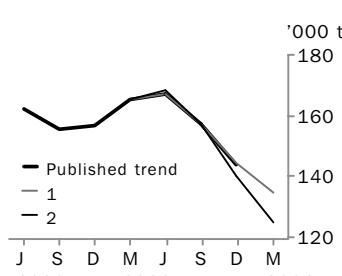
CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCTION



WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:

	TREND AS PUBLISHED		rises by 4% on Dec Qtr 2000		falls by 4% on Dec Qtr 2000	
	number	% change	number	% change	number	% change
Dec Qtr 1999	146 738	2.0	146 737	2.0	146 737	2.0
Mar Qtr 2000	149 473	1.9	149 473	1.9	149 473	1.9
Jun Qtr 2000	151 944	1.7	151 820	1.6	152 283	1.9
Sep Qtr 2000	154 616	1.8	154 649	1.9	154 488	1.4
Dec Qtr 2000	157 140	1.6	157 908	2.1	155 681	0.8
Mar Qtr 2001	—	—	161 244	2.1	155 961	0.2

WOOL RECEIVALS



WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:

	TREND AS PUBLISHED		rises by 9% on Dec Qtr 2000		falls by 9% on Dec Qtr 2000	
	number	% change	number	% change	number	% change
Dec Qtr 1999	156 469	0.5	156 468	0.5	156 468	0.5
Mar Qtr 2000	165 102	5.5	165 102	5.5	165 102	5.5
Jun Qtr 2000	167 002	1.2	167 351	1.4	168 250	1.9
Sep Qtr 2000	157 623	-5.6	157 599	-5.8	157 272	-6.5
Dec Qtr 2000	143 770	-8.8	144 558	-8.3	140 222	-10.
Mar Qtr 2001	—	—	134 579	-6.9	124 606	-11.

WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Readers should exercise care when interpreting trend estimates. The last three trend estimates, in particular, are likely to be revised when new seasonally adjusted estimates become available.

TREND REVISIONS

The graph and tables which follow present the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates:

1 The September Quarter 2000 seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the June Quarter 2000 estimate by:

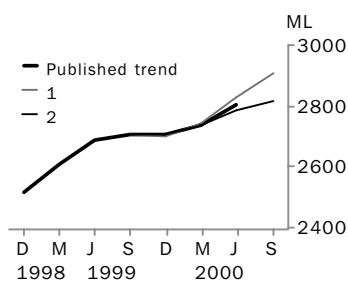
- +2% for whole milk intake by factories.

2 The September Quarter 2000 seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the June Quarter 2000 estimate by:

- 2% for whole milk intake by factories.

These percentages were chosen because they represent the average absolute quarterly percentage change for these series over the last ten years.

WHOLE MILK INTAKE BY FACTORIES



WHAT IF NEXT QUARTER'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:

	TREND AS PUBLISHED		rises by 2% on Jun Qtr 2000		falls by 2% on Jun Qtr 2000	
	number	% change	number	% change	number	% change
Jun Qtr 1999	2 687	2.9	2 688	2.9	2 688	2.9
Sep Qtr 1999	2 708	0.8	2 708	0.7	2 708	0.7
Dec Qtr 1999	2 705	-0.1	2 699	-0.3	2 708	0.0
Mar Qtr 2000	2 738	1.2	2 742	1.6	2 738	1.1
Jun Qtr 2000	2 802	2.3	2 829	3.2	2 785	1.7
Sep Qtr 2000	—	—	2 910	2.9	2 814	1.0

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication contains information on livestock slaughterings, meat production, 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.
- 2** 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.
- 3** Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.
- 4** Unless indicated otherwise, Australian totals include data for all States and both Territories.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

- 5** 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.
- 6** Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.
- 7** Care should be taken when using this information as the figures only relate to slaughterings for human consumption and do not include animals condemned, slaughtered for petfood or those killed for boiling down.
- 8** Poultry slaughterings and meat produced statistics have been compiled from returns supplied by commercial poultry slaughtering establishments and comprise boilers, fryers and roasters. Many small producers are excluded from the collection; however, the statistics represent a high level of coverage. Tasmanian and Northern Territory data are excluded from the Australian total.
- 9** Chicken meat is shown in dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets. Some slaughterings and meat production statistics for 'Ducks and Drakes' and 'Other Fowls and Turkeys' are available by contacting the ABS on Hobart 03 6222 5974 or by writing to GPO Box 66a, Hobart Tasmania 7001 (Attention: Agriculture Section).

EXPORTS OF FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED MEAT

- 10** Table 20 shows exports of fresh, frozen and processed meat, excluding offal. 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, 2.0. (Source: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry).

- 11** Beef also includes buffalo meat. Bacon and ham shown is the cured carcass weight of smoked or cooked bacon and ham. It also includes the stated net weight of packs of canned bacon and ham. Canned meat is shown as the canned weight and excludes canned bacon and ham.

LIVE SHEEP AND CATTLE EXPORTS

- 12** Table 21 contains statistics of the number of live sheep and cattle exported, the gross weight, gross value and unit value. The unit value is obtained by dividing the gross value by the number of animals exported. Sheep and cattle exported for breeding are excluded.

MILK

- 13** Tables 2, 22, 23 and 25 contain statistics collected by the Australian Dairy Corporation (ADC). Whole milk intake by factories includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake. Market milk sales includes white, flavoured, high and low fat milk and uht milk.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

WOOL RECEIVALS

14 The statistics in tables 2, 24 and 25 show the amount of taxable wool received by brokers and purchased by dealers from wool producers. It excludes wool received by brokers on which tax has already been paid by other dealers (private buyers) or brokers.

15 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

16 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.

17 In the seasonal adjustment of the livestock estimates, account has been taken of both normal seasonal factors and 'trading-day' effects, where significant, (arising from the varying length of each quarter and the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the quarter). Adjustments are also made for the effects of change in the date of Easter holidays, again, where significant. Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular influences (e.g. abnormal weather, industrial disputes).

18 The State component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the Australian Group totals.

19 As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data.

TREND ESTIMATES

20 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 seven term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. The seven 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. Unlike the weights of the standard seven term Henderson moving average, the weights employed here have been tailored to suit the particular characteristics of individual series. While the asymmetric weights enable the trend to be calculated for recent quarters, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent three quarters as additional observations become available. Revisions of trend estimates will also occur with revisions to the original data and re-estimation of seasonal factors.

21 Sensitivity analysis indicates the potential magnitude and direction of revisions created to the last three 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.

22 For further information, see *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends', an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra 02 6252 6345.

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billion	thousand million
ML	million litres
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not published
p	preliminary
t	tonnes
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