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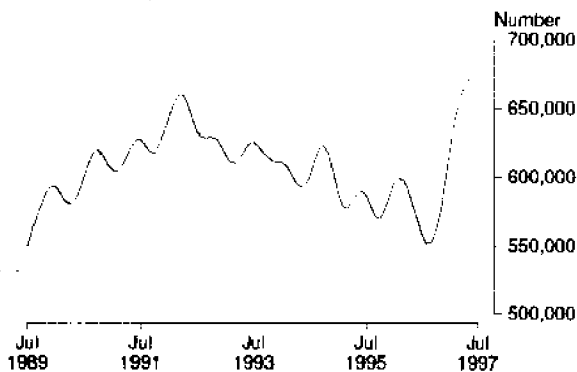
**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA
JULY 1997**

MAIN FEATURES

Livestock Slaughtering

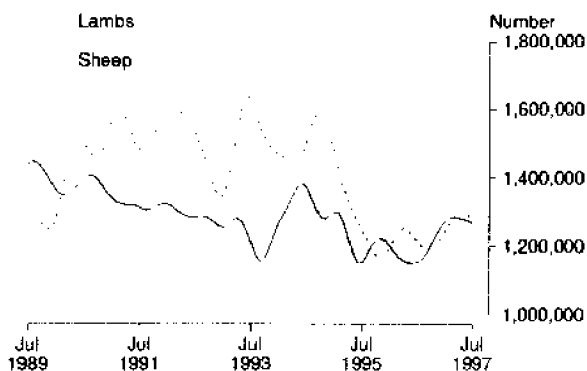
The trend estimate for cattle slaughterings rose again in July 1997 and is now 22.5% above the last trough in August 1996. The rate of growth has slowed in recent months. The trend estimate for calf slaughterings fell 3.6% in July 1997 and is 9.0% below the last peak in March 1997.

**CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series**



The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings fell marginally in July 1997 and is 1.2% below the last peak in May 1997. The trend estimate for lamb slaughtering also fell marginally in July 1997 and is 1.3% below the last peak in March 1997.

**SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series**



The trend estimate for pig slaughterings rose for the ninth consecutive month and is 6.6% above the last trough in October 1996.

Red Meat

The trend estimate for total red meat production fell marginally (0.4%) in July 1997, but it is still 15.2% above the last trough in August 1996. The trend estimate for beef production fell marginally (0.5%) from the previous month and is 19.7% above the last trough in August 1996. The trend estimate for veal production fell 4.0% from June 1997 and is 14.5% below the last peak in February 1997. Mutton production fell 1.1% in July 1997 and is 2.0% below the last peak in April 1997. The trend estimate for lamb production in July 1997 fell marginally for the third consecutive month, while the trend estimate for pig-meat production rose marginally in July 1997 and is 7.6% above the last trough in September 1996.

Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production rose 1.4% and it is 5.6% above the last trough in February 1997.

Whole Milk Intake

The trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories rose 1.2% in July 1997, and is 4.3% above the last trough in January 1997.

Wool Receivals by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receivals by brokers and dealers rose 1.6% in July 1997 and is 22.2% above the last trough in August 1996.

Live Exports

In June 1997 live sheep exports fell 18.4% to 294,600. The unit value (\$38.86) rose 8.9% and the gross value (\$11.4 million) fell 11.1%.

Live cattle exports rose 11.0% to 103,200 in June 1997. The unit value (\$503.36) fell 2.9% and the gross value (\$51.9 million) rose 7.7%.

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED
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	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	1,075.5	900.1	1,506.2	170.0	198.2	110.1	3,983.3	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
May	102.4	91.4	143.5	12.6	16.0	10.4	377.3	347.9	346.6
June	90.3	72.5	123.8	10.6	15.2	8.7	322.8	346.4	335.9
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
July	89.6	83.2	130.9	9.7	13.1	7.3	335.0	331.3	322.6
August	83.9	67.6	126.8	9.1	14.3	6.2	310.2	294.5	310.4
September	86.2	61.0	125.2	12.3	16.6	6.4	309.6	297.0	304.8
October	94.5	79.0	127.3	15.8	20.1	7.6	345.8	304.3	307.4
November	96.9	72.1	136.0	17.5	20.3	9.4	354.7	313.4	318.0
December	81.1	80.7	78.3	14.0	21.2	12.3	288.7	328.0	333.4
January	86.0	89.4	75.4	16.3	20.3	12.8	301.8	357.3	348.3
February	88.2	85.3	137.3	14.5	16.7	10.6	353.9	382.8	357.8
March	93.7	66.2	136.8	14.7	14.2	10.1	336.8	340.0	360.3
April	99.3	81.9	141.3	17.3	14.2	10.3	366.1	381.0	358.0
May	95.9	71.1	150.4	15.2	14.1	9.7	360.4	336.9	353.7
June	80.1	62.7	140.6	13.7	13.1	7.5	320.0	348.5	349.0
<i>1997-98 p —</i>									
July	84.4	73.5	155.6	12.0	14.7	8.6	351.0	340.9	343.4
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	959.9	778.3	995.3	198.8	207.8	98.3	3,302.7	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
May	93.6	43.8	83.7	17.6	13.0	10.8	270.8	223.4	232.9
June	72.6	37.0	88.4	13.2	11.2	9.2	242.4	232.8	232.6
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
July	71.8	38.3	92.2	13.2	11.8	5.8	244.6	235.6	236.0
August	65.7	54.1	81.8	13.8	14.5	4.6	244.9	246.5	241.8
September	70.6	57.0	71.7	14.0	16.6	5.2	241.7	246.1	248.3
October	83.6	67.8	70.6	18.0	19.9	6.4	271.5	262.4	253.2
November	73.7	59.8	68.0	19.3	19.7	8.0	252.0	256.4	257.4
December	64.0	57.8	42.4	14.9	19.7	8.9	209.1	253.0	263.0
January	76.6	69.9	50.4	16.5	20.7	8.1	244.0	280.5	271.3
February	82.0	63.5	84.4	17.1	20.9	8.8	278.3	273.7	282.1
March	80.2	65.0	89.1	14.5	17.9	8.1	276.1	275.9	294.4
April	93.6	83.7	109.6	19.9	15.3	11.0	336.6	339.4	306.8
May	102.7	84.0	124.0	18.9	16.5	12.7	368.2	313.3	317.7
June	95.5	77.4	111.2	18.7	14.4	10.7	335.6	319.5	326.9
<i>1997-98 p —</i>									
July	96.4	71.6	128.5	19.5	17.4	9.9	349.1	336.4	333.2

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonality 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	2,035.3	1,678.4	2,501.5	368.8	406.0	208.3	7,286.0	..	..
1995-96 —									
May	196.1	135.3	227.2	30.2	29.0	21.2	648.1	571.3	579.5
June	162.9	109.5	212.2	23.7	26.4	18.0	565.2	579.2	568.5
1996-97 p —									
July	161.4	121.6	223.1	22.8	24.9	13.2	579.6	566.9	558.6
August	149.6	121.7	208.6	22.8	28.8	10.8	555.1	541.0	552.2
September	156.8	118.0	196.8	26.3	33.2	11.6	551.4	543.1	553.1
October	178.1	146.7	197.9	33.8	40.0	14.0	617.3	566.7	560.6
November	170.6	131.9	204.0	36.8	40.0	17.4	606.7	569.8	575.4
December	145.0	138.4	120.7	28.9	40.9	21.2	497.9	581.0	596.4
January	162.6	159.3	125.8	32.9	41.0	21.0	545.8	637.8	619.6
February	170.2	148.8	221.7	31.6	37.5	19.4	632.3	656.5	639.8
March	173.9	131.2	225.9	29.3	32.1	18.2	613.0	615.9	654.7
April	192.9	165.6	250.9	37.2	29.5	21.3	702.7	720.3	664.8
May	198.6	155.2	274.4	34.1	30.6	22.4	728.7	650.2	671.5
June	175.6	140.1	251.8	32.4	27.5	18.2	655.6	668.0	675.9
1997-98 p —									
July	180.8	145.1	284.1	31.5	32.2	18.5	700.1	677.3	676.7
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	697.9	108.8	15.8	5.2	43.7	1,129.7	..	..
1995-96 —									
May	24.5	47.2	8.0	1.4	0.3	1.4	83.1	81.3	82.7
June	19.9	75.8	6.8	1.0	0.3	0.7	104.7	84.5	85.3
1996-97 p —									
July	22.0	82.3	7.4	1.4	0.3	1.8	115.4	82.9	87.9
August	23.7	182.1	10.4	1.4	0.4	13.4	231.7	95.8	90.0
September	18.2	131.0	6.8	1.4	0.6	16.8	174.8	97.0	91.4
October	18.2	70.4	10.2	1.1	0.5	6.1	106.5	92.2	91.7
November	18.1	19.2	9.0	0.8	0.5	0.6	48.3	83.1	92.1
December	15.4	8.7	7.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	33.4	93.6	93.3
January	24.7	7.9	10.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	44.4	99.1	95.9
February	22.5	6.6	7.4	0.9	0.4	0.1	37.9	94.8	98.8
March	20.7	15.9	9.0	1.2	0.4	0.4	47.7	95.5	100.5
April	27.2	42.4	11.1	2.3	0.3	1.6	85.1	118.7	100.1
May	23.9	55.9	10.2	2.0	0.6	1.7	94.5	96.1	98.0
June	22.2	75.5	8.9	1.9	0.4	1.0	110.0	89.5	94.9
1997-98 p —									
July	23.2	84.8	9.4	1.7	0.5	1.9	121.6	84.6	91.5

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	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	5,232.1	2,790.9	956.8	2,583.2	2,784.9	397.9	14,839.6	..	..
1995-96 —									
May	497.3	158.5	81.6	154.5	282.6	37.0	1,225.1	1,215.8	1,246.9
June	396.4	128.8	64.4	138.1	213.3	27.7	978.4	1,268.3	1,231.4
1996-97 p—									
July	405.7	123.7	87.8	116.7	171.8	21.6	937.0	1,159.6	1,213.2
August	366.4	182.2	72.3	122.7	229.6	13.2	992.5	1,231.4	1,199.5
September	378.5	182.9	76.5	159.1	275.3	14.0	1,092.1	1,197.6	1,193.3
October	466.4	251.8	84.6	232.3	314.4	19.8	1,379.6	1,196.4	1,191.8
November	450.8	251.0	91.1	316.1	269.6	32.3	1,419.6	1,189.3	1,199.1
December	392.5	274.8	75.9	191.1	235.2	42.0	1,221.0	1,144.8	1,217.6
January	467.8	324.5	92.5	256.8	219.0	47.5	1,417.2	1,307.2	1,243.7
February	478.3	304.8	86.6	276.6	223.2	47.4	1,426.4	1,298.8	1,269.1
March	465.2	234.3	66.3	257.7	239.1	43.5	1,313.7	1,195.7	1,288.2
April	513.9	261.1	79.7	260.2	226.7	47.6	1,398.6	1,417.6	1,296.7
May	462.1	225.4	73.8	211.3	250.1	37.0	1,267.4	1,275.9	1,297.0
June	384.6	174.5	69.7	182.7	130.8	32.1	974.3	1,256.6	1,293.7
1997-98 p—									
July	426.1	169.8	97.5	144.4	146.8	31.7	1,016.2	1,278.5	1,282.0
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	3,607.4	5,973.8	775.5	1,765.1	2,093.7	374.4	14,838.7	..	..
1995-96 —									
May	291.6	505.0	49.7	161.9	165.7	37.9	1,240.0	1,147.9	1,153.6
June	262.3	400.8	48.3	98.2	145.9	31.8	1,009.4	1,149.6	1,152.4
1996-97 p—									
July	313.8	425.2	63.3	100.1	163.2	25.3	1,113.0	1,162.7	1,154.7
August	329.2	439.4	74.8	103.1	172.6	21.2	1,162.0	1,155.8	1,162.8
September	350.4	468.0	55.2	146.3	179.0	25.4	1,241.7	1,189.6	1,180.6
October	368.1	552.5	74.4	176.2	242.0	25.2	1,463.0	1,189.0	1,204.2
November	270.0	547.6	59.8	149.9	157.1	27.1	1,236.1	1,203.3	1,229.7
December	262.8	528.3	55.4	125.7	129.2	28.2	1,153.4	1,259.2	1,253.5
January	287.7	533.6	72.1	156.3	125.5	42.8	1,241.3	1,337.5	1,272.8
February	275.1	460.0	63.3	155.8	180.5	35.6	1,192.6	1,299.1	1,284.1
March	280.6	466.0	60.4	142.6	176.4	35.0	1,179.9	1,179.5	1,287.1
April	322.9	559.2	70.3	172.7	198.5	35.2	1,383.8	1,356.0	1,284.9
May	287.7	518.7	68.4	171.8	228.6	42.7	1,342.7	1,289.9	1,281.1
June	259.2	475.4	58.2	164.4	141.0	30.7	1,128.9	1,268.9	1,276.6
1997-98 p—									
July	294.8	513.9	72.6	146.7	155.1	36.7	1,219.9	1,256.4	1,270.1

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	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	1,334.8	1,195.7	988.6	428.5	550.8	79.2	4,640.1	..	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>									
May	124.4	107.2	90.0	44.3	50.5	7.7	431.1	391.0	392.4
June	117.3	87.0	91.5	33.7	44.2	7.0	386.5	384.0	389.7
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
July	117.6	103.0	88.1	43.4	48.5	7.2	413.9	404.6	386.2
August	112.8	91.7	81.2	40.9	43.7	6.3	382.8	379.4	382.3
September	121.4	91.3	73.1	32.9	42.5	6.3	372.4	376.8	380.0
October	109.6	102.8	79.5	32.0	39.2	5.9	375.2	365.1	379.2
November	109.6	94.3	77.7	38.3	44.9	5.7	376.5	383.4	380.5
December	130.6	103.0	78.6	30.4	46.9	7.0	403.1	388.9	383.3
January	96.6	92.9	81.5	30.9	42.6	6.8	356.6	392.7	386.4
February	94.2	96.8	82.3	36.9	45.7	6.2	366.9	394.3	389.1
March	108.2	90.2	80.6	31.6	50.0	6.6	371.9	369.1	391.1
April	108.0	111.1	92.5	35.7	44.8	6.8	404.7	412.9	393.3
May	108.0	113.4	89.4	39.6	49.3	7.9	413.0	384.6	396.6
June	118.3	105.2	84.1	35.8	52.7	6.3	403.0	399.3	400.4
<i>1997-98 p —</i>									
July	124.5	118.8	92.9	34.6	46.8	8.0	426.0	414.3	404.2

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

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
BEEF (c)									
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	469,973	373,717	683,174	85,350	93,625	52,485	1,774,758	..	..
<i>1995-96</i> —									
May	46,244	31,242	60,841	6,935	6,906	5,246	159,125	140,373	142,688
June	37,404	25,209	56,186	5,780	6,354	4,461	137,864	140,255	139,226
<i>1996-97 p</i> —									
July	37,188	27,672	59,902	5,241	5,731	3,271	141,431	138,680	136,416
August	34,532	27,220	56,446	5,190	6,731	2,638	135,189	130,562	134,786
September	35,879	26,388	52,985	6,650	7,907	2,878	134,309	133,760	135,092
October	42,306	33,023	54,345	8,130	9,456	3,434	152,000	139,818	137,060
November	40,612	29,508	57,380	8,930	9,416	4,262	151,178	140,721	140,699
December	34,460	31,543	33,378	6,681	9,130	5,559	121,286	139,910	145,866
January	37,809	35,911	35,151	7,333	9,291	5,434	131,502	152,744	151,553
February	39,880	33,269	61,801	7,223	8,512	4,976	156,179	163,748	156,389
March	41,293	28,956	61,834	6,845	7,389	4,635	151,364	151,944	159,668
April	43,290	36,391	68,552	8,355	6,662	5,394	169,646	173,307	161,491
May	44,429	33,595	73,879	7,606	7,024	5,524	174,643	159,083	162,158
June	38,296	30,242	67,523	7,168	6,375	4,479	156,031	157,827	162,203
<i>1997-98 p</i> —									
July	39,285	31,047	76,187	6,809	7,555	4,530	167,015	160,895	161,331
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	16,513	14,359	5,194	530	290	920	37,901	..	..
<i>1995-96</i> —									
May	1,617	961	331	45	16	34	3,023	2,658	2,695
June	1,259	1,496	274	33	21	18	3,114	2,579	2,769
<i>1996-97 p</i> —									
July	1,397	1,720	293	41	23	39	3,527	2,709	2,870
August	1,509	3,589	499	44	23	272	5,942	3,437	2,983
September	1,157	2,643	286	38	29	339	4,498	3,183	3,096
October	1,090	1,469	484	35	24	125	3,232	2,912	3,180
November	1,169	494	437	27	25	15	2,172	3,113	3,241
December	1,012	226	384	22	26	7	1,684	3,435	3,295
January	1,631	218	518	26	23	5	2,425	3,421	3,346
February	1,517	174	395	40	21	6	2,157	3,380	3,373
March	1,325	363	438	36	21	13	2,201	3,066	3,343
April	1,731	895	529	69	17	38	3,295	3,723	3,250
May	1,550	1,106	499	71	37	40	3,319	3,085	3,131
June	1,425	1,461	432	81	22	22	3,448	2,867	3,003
<i>1997-98 p</i> —									
July	1,472	1,650	428	64	24	43	3,686	2,723	2,884

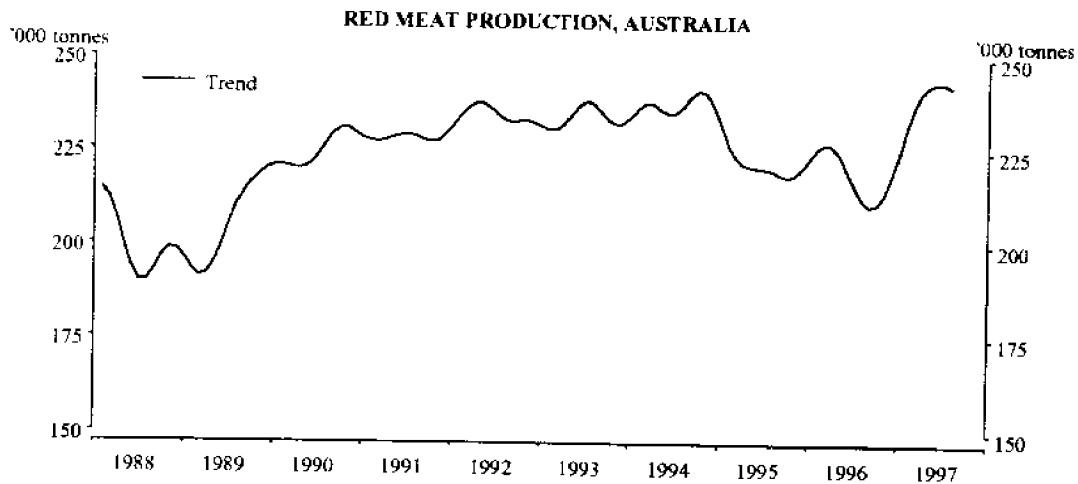
TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally 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	109,280	55,367	19,328	58,025	55,337	8,464	307,757	..	..
1995-96 —									
May	10,434	3,159	1,535	3,532	5,699	779	25,421	25,624	26,208
June	8,297	2,575	1,206	3,065	4,239	578	20,163	26,530	25,741
1996-97 p —									
July	8,366	2,432	1,700	2,670	3,412	448	19,232	24,130	25,282
August	7,599	3,693	1,454	2,749	4,532	270	20,428	25,306	24,983
September	8,230	3,730	1,583	3,733	5,383	286	23,068	25,067	24,878
October	10,011	5,217	1,770	5,528	6,272	409	29,424	25,064	24,905
November	9,754	5,066	1,837	7,351	5,466	700	30,356	24,874	25,105
December	8,401	5,610	1,575	4,500	4,693	928	25,908	24,355	25,473
January	10,059	6,485	1,902	5,815	4,245	1,020	29,783	27,029	25,932
February	9,952	5,915	1,778	6,057	4,280	1,019	29,183	26,801	26,331
March	9,641	4,469	1,375	5,396	4,982	927	26,938	24,843	26,593
April	10,343	4,990	1,587	5,632	4,681	1,014	28,415	29,111	26,655
May	9,263	4,301	1,411	4,637	4,835	774	25,365	25,949	26,568
June	7,660	3,459	1,356	3,957	2,556	669	19,658	25,894	26,415
1997-98 p —									
July	8,603	3,369	1,881	3,146	2,948	664	20,610	25,920	26,134
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	66,909	111,306	14,171	35,081	35,881	7,043	274,979	..	..
1995-96 —									
May	5,437	9,685	882	3,274	2,879	715	23,407	21,544	21,334
June	4,857	7,543	858	1,909	2,585	600	18,771	20,815	21,239
1996-97 p —									
July	5,770	7,664	1,136	1,896	2,778	474	20,137	21,154	21,240
August	6,046	7,990	1,362	1,856	2,951	398	21,014	21,373	21,406
September	6,480	8,468	1,000	2,776	3,054	478	22,585	22,191	21,801
October	6,882	10,158	1,345	3,422	3,985	474	26,734	21,803	22,301
November	5,041	10,074	1,093	2,983	2,644	510	22,813	22,384	22,808
December	4,936	9,866	999	2,574	2,226	528	21,582	23,760	23,258
January	5,377	10,024	1,347	3,247	2,181	806	23,405	24,466	23,602
February	5,082	8,721	1,168	3,154	3,110	670	22,263	23,931	23,812
March	5,183	8,804	1,124	2,899	2,990	658	21,961	21,912	23,896
April	5,973	10,656	1,287	3,501	3,381	663	25,937	25,456	23,901
May	5,473	9,840	1,251	3,469	3,974	804	25,293	24,150	23,894
June	4,666	9,041	1,059	3,304	2,606	578	21,253	23,264	23,875
1997-98 p —									
July	5,562	9,640	1,376	3,006	2,837	691	23,113	23,903	23,846

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally 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	88,530	85,765	72,834	29,853	38,897	5,171	324,863	..	..
1995-96 —									
May	8,576	8,048	6,538	3,092	3,225	502	30,403	27,429	27,158
June	8,193	6,325	6,742	2,381	2,754	456	27,199	26,711	26,949
1996-97 p —									
July	8,203	7,446	6,552	3,043	2,892	469	28,961	27,699	26,705
August	7,791	6,594	6,066	2,864	2,913	411	27,031	26,482	26,445
September	7,454	6,624	5,414	2,308	2,991	410	25,499	25,409	26,344
October	7,491	7,416	5,868	2,232	2,919	386	26,705	26,068	26,406
November	7,223	6,671	5,742	2,629	3,165	368	26,177	26,485	26,612
December	8,239	7,365	5,591	2,000	3,261	456	27,324	27,473	26,888
January	6,232	6,607	5,886	2,136	3,095	456	24,649	27,632	27,156
February	6,260	6,836	5,974	2,570	3,310	413	25,579	28,140	27,372
March	6,782	6,313	5,848	2,202	3,575	431	25,365	25,262	27,515
April	7,242	7,973	6,829	2,508	3,149	445	28,602	28,788	27,682
May	7,458	8,236	6,747	2,828	3,734	516	29,950	27,792	27,906
June	8,155	7,685	6,317	2,533	3,893	409	29,021	28,404	28,138
1997-98 p —									
July	8,598	8,595	7,037	2,446	3,077	457	30,232	28,420	28,356
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	751,205	640,515	794,701	208,839	224,030	74,083	2,720,259	..	..
1995-96 —									
May	72,308	53,095	70,126	16,877	18,725	7,276	241,378	217,628	220,083
June	60,011	43,147	65,266	13,168	15,952	6,113	207,111	216,890	215,924
1996-97 p —									
July	60,924	46,933	69,583	12,890	14,837	4,702	213,288	214,371	212,514
August	57,477	49,086	65,827	12,703	17,151	3,990	209,605	207,161	210,602
September	59,201	47,853	61,268	15,505	19,365	4,392	209,959	209,611	211,211
October	67,781	57,283	63,811	19,346	22,656	4,827	238,095	215,665	213,852
November	63,798	51,813	66,489	21,921	20,716	5,855	232,696	217,578	218,464
December	57,047	54,610	41,927	15,777	19,336	7,479	197,784	218,934	224,780
January	61,109	59,245	44,804	18,557	18,834	7,721	211,765	235,293	231,590
February	62,690	54,915	71,115	19,045	19,233	7,083	235,362	245,999	237,276
March	64,224	48,905	70,620	17,378	18,957	6,664	227,828	227,028	241,015
April	68,579	60,905	78,783	20,065	17,890	7,553	255,896	260,384	242,980
May	68,174	57,078	83,787	18,611	19,604	7,659	258,570	240,059	243,658
June	60,203	51,887	76,686	17,042	15,452	6,157	229,410	238,256	243,635
1997-98 p —									
July	63,521	54,300	86,908	15,472	16,441	6,385	244,656	241,861	242,551

(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 JULY 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 August.

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for August of 3% on the July figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for August of 3% on the July 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 3.33%

	<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)			
1996-97p			
February	237,276	237,324	237,636
March	241,015	241,074	241,621
April	242,980	242,986	243,259
May	243,658	243,698	242,976
June	243,635	244,097	241,711
1997-98p			
July	242,551	244,453	239,957
August	—	244,862	238,078

TABLE 3. STOCKS OF FROZEN MEAT(a), AUSTRALIA
(Source: Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation)
(tonnes)

<i>At last Saturday of</i>	<i>Beef(b) and veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pork</i>	<i>Goat</i>	<i>Offal</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>1995-96 ---</i>							
April	30,098	7,484	2,292	2,107	48	7,318	49,347
May	30,356	7,545	2,737	2,191	78	7,015	49,922
June	25,487	7,595	3,072	1,380	39	6,388	43,961
<i>1996-97 p—</i>							
July	22,492	7,081	2,785	1,054	18	6,022	39,452
August	22,304	7,502	3,175	1,593	15	5,866	40,455
September	27,546	8,155	3,087	1,407	36	6,534	46,765
October	28,105	8,617	3,341	1,474	51	6,852	48,440
November	22,881	8,926	3,166	1,312	49	6,320	42,654
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	24,543	3,994	3,348	1,758	28	5,762	39,433

(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	702,619	1,696	5,348	80,955	64,215	46,269	7,744	5,656	359	14,230
1996-97 p	48,447	690,861	1,171	3,777	92,010	50,629	53,864	8,293	6,622	320	11,663
<i>1995-96 —</i>											
April	4,174	57,190	89	363	6,408	5,444	3,599	774	328	48	784
May	2,965	56,505	173	377	6,392	4,987	3,961	855	515	24	883
June	1,448	54,504	84	207	5,664	4,459	4,102	639	914	51	876
<i>1996-97 p—</i>											
July	1,698	60,897	171	270	5,146	4,501	3,470	549	693	62	923
August	3,740	51,733	122	374	5,317	3,515	3,070	592	528	3	1,045
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	5,402	734	666	29	1,008
November	7,362	59,147	68	372	9,452	5,190	4,936	882	659	29	1,102
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	9,256	4,374	4,370	906	305	35	1,090
March	4,059	62,770	54	239	8,340	4,253	4,658	733	340	16	935
April	2,877	69,201	87	334	8,499	3,672	5,409	825	401	3	987
May	1,829	70,871	123	308	8,040	4,157	5,496	656	949	17	995
June	3,393	62,534	91	368	6,691	4,212	5,366	524	967	33	1,024

(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	5,245.1	270.2	189,225	36.08
<i>1995-96</i>				
April	423.2	22.1	15,267	36.08
May	644.2	32.7	21,895	33.99
June	318.4	14.7	11,343	35.62
<i>1996-97 p—</i>				
July	274.4	13.7	9,969	36.32
August	387.3	19.1	14,359	37.08
September	559.2	28.5	20,973	37.50
October	578.8	30.3	21,137	36.52
November	468.5	25.8	16,748	35.75
December	474.7	25.6	16,081	33.87
January	546.3	30.0	18,776	34.37
February	489.5	25.4	17,254	35.25
March	471.7	23.2	17,206	36.48
April	339.0	17.5	12,395	36.56
May	360.9	17.8	12,878	35.68
June	294.6	13.3	11,449	38.86

(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	861.4	312.7	426,758	495.40
<i>1995-96 --</i>				
April	58.7	21.9	33,808	575.82
May	75.1	27.1	41,709	555.09
June	66.5	23.4	33,282	500.31
<i>1996-97 p—</i>				
July	71.0	25.7	35,967	506.76
August	72.9	24.4	35,024	480.73
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	89.9	33.0	44,664	496.96
May	93.0	33.9	48,209	518.18
June	103.2	38.5	51,924	503.36

(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	133,365.4	86,732.6	61,088.9	27,986.2	36,360.2	345,533.4
<i>1995-96 —</i>						
May	10,983.4	7,538.6	4,164.3	2,029.7	2,797.8	27,513.8
June	11,323.1	6,689.1	4,326.5	2,091.2	2,927.4	27,357.4
<i>1996-97 p —</i>						
July	11,323.1	7,397.0	4,875.5	2,344.6	3,222.5	29,162.6
August	10,352.7	7,155.9	4,484.2	2,139.6	2,828.4	26,960.8
September	11,601.2	7,308.5	4,882.2	2,206.1	3,203.6	29,201.6
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	2,444.9	3,019.1	29,557.6
May	10,609.1	6,867.5	4,956.8	2,297.7	2,834.1	27,565.2
June	11,476.9	6,692.3	5,468.2	2,345.8	2,915.9	28,899.0
<i>1997-98 p—</i>						
July	12,675.0	7,331.8	6,286.6	2,603.9	3,316.4	32,213.7

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

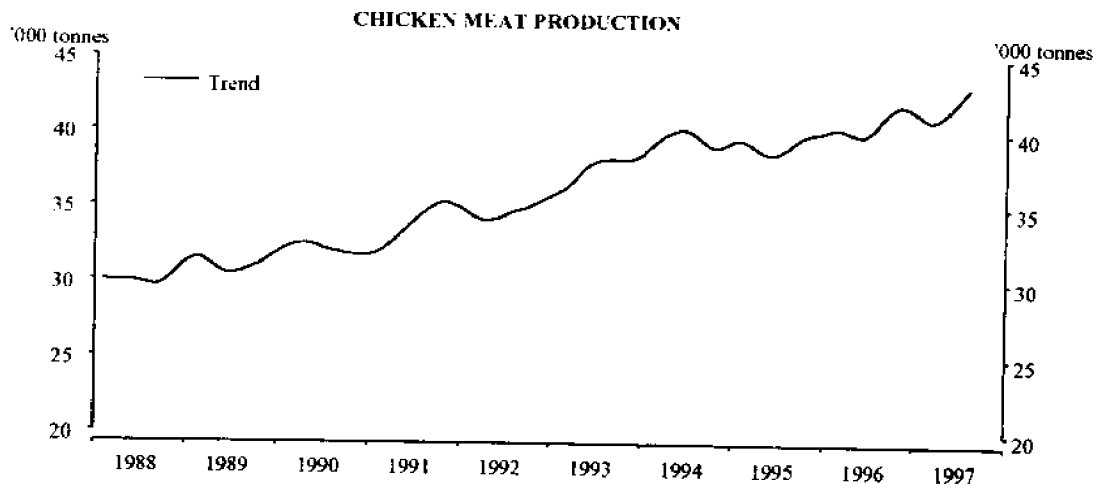
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	<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	200,280	129,930	80,485	38,907	46,789	496,392	..
<i>1995-96 —</i>							
May	16,509	10,675	5,427	2,880	3,642	39,132	39,868
June	16,496	10,212	5,677	2,942	3,922	39,249	40,145
<i>1996-97 p —</i>							
July	16,763	10,739	6,304	3,110	4,329	41,245	40,662
August	15,510	11,366	5,786	2,827	3,757	39,246	41,239
September	17,422	11,122	6,318	3,042	4,227	42,130	41,736
October	17,938	12,457	6,881	3,155	4,187	44,617	41,963
November	15,114	10,453	6,291	3,167	3,835	38,860	41,819
December	16,605	11,780	7,041	3,600	4,262	43,288	41,459
January	16,623	11,173	7,077	3,502	4,071	42,446	41,057
February	15,234	11,030	6,314	2,819	3,699	39,097	40,866
March	17,246	9,188	7,077	3,440	3,371	40,323	41,008
April	17,574	10,256	7,141	3,595	3,771	42,336	41,415
May	16,571	10,367	6,751	3,321	3,573	40,583	41,966
June	17,681	9,999	7,505	3,327	3,707	42,220	42,575
<i>1997-98 p—</i>							
July	19,305	10,832	8,246	3,743	4,172	46,300	43,153

(a) Chicken meat is shown in dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets. (b) Excludes Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

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

Note: Some slaughtering and meat production statistics for 'Ducks and Drakes' and 'Other Fowls and Turkeys' are available by contacting the ABS on Canberra 252 5337 or by writing to PO Box 10, Belconnen ACT 2616 (Attention: Agriculture Section).



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

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- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for August of 4% on the July figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for August of 4% on the July 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 3.86%

	Trend as published	What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:	
		rises by 4%	falls by 4%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1996-97p			
February	40,866	40,794	40,860
March	41,008	40,887	41,003
April	41,415	41,357	41,415
May	41,966	42,103	41,950
June	42,575	42,988	42,483
1997-98p			
July	43,153	43,901	42,948
August	—	44,754	43,316

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>
1994-96	1,087	5,113	741	484	343	436	8,206	..	..
1995-97	1,114	5,481	751	513	342	514	8,716	..	..
1996-97 p	1,191	5,638	797	535	349	529	9,038	..	..
<i>1995-96 -</i>									
April	83	307	54	35	26	37	542	758	759
May	86	274	57	37	27	31	512	789	765
June	86	239	60	36	29	17	466	774	765
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	91	259	64	39	30	12	494	756	761
August	97	394	66	44	30	22	653	746	756
September	105	599	67	50	31	49	900	740	752
October	115	758	72	57	32	69	1,104	752	749
November	109	748	69	54	29	74	1,083	760	748
December	109	691	72	51	28	71	1,021	759	748
January	105	568	71	47	27	56	874	740	748
February	91	430	61	39	26	48	695	735	750
March	98	390	67	40	29	48	671	756	755
April	90	295	61	37	28	37	548	760	762
May	91	262	62	39	29	28	511	775	771
June	90	245	64	38	30	16	483	793	780

(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>
1994-96	605	452	368	167	188	52	1,832
1995-97	611	456	372	163	187	50	1,840
1996-97 p	609	452	376	173	193	50	1,853
<i>1995-96 —</i>							
April	51	38	31	13	14	4	151
May	53	41	32	14	17	4	162
June	51	37	30	13	15	4	150
<i>1996-97 p—</i>							
July	52	39	33	14	17	4	159
August	53	40	33	14	17	4	161
September	51	37	30	14	15	4	151
October	52	39	32	15	17	4	159
November	50	38	31	15	15	4	153
December	50	37	30	15	15	4	151
January	51	37	32	15	16	4	154
February	47	34	29	13	15	4	142
March	52	37	31	14	16	4	155
April	50	37	31	16	16	4	155
May	52	39	33	15	16	4	160
June	50	37	30	15	16	4	152

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



**RELIABILITY OF JUNE 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 July.

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for July of 2% on the June figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for July of 2% on the June 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 2.00%

	Trend as published	What if next month's seasonally adjusted estimate:	
		rises by 2%	falls by 2%
(million litres)			
<i>1996-97p</i>			
January	748	747	748
February	750	749	750
March	755	754	755
April	762	764	762
May	771	776	771
June	780	788	779
<i>1997-98p</i>			
July	—	799	786

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

	Australia						Total	% of Total received by brokers	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(a)
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.				
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	194,686	174,926	45,850	89,591	160,015	18,876	683,944	82.5	..	..
<i>1995-96</i> ---										
May	11,164	8,683	4,076	4,787	9,334	1,798	39,841	82.7	61,891	57,302
June	10,223	4,856	4,196	2,878	4,426	957	27,537	80.3	54,581	56,030
<i>1996-97 p</i> ---										
July	14,065	8,383	4,845	4,775	9,510	1,290	42,868	79.5	53,574	54,858
August	18,953	14,687	4,853	8,317	17,932	1,693	66,436	85.5	50,502	54,373
September	24,843	22,966	4,303	12,574	21,734	1,894	88,314	84.8	56,007	54,692
October	25,111	26,202	2,902	13,334	21,541	2,335	91,425	85.2	55,407	55,308
November	19,639	26,231	2,977	10,558	14,957	2,900	77,261	82.6	59,078	56,008
December	11,544	17,582	1,679	4,907	6,273	1,778	43,764	79.1	55,943	56,633
January	13,237	13,080	2,930	3,846	11,221	1,641	45,955	82.0	60,143	57,309
February	12,343	10,918	1,864	6,091	14,989	838	47,044	81.0	52,087	58,402
March	14,552	9,932	4,795	8,115	15,237	835	53,467	82.3	56,793	60,033
April	14,407	9,400	5,652	8,343	13,833	945	52,580	82.2	69,386	61,988
May	13,538	8,836	4,614	5,217	6,962	1,620	40,787	80.0	63,180	63,852
June	12,453	6,710	4,436	3,513	5,825	1,106	34,043	78.6	65,523	65,399
<i>1997-98 p</i> ---										
July	15,277	10,111	5,619	6,832	10,521	1,340	49,702	82.1	65,176	66,438

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



**RELIABILITY OF JULY 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 August.

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for August of 9% on the July figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for August of 9% on the July 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 8.48%

	<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)			
<i>1996-97p</i>			
February	58,402	58,321	58,535
March	60,033	59,874	60,250
April	61,988	61,913	62,101
May	63,852	64,049	63,553
June	65,399	65,945	64,308
<i>1997-98p</i>			
July	66,438	67,500	64,415
August	—	69,089	64,434

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains information (preliminary where indicated) on livestock slaughterings, meat production, stocks of frozen meat, exports of live sheep and live cattle, exports of fresh, frozen and processed meat, and whole milk intake by factories, market milk sales by factories and receivals of taxable wool by wool brokers and dealers.

Livestock slaughterings and meat production

2. The statistics on slaughterings and meat production are based on a monthly collection from abattoirs and other major slaughtering establishments and include estimates of animals slaughtered on farms and by country butchers and other small slaughtering establishments.

3. Care should be taken when using this information as the figures only relate to slaughterings for human consumption and do not include animals condemned or those killed for boiling down.

4. Poultry slaughterings statistics have been compiled from returns supplied by commercial poultry slaughtering establishments. Producers in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory and the many very small producers are excluded from the collection; however, the statistics represent a high level of coverage.

Live sheep and cattle exports

5. These tables contain statistics of the number of live sheep and cattle exported, the gross weight, gross value and unit value. Sheep or cattle exported for breeding are excluded.

Milk

6. Tables 9 and 10 contain statistics collected by the Australian Dairy Corporation (ADC) on whole milk intake and market milk sales by factories.

Wool receivals

7. The statistics in Table 11 show the amount of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. It excludes wool received by brokers on which tax has already been paid by other dealers (private buyers) or brokers.

8. The information shown is on the basis of the State in which wool has actually been received and does not necessarily reflect the production of wool in that State.

Seasonal adjustment

9. Details of seasonally adjusted figures for livestock slaughterings, red meat, milk and wool are shown in Tables 1, 2, 9 and 11 respectively. Information on the methods used in seasonally adjusting these series is available on request.

Trend Estimates and Sensitivity Analysis

10. A trend estimate is obtained by reducing the irregular component from the seasonally adjusted series. In this publication trend estimates are generally derived by applying a 13 term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

The 13 term Henderson, (like all Henderson averages) is symmetric, but as the end of a time series is approached, asymmetric forms of the average are applied. While the asymmetric weights enable the trend to be calculated for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the last six estimates as additional observations become available.

11. Sensitivity analysis indicates the potential magnitude and direction of revisions created to the last six estimates. It aims to show how a specified movement in the seasonally adjusted data in the next period will affect the trend path of the time series. By showing how sensitive the trend estimates are to the addition of new data, the analysis provides information which can be used in the assessment of the trend's stability. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series - Monitoring "Trends", an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

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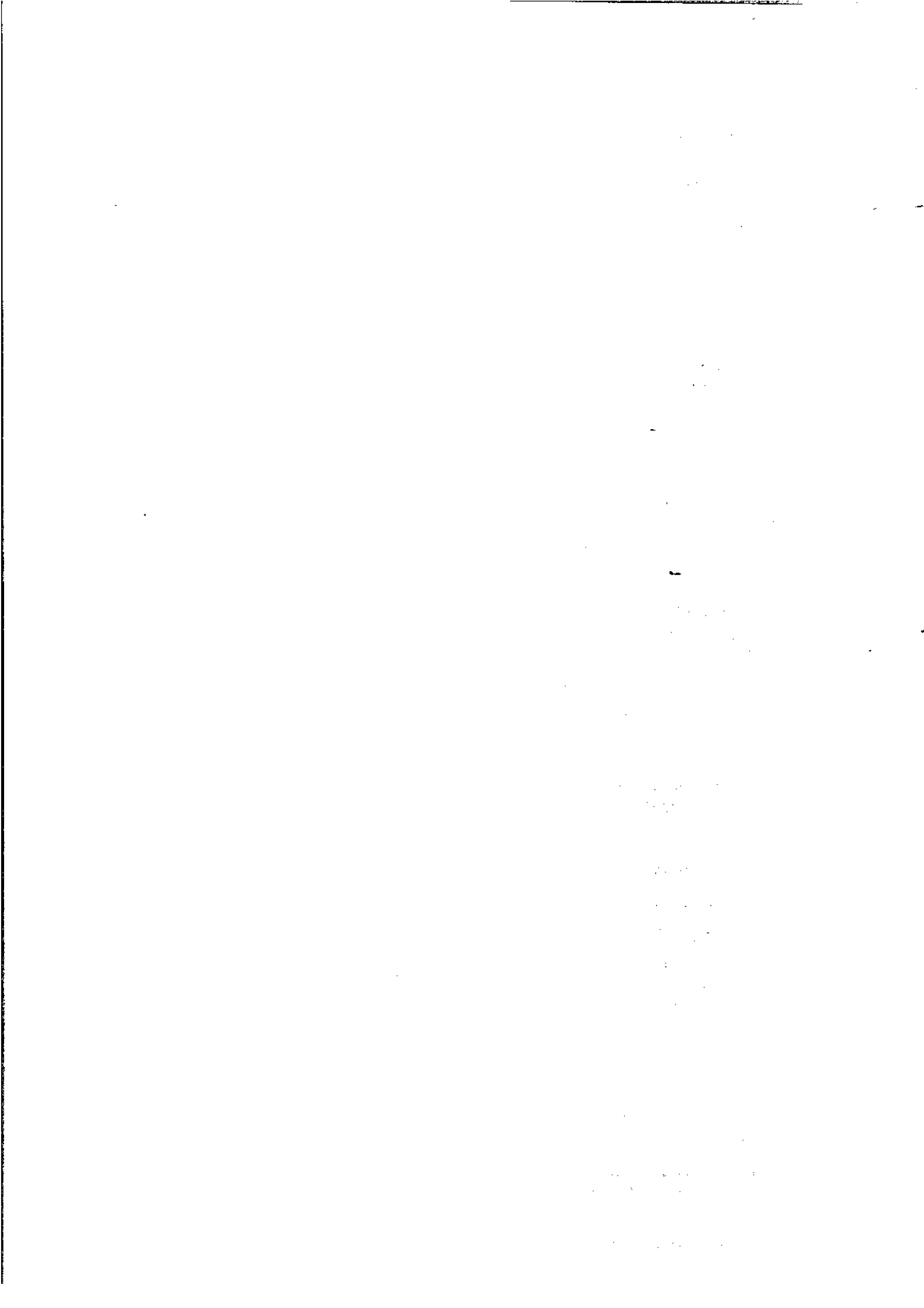
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