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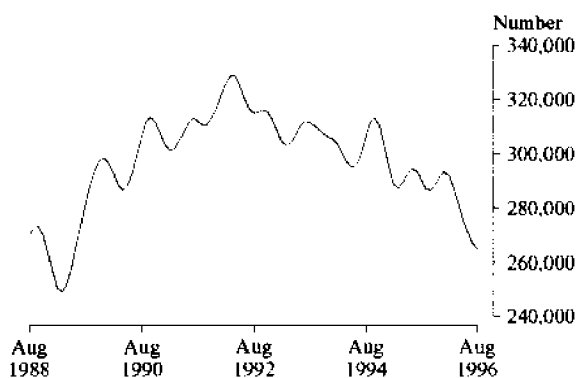
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**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA
AUGUST 1996
MAIN FEATURES**

Livestock Slaughterings

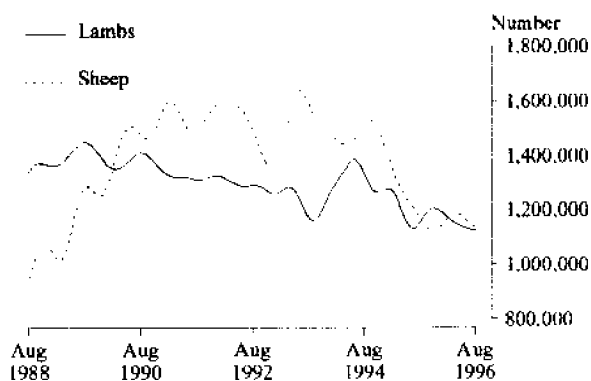
The trend estimate for cattle slaughterings continued to steadily decline, falling marginally in August 1996. This is the seventh consecutive month in which a fall has occurred, and the trend estimate is 9.6% below the peak in January 1996. The trend estimate for calves continued to rise steadily and is 2.9% above the last trough in March 1996.

**CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series**



The trend estimate for sheep slaughterings fell 1.1% in August 1996 and is 4.3% below the last peak in April 1996. The trend estimate for lamb slaughterings fell in August 1996 for the ninth consecutive month. It is 6.8% below the last peak, in November 1995.

**SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTERINGS
Trend Series**



The trend estimate for pig slaughterings rose for the third consecutive month. However it is 8.9% lower than the last peak in November 1994.

Red Meat

In August 1996, the trend estimate for total red meat production fell for the sixth consecutive month. This estimate is 8.6% below the last peak in February 1996. The trend estimate for beef production also fell in August 1996 for the sixth consecutive month and is 11.3% below the last peak in February 1996. The trend estimate for mutton production fell 1.4% in August 1996 and is 7.1% below the last peak in March 1996. The trend estimate for lamb production continued to fall at a steady rate, dropping by 1.2% in August 1996, and is 10.9% below the last peak in November 1995. The trend estimate for pigmeat production increased marginally for the fourth consecutive month. The estimate is 3.0% higher than the last trough in April 1996.

Chicken Meat

The trend estimate for chicken meat production rose marginally for the second successive month, and is 0.9% below the last peak in February 1996.

Whole Milk Intake

In July 1996, the trend estimate for whole milk intake by factories rose for the eighth consecutive month and is 12.7% above the last trough in November 1995.

Wool Receivals by Brokers and Dealers

The trend estimate for wool receivals by brokers and dealers fell 3.5% in August 1996. This is the fifth consecutive month in which a fall has occurred, and the trend estimate is 11.6% below the last peak in March 1996.

Live Exports

In July 1996 the number of live sheep exported fell by 12.3% to 279,300. The unit value (\$35.17) fell 1.3% and the gross value (\$9.8 million) fell 13.4%.

Live cattle exports rose 4.9% to 70,200 in July 1996. The unit value (\$509.89) increased 1.8%, while the gross value (\$35.8 million) increased 6.9%.

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TABLE 1. NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED
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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
BULLS, BULLOCKS AND STEERS (a)									
1993-94	1,008.5	772.0	1,700.5	199.0	271.2	101.8	4,070.0	..	..
1994-95	1,105.6	782.7	1,597.1	206.1	244.0	111.0	4,056.4	..	..
1995-96 p	1,025.4	949.8	1,382.2	186.4	233.3	99.2	3,896.2	..	..
<i>1994-95 —</i>									
June	79.8	76.2	163.8	12.7	18.4	10.5	362.9	374.5	332.5
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	74.8	68.9	134.9	7.6	17.1	8.1	312.8	328.0	331.6
August	88.0	69.4	159.6	11.4	18.7	5.0	358.0	330.3	326.3
September	78.5	63.0	153.0	19.4	17.4	5.6	338.9	310.6	320.0
October	78.1	80.4	110.2	21.6	21.2	7.0	320.7	298.0	316.2
November	85.7	85.0	137.3	22.9	28.1	8.8	370.0	322.8	317.3
December	66.6	77.2	93.0	15.3	22.8	9.5	285.8	325.4	322.8
January	83.6	89.1	57.3	16.9	19.3	11.2	277.6	330.6	329.9
February	93.1	87.9	95.3	18.4	19.8	8.6	323.6	336.5	334.9
March	98.0	86.6	118.2	16.8	18.8	9.0	347.7	343.3	335.7
April	85.6	78.1	108.5	11.9	16.5	6.6	307.6	328.8	331.6
May	102.8	91.7	115.8	13.1	17.3	10.8	352.5	325.1	324.9
June	90.6	72.7	99.2	11.1	16.4	9.1	300.9	322.9	317.0
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	88.0	82.3	107.1	11.2	14.3	7.6	311.9	308.4	308.6
August	90.4	73.6	100.6	13.1	15.5	6.4	302.1	286.7	300.4
COWS AND HEIFERS (a)									
1993-94	979.4	622.0	1,081.4	201.4	167.6	85.2	3,220.1	..	..
1994-95	943.4	684.6	960.7	218.1	186.4	96.5	3,163.2	..	..
1995-96 p	938.6	568.3	875.4	194.9	192.5	85.7	2,934.5	..	..
<i>1994-95 —</i>									
June	86.7	57.5	94.9	21.1	10.1	10.3	290.4	263.7	258.2
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	75.0	44.6	76.0	13.1	12.0	5.8	232.3	241.5	256.2
August	83.6	44.6	90.4	16.0	15.1	4.8	262.2	256.5	253.6
September	79.1	43.2	86.7	17.2	17.6	4.4	259.5	253.3	252.6
October	77.1	51.2	67.0	16.2	16.6	6.3	241.8	247.1	254.4
November	84.2	57.3	68.8	18.0	15.6	7.1	258.2	258.7	257.3
December	67.7	48.5	51.5	14.0	17.2	7.6	212.1	258.0	258.7
January	79.3	59.0	40.3	21.1	18.7	6.8	229.7	265.7	256.4
February	83.5	57.9	74.1	18.3	22.7	7.8	268.2	255.7	250.1
March	73.6	45.0	86.2	15.7	17.7	8.9	250.7	244.7	241.8
April	70.1	37.4	73.2	14.1	13.3	6.4	218.3	225.0	234.1
May	93.3	43.1	78.4	17.7	13.8	10.7	265.1	218.7	229.4
June	72.1	36.3	82.8	13.5	12.1	9.0	236.5	227.1	227.9
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	69.2	36.5	86.3	14.1	12.6	5.5	235.6	227.0	228.7
August	70.4	49.7	80.5	16.4	15.3	4.2	246.9	248.5	231.4

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
TOTAL CATTLE (excludes calves) (a)									
1993-94	1,987.9	1,393.9	2,781.8	400.3	438.8	187.0	7,290.1	..	..
1994-95	2,049.0	1,467.3	2,557.8	424.3	430.5	207.5	7,219.5	..	..
1995-96 p	1,964.0	1,518.2	2,257.6	381.3	425.8	184.9	6,830.7	..	..
<i>1994-95</i>									
June	166.5	133.7	258.7	33.8	28.6	20.8	653.2	315.6	294.2
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	149.9	113.5	210.9	20.7	29.2	13.9	545.1	284.6	293.4
August	171.6	114.0	250.0	27.4	33.8	9.8	620.2	294.5	290.2
September	157.5	106.2	239.7	36.6	35.0	10.0	598.4	282.9	287.2
October	155.3	131.6	177.2	37.8	37.8	13.3	562.5	273.7	286.6
November	169.9	142.3	206.0	40.9	43.8	15.9	628.2	292.9	288.5
December	134.3	125.7	144.6	29.3	40.0	17.2	497.9	292.8	291.6
January	162.9	148.1	97.6	37.9	38.0	17.9	507.3	297.7	293.3
February	176.7	145.8	169.4	36.7	42.6	16.4	591.7	294.3	291.8
March	171.5	131.6	204.4	32.6	36.4	17.9	598.3	293.7	287.5
April	155.8	115.5	181.7	26.0	29.8	13.0	525.9	275.9	281.3
May	196.1	134.8	194.1	30.8	31.1	21.5	617.6	268.9	275.5
June	162.6	109.1	182.0	24.5	28.4	18.1	537.4	272.4	271.0
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	157.2	118.8	193.4	25.3	27.0	13.1	547.5	267.2	267.5
August	160.8	123.2	181.1	29.6	30.8	10.6	548.9	268.2	265.1
CALVES									
1993-94	221.4	583.4	148.7	8.8	4.4	23.2	991.6	..	..
1994-95	248.3	635.6	117.1	12.0	3.8	29.2	1,048.2	..	..
1995-96 p	244.6	596.3	86.3	13.2	2.8	41.7	986.5	..	..
<i>1994-95</i>									
June	23.0	74.2	10.9	1.1	0.2	0.9	110.6	85.9	82.5
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	18.9	81.6	9.6	1.1	0.3	1.1	112.6	87.8	82.5
August	24.2	137.0	8.9	1.4	0.3	14.0	185.8	72.3	82.7
September	19.8	119.3	7.3	1.2	0.2	16.6	164.6	87.6	83.1
October	18.5	53.8	7.4	1.0	0.2	5.3	86.3	82.4	83.4
November	23.1	19.9	6.7	0.8	0.2	0.8	51.7	83.5	83.4
December	13.7	9.7	5.6	0.6	0.2	0.5	30.5	86.5	83.1
January	21.2	7.7	6.4	0.7	0.3	0.1	36.4	82.5	82.5
February	20.6	5.3	6.4	0.6	0.2	0.1	33.4	79.3	81.8
March	21.2	9.8	7.2	1.4	0.2	0.2	40.2	79.4	81.4
April	19.0	28.1	6.7	1.8	0.2	0.9	56.8	83.3	81.7
May	24.5	47.7	7.6	1.4	0.2	1.4	83.2	81.5	82.2
June	20.0	76.3	6.4	1.2	0.3	0.7	105.0	84.7	82.8
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	22.0	82.9	7.0	1.5	0.3	1.8	115.7	83.1	83.3
August	23.9	151.2	10.1	1.5	0.4	13.5	200.7	83.0	83.8

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
SHEEP									
1993-94	6,066.9	3,975.9	1,046.2	3,078.3	2,952.2	526.1	17,830.6
1994-95	6,577.8	3,229.6	770.9	3,114.4	2,438.1	569.3	16,849.9	..	..
1995-96 p	5,656.1	2,486.2	748.7	2,247.9	2,266.8	390.2	13,927.3	..	..
1994-95 —									
June	434.3	147.3	47.4	116.0	145.9	42.8	943.8	1,183.3	1,223.3
1995-96 p—									
July	452.8	150.0	51.9	87.4	145.0	18.6	916.3	1,211.5	1,199.1
August	437.3	160.7	55.9	128.0	191.2	18.2	1,001.9	1,219.3	1,172.7
September	434.3	197.4	57.2	189.7	161.6	18.0	1,068.4	1,122.1	1,145.8
October	524.5	279.5	54.3	206.9	194.9	25.5	1,295.2	1,157.7	1,126.6
November	411.0	279.3	57.8	282.4	233.4	36.5	1,314.4	1,113.6	1,120.4
December	398.0	208.8	48.9	168.0	196.2	44.8	1,073.7	1,012.9	1,128.4
January	503.3	247.2	63.1	237.2	199.0	43.6	1,304.5	1,180.1	1,147.3
February	532.9	260.9	63.6	277.5	195.5	39.8	1,381.5	1,235.6	1,170.7
March	557.2	219.4	79.7	242.2	193.6	40.6	1,343.4	1,205.8	1,186.8
April	515.8	196.0	67.2	154.0	183.1	31.4	1,158.5	1,186.5	1,189.4
May	495.4	158.4	83.1	144.1	206.5	42.5	1,143.4	1,134.7	1,180.2
June	393.7	128.6	65.9	130.5	166.7	30.6	925.8	1,200.1	1,166.0
1996-97 p—									
July	403.7	123.6	89.3	109.1	175.3	22.9	933.5	1,155.2	1,150.9
August	386.6	116.5	79.4	111.5	188.2	12.2	900.6	1,117.4	1,137.8
LAMBS									
1993-94	3,991.7	5,600.8	742.5	2,363.8	1,553.2	437.8	15,040.1	..	..
1994-95	4,133.7	6,303.2	608.7	1,914.8	1,263.7	477.2	15,089.5	..	..
1995-96 p	3,469.9	5,933.8	680.5	1,907.4	1,302.7	410.0	14,024.5	..	..
1994-95 —									
June	269.2	453.2	53.4	110.7	61.8	44.8	1,014.2	1,093.7	1,134.5
1995-96 p—									
July	274.3	449.5	59.0	97.5	53.5	25.6	981.4	1,101.8	1,134.0
August	324.1	494.8	68.1	167.0	92.3	27.3	1,204.0	1,135.3	1,152.4
September	306.5	524.5	55.9	214.0	149.6	29.0	1,307.3	1,240.8	1,176.6
October	308.9	614.9	62.6	223.6	153.1	28.6	1,418.6	1,208.7	1,198.1
November	272.7	577.4	49.2	200.4	127.4	34.9	1,295.3	1,206.4	1,208.0
December	240.2	485.2	47.0	140.3	79.2	40.5	1,056.5	1,187.2	1,204.1
January	284.5	498.1	59.6	129.5	74.9	38.9	1,118.1	1,204.2	1,190.3
February	285.0	464.2	57.9	162.9	88.6	40.4	1,124.6	1,176.4	1,174.0
March	294.9	453.8	67.1	167.3	110.3	41.2	1,157.1	1,143.8	1,160.2
April	318.7	459.1	58.5	144.3	114.4	30.7	1,150.5	1,156.4	1,149.7
May	297.0	508.2	48.4	162.1	141.5	39.7	1,225.1	1,134.2	1,141.0
June	263.2	404.1	47.0	98.6	117.8	33.1	985.8	1,122.8	1,134.3
1996-97 p—									
July	319.2	428.5	62.0	100.5	145.3	26.0	1,103.6	1,152.8	1,129.0
August	355.4	434.8	64.2	103.2	121.6	21.6	1,122.5	1,116.5	1,126.4

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Old</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>	<i>Seas- onally adjusted</i>	<i>Trend estimate(b)</i>
	PIGS								
1993-94	1,490.9	1,188.5	1,207.9	562.1	550.4	95.8	5,190.2
1994-95	1,505.4	1,196.9	1,154.4	469.6	604.1	92.9	5,119.6	..	..
1995-96 p	1,414.8	1,140.3	1,073.7	389.2	571.4	81.8	4,754.6	..	..
<i>1994-95 —</i>									
June	139.4	106.7	107.0	34.2	57.5	8.6	459.9	439.3	418.4
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	117.9	87.9	86.5	33.4	52.6	6.5	391.9	406.9	415.0
August	120.2	100.5	96.1	37.5	52.4	7.3	422.4	404.4	411.1
September	127.0	93.2	97.5	32.4	50.5	7.1	414.8	409.3	407.1
October	114.1	97.1	85.0	30.8	48.7	6.1	388.5	401.1	403.9
November	118.0	96.3	90.1	38.5	47.0	6.9	404.9	397.9	401.8
December	138.0	101.2	95.4	29.2	41.8	8.4	420.6	410.0	400.3
January	108.5	90.3	79.0	30.6	39.9	6.1	361.6	398.0	397.6
February	107.1	92.4	87.1	33.6	47.2	6.3	379.9	392.3	393.5
March	113.9	92.9	96.0	28.0	48.6	7.2	392.8	389.4	390.0
April	107.1	94.4	80.9	28.4	46.6	6.0	369.4	386.3	387.8
May	125.0	107.1	89.5	37.3	51.2	7.3	425.0	385.5	387.6
June	117.8	86.9	90.7	29.6	44.9	6.6	383.0	380.5	388.9
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	118.1	102.7	87.6	38.3	49.2	6.8	409.3	400.1	391.0
August	127.8	91.7	86.8	34.4	47.8	5.9	400.5	397.1	393.5

(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.	Seasonality adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
BEEF (c)									
1993-94	466,387	315,279	742,701	94,395	101,513	47,458	1,786,224	..	..
1994-95	471,183	335,059	697,750	99,108	97,140	49,827	1,765,527	..	..
1995-96 p	458,701	348,200	608,963	90,958	97,059	44,812	1,667,470	..	..
1994-95 —									
June	36,792	30,983	65,044	7,719	6,182	4,864	153,665	147,863	142,325
1995-96 p—									
July	34,180	25,310	57,540	3,526	6,151	3,569	131,553	139,648	142,034
August	39,259	23,804	68,083	6,588	7,515	2,312	150,288	142,598	140,596
September	36,128	23,831	64,916	8,850	7,872	2,354	146,288	140,954	138,967
October	34,610	30,513	47,280	9,382	9,292	3,151	136,074	131,999	138,566
November	41,090	33,548	57,379	9,908	10,283	3,846	157,806	140,004	139,855
December	31,339	28,778	40,111	7,036	9,066	4,145	121,743	138,486	142,049
January	38,019	34,722	26,817	9,208	8,359	4,467	122,583	145,414	143,932
February	42,187	33,838	46,359	9,065	9,719	4,122	146,045	150,394	144,162
March	41,591	30,612	54,511	8,091	8,297	4,175	148,052	148,015	142,337
April	36,419	26,871	48,215	6,352	6,984	3,012	128,669	135,686	138,828
May	46,448	31,202	50,664	7,037	7,037	5,230	149,355	128,092	135,006
June	37,431	25,172	47,089	5,913	6,485	4,429	129,015	133,732	131,851
1996-97 p—									
July	37,274	27,062	50,742	5,894	5,862	3,203	132,490	127,355	129,496
August	37,654	28,064	47,272	7,117	6,857	2,564	131,983	132,194	127,820
VEAL									
1993-94	17,551	13,466	6,352	302	296	515	38,581	..	..
1994-95	16,677	14,428	4,918	433	250	1,059	37,892	..	..
1995-96 p	16,292	12,798	3,336	396	187	1,091	34,192	..	..
1994-95 —									
June	1,623	1,572	482	32	14	38	3,770	2,919	2,845
1995-96 p—									
July	1,286	1,642	425	31	17	30	3,438	2,907	2,892
August	1,659	2,773	357	39	19	353	5,208	2,853	2,954
September	1,327	2,416	274	36	16	418	4,494	3,180	3,001
October	1,299	1,170	292	32	16	141	2,957	2,913	3,020
November	1,482	496	263	25	17	24	2,317	3,073	2,997
December	857	295	219	21	17	17	1,432	2,971	2,951
January	1,448	251	229	22	16	4	1,979	2,865	2,884
February	1,385	211	241	21	14	5	1,883	2,738	2,796
March	1,411	291	270	41	11	9	2,041	2,846	2,721
April	1,259	654	242	48	11	26	2,246	2,602	2,686
May	1,619	1,032	289	43	14	42	3,053	2,664	2,695
June	1,261	1,567	233	38	19	21	3,146	2,597	2,741
1996-97 p—									
July	1,398	1,791	252	45	21	48	3,564	2,739	2,811
August	1,516	3,117	459	42	21	344	5,501	3,231	2,895

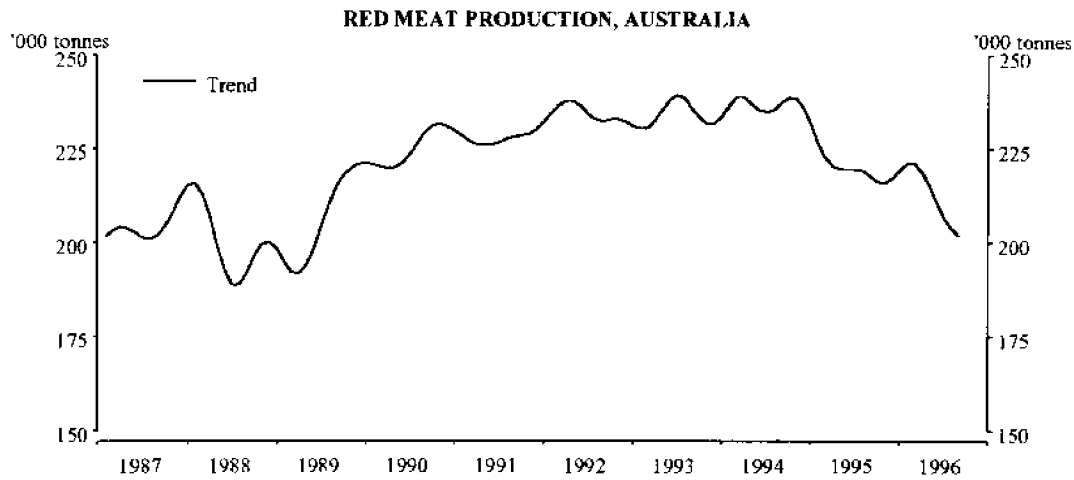
TABLE 2. RED MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)—continued

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
MUTTON									
1993-94	127,582	85,010	21,282	71,354	61,731	9,992	380,720	..	..
1994-95	131,052	64,440	15,308	66,759	47,776	11,230	339,498	..	..
1995-96 p	120,843	50,912	14,545	52,714	44,737	8,283	294,722	..	..
<i>1994-95 —</i>									
June	8,400	2,917	936	2,490	2,794	877	18,625	23,909	24,642
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	9,155	2,978	1,002	1,967	2,779	389	18,493	24,892	24,503
August	9,000	3,240	1,083	3,061	3,822	378	20,826	25,605	24,309
September	9,267	4,092	1,131	4,525	3,094	372	22,667	22,855	24,053
October	11,505	5,850	1,086	5,002	3,875	529	28,027	25,580	23,906
November	9,003	5,902	1,095	7,065	4,518	797	28,675	23,216	23,976
December	8,863	4,363	998	3,906	3,926	983	23,207	21,171	24,269
January	11,479	5,080	1,276	5,711	3,995	937	28,692	26,420	24,702
February	11,277	5,324	1,253	6,320	3,851	852	29,114	26,712	25,134
March	11,718	4,398	1,547	5,468	3,839	860	28,056	25,178	25,325
April	10,940	3,952	1,280	3,523	3,600	657	24,182	25,221	25,192
May	10,393	3,158	1,556	3,286	4,166	892	23,735	23,688	24,797
June	8,242	2,575	1,237	2,880	3,271	638	19,047	25,195	24,323
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	8,323	2,432	1,732	2,485	3,407	475	19,057	23,981	23,854
August	7,970	2,355	1,592	2,490	3,679	249	18,465	22,995	23,521
LAMB									
1993-94	69,246	101,386	12,447	45,199	24,936	7,047	266,800	..	..
1994-95	71,738	111,202	10,621	36,147	18,955	8,412	264,565	..	..
1995-96 p	63,434	110,828	12,241	37,829	22,171	7,727	260,267	..	..
<i>1994-95 —</i>									
June	4,818	7,991	892	2,040	867	829	17,841	18,840	20,041
<i>1995-96 p—</i>									
July	4,955	7,997	1,061	1,799	963	481	17,675	19,821	20,342
August	5,845	8,997	1,231	3,204	1,609	514	21,977	20,485	21,013
September	5,519	9,741	1,041	4,212	2,494	546	24,072	23,599	21,769
October	5,612	11,474	1,160	4,455	2,438	540	26,221	22,695	22,348
November	4,908	10,746	871	4,008	2,069	659	23,898	22,486	22,597
December	4,437	9,112	824	2,691	1,200	764	19,443	21,912	22,543
January	5,247	9,511	1,086	2,693	1,323	733	21,181	22,265	22,298
February	5,258	8,870	1,041	3,213	1,581	761	21,213	22,298	22,004
March	5,390	8,536	1,199	3,385	1,954	777	21,669	21,521	21,715
April	5,871	8,504	1,043	2,965	2,017	579	21,448	21,738	21,413
May	5,521	9,741	854	3,282	2,445	749	23,127	21,083	21,061
June	4,871	7,598	831	1,921	2,078	624	18,343	20,144	20,712
<i>1996-97 p—</i>									
July	5,854	7,719	1,108	1,908	2,448	488	19,945	20,774	20,398
August	6,519	7,834	1,163	1,863	2,056	407	20,251	19,963	20,144

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

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(b)
PIGMEAT									
1993-94	98,606	78,488	84,553	38,394	32,423	6,019	344,260	..	..
1994-95	102,175	83,436	83,143	32,063	37,109	5,982	350,007	..	..
1995-96 p	96,240	83,023	77,099	26,711	35,437	5,346	328,888	..	..
<i>1994-95</i>									
June	9,650	8,104	7,822	2,386	3,839	553	32,858	30,455	29,698
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	8,173	6,564	6,293	2,161	3,323	426	27,368	28,206	29,389
August	9,208	7,400	6,954	2,614	3,227	475	30,454	29,312	28,895
September	8,399	6,930	7,167	2,240	3,144	470	28,813	28,003	28,363
October	7,747	7,081	6,249	2,125	3,013	399	27,048	28,377	27,931
November	7,949	7,001	6,449	2,608	2,888	449	27,768	26,600	27,623
December	8,695	7,130	6,612	1,907	2,524	546	27,788	27,912	27,421
January	6,984	6,525	5,493	2,092	2,497	397	24,408	27,562	27,192
February	6,986	6,742	6,091	2,297	2,909	410	25,840	27,256	26,955
March	7,609	6,666	6,815	1,899	3,009	470	26,809	26,364	26,805
April	7,645	6,619	5,803	1,985	2,907	397	25,711	26,197	26,761
May	8,613	8,043	6,489	2,646	3,233	476	29,945	27,541	26,839
June	8,231	6,324	6,681	2,136	2,762	430	26,935	26,070	27,035
<i>1996-97 p</i>									
July	8,240	7,428	6,504	2,735	2,900	443	28,627	27,851	27,291
August	8,853	6,596	6,473	2,450	2,825	385	28,256	28,016	27,570
TOTAL RED MEAT (c)									
1993-94	779,374	593,630	867,334	249,644	220,899	71,031	2,816,585	..	..
1994-95	792,826	608,565	811,740	234,511	201,230	76,511	2,757,488	..	..
1995-96 p	755,510	605,763	716,183	208,607	199,591	67,259	2,585,539	..	..
<i>1994-95</i>									
June	61,285	51,566	75,176	14,667	13,696	7,161	226,759	223,986	219,550
<i>1995-96 p</i>									
July	57,749	44,491	66,321	9,485	13,234	4,895	198,526	215,474	219,161
August	64,970	46,216	77,708	15,506	16,192	4,031	228,753	220,854	217,767
September	60,640	47,010	74,530	19,863	16,620	4,161	226,334	218,592	216,153
October	60,773	56,087	56,067	20,995	18,634	4,761	220,327	211,565	215,772
November	64,432	57,693	66,058	23,615	19,777	5,775	240,462	215,379	217,049
December	54,191	49,678	48,764	15,561	16,733	6,456	193,613	212,452	219,232
January	63,178	56,089	34,901	19,726	16,190	6,538	198,844	224,527	221,008
February	67,094	54,985	54,984	20,917	18,074	6,150	224,095	229,397	221,050
March	67,720	50,503	64,344	18,884	17,111	6,290	226,627	223,924	218,903
April	62,134	46,600	56,583	14,873	15,519	4,671	202,257	211,443	214,881
May	72,593	53,177	59,853	16,294	16,895	7,389	229,215	203,068	210,398
June	60,036	43,236	56,071	12,888	14,614	6,143	196,486	207,737	206,662
<i>1996-97 p</i>									
July	61,089	46,431	60,338	13,068	14,638	4,657	203,683	202,700	203,850
August	62,512	47,966	56,957	13,961	15,437	3,949	204,456	206,400	201,950

(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 AUGUST 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 September.

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

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for September of 3% on the August figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for September of 3% on the August 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 3.30%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted August estimate</i>	
		+3%	-3%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1995-96p			
March	218,903	218,769	219,033
April	214,881	214,632	215,096
May	210,398	210,242	210,473
June	206,662	207,144	206,533
1996-97p			
July	203,850	205,833	203,815
August	201,950	205,678	201,876
September	—	206,583	200,846

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

At last Saturday of	Beef(b) and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork	Goat	Offal	Total
<i>1994-95 —</i>							
May	32,536	7,079	2,318	1,736	165	7,299	51,133
June	32,511	6,945	2,144	1,759	113	6,961	50,433
<i>1995-96 p—</i>							
July	31,736	7,034	1,871	1,954	132	7,056	49,783
August	32,644	7,225	2,014	3,561	85	7,219	52,748
September	32,358	7,084	2,411	4,319	54	7,275	53,501
October	30,964	6,752	2,775	3,523	62	6,874	50,950
November	31,790	7,878	2,873	3,466	112	7,207	53,326
December	28,265	8,361	2,446	2,931	112	7,043	49,158
January	29,050	7,687	2,175	3,008	38	6,813	48,771
February	31,481	7,910	2,137	2,147	28	6,981	50,684
March	27,205	7,751	2,181	2,078	26	6,972	46,213
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

(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>			
1993-94	62,662	742,390	1,342	5,818	97,851	70,959	52,719	5,226	5,855	204	10,354
1994-95	59,811	716,750	1,983	6,920	103,259	65,380	48,539	4,595	5,496	160	11,531
1995-96p	50,546	700,790	1,696	5,348	80,806	64,173	46,147	7,728	5,624	359	14,068
<i>1994-95 —</i>											
May	5,155	59,511	184	275	7,352	5,117	3,700	369	405	19	899
June	5,581	59,167	148	357	5,908	4,617	2,396	390	452	37	1,105
<i>1995-96 p—</i>											
July	5,429	67,711	126	645	5,254	3,867	2,524	433	507	18	1,151
August	3,906	54,879	144	677	4,286	4,249	2,761	445	566	25	1,646
September	4,905	61,517	209	735	5,552	4,575	3,687	631	445	15	1,197
October	5,823	63,597	107	1,009	6,185	5,874	4,881	652	491	17	1,193
November	6,113	59,490	116	416	7,796	7,333	5,001	727	681	1	1,485
December	4,140	65,259	147	249	9,458	6,979	4,947	712	298	36	1,231
January	2,221	40,661	195	76	6,970	5,398	3,036	424	219	—	851
February	3,918	49,678	151	270	7,264	5,239	3,343	684	234	76	1,227
March	5,573	70,653	154	324	9,632	5,791	4,372	754	429	48	1,599
April	4,161	57,079	89	363	6,394	5,444	3,585	774	326	48	761
May	2,945	56,005	173	377	6,365	4,965	3,955	855	515	24	876
June	1,411	54,261	84	207	5,648	4,459	4,056	638	911	51	850
<i>1996-97 p—</i>											
July	1,621	59,067	167	272	5,063	4,395	3,423	534	674	62	837

(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>)
1993-94	5,429.8	287.4	148,907	27.42
1994-95	5,533.6	283.6	179,086	32.36
1995-96 p	5,874.4	296.6	226,461	38.55
<i>1994-95 —</i>				
May	373.7	18.0	14,001	37.46
June	225.0	10.8	8,656	38.47
<i>1995-96 p—</i>				
July	607.0	30.5	25,311	41.70
August	577.3	27.9	24,232	41.97
September	501.6	24.7	20,452	40.77
October	343.8	16.7	13,503	39.27
November	418.0	22.0	14,363	34.36
December	526.9	26.8	20,827	39.53
January	467.6	24.5	18,497	39.56
February	502.8	26.5	19,731	39.24
March	543.6	27.6	21,040	38.71
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	279.3	13.8	9,822	35.17

(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>)
1993-94	234.7	79.9	115,020	489.97
1994-95	385.7	136.5	201,948	523.52
1995-96 p	616.8	219.2	344,053	557.84
<i>1994-95 —</i>				
May	41.6	13.8	23,456	563.59
June	47.4	16.6	26,687	563.05
<i>1995-96 p—</i>				
July	49.5	17.5	27,432	554.64
August	49.7	16.9	28,009	564.07
September	37.2	12.2	20,360	547.56
October	46.1	15.4	24,904	539.77
November	40.8	14.2	23,371	573.00
December	45.0	16.3	26,200	582.58
January	42.4	15.3	23,826	561.36
February	49.6	18.0	29,240	589.83
March	55.3	20.6	31,558	570.80
April	58.7	21.9	33,808	575.82
May	75.6	27.2	41,843	553.15
June	66.9	23.5	33,502	500.78
<i>1996-97 p—</i>				
July	70.2	25.4	35,809	509.89

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

TABLE 7. CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED (a)
(*000)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust.(b)
1993-94	129,735.5	85,797.9	54,133.1	28,376.4	31,481.8	329,524.7
1994-95	133,927.4	77,193.1	56,570.1	28,866.2	33,938.6	330,495.3
1995-96 p	133,676.0	78,440.5	55,333.1	26,952.0	34,931.2	329,332.7
1994-95 —						
June	11,051.0	6,305.2	4,618.3	2,282.3	2,879.0	27,135.7
1995-96 p—						
July	11,164.2	6,528.3	5,408.1	2,420.8	3,040.6	28,562.1
August	10,753.6	5,966.2	4,428.5	2,057.1	2,593.9	25,799.4
September	11,331.8	6,547.5	4,826.6	2,226.2	2,896.9	27,829.1
October	10,537.9	6,470.7	4,112.7	2,178.6	3,069.4	26,369.3
November	11,270.8	6,064.2	4,478.7	2,297.1	2,838.3	26,949.1
December	11,825.8	7,232.2	4,961.0	2,420.3	3,078.2	29,517.5
January	10,904.4	7,100.4	4,844.4	2,369.0	3,018.8	28,236.9
February	11,172.0	6,275.4	4,386.7	2,154.2	2,717.3	26,705.6
March	11,919.2	6,722.5	4,890.0	2,311.9	3,030.4	28,874.0
April	10,660.8	6,466.7	4,505.4	2,395.9	2,922.3	26,951.0
May	10,983.4	6,957.9	4,164.3	2,029.7	2,797.8	26,933.1
June	11,152.1	6,108.4	4,326.5	2,091.2	2,927.4	26,605.7
1996-97 p—						
July	11,331.1	6,816.3	4,875.5	2,344.6	3,222.5	28,589.9
August	10,352.7	6,575.2	4,276.8	2,142.0	2,828.4	26,175.1

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

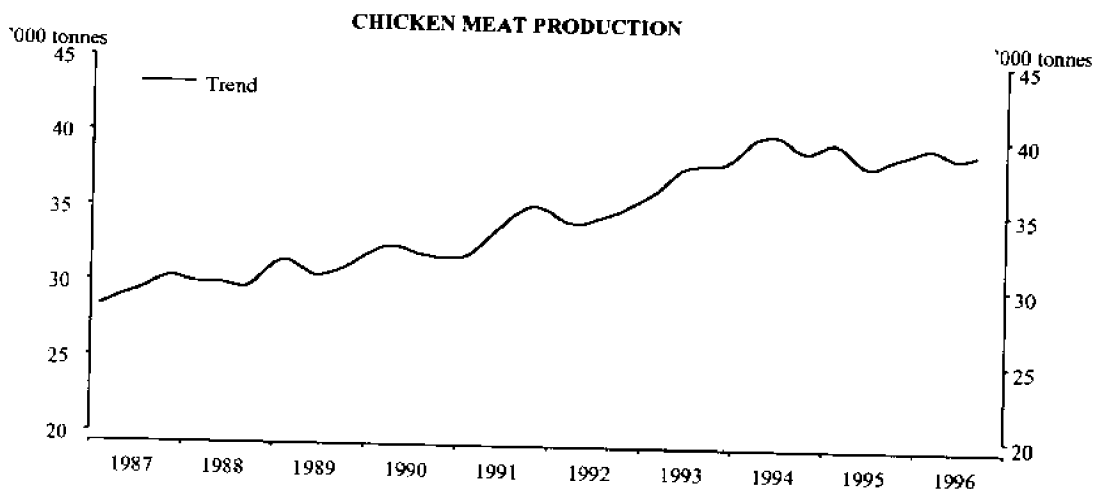
TABLE 8. CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCED (a)
(Tonnes carcass weight)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Aust.(b)	Trend estimate(c)
1993-94	193,137	123,529	72,000	40,671	39,386	468,722	..
1994-95	199,589	109,515	76,337	39,103	42,007	466,551	..
1995-96 p	199,320	114,701	71,607	37,691	44,358	467,678	..
1994-95 —							
June	16,026	8,835	6,141	3,042	3,640	37,683	38,067
1995-96 p—							
July	16,385	9,180	7,153	3,465	3,812	39,996	38,195
August	15,976	9,350	5,550	2,656	3,249	36,781	38,448
September	16,867	9,703	6,210	3,111	3,538	39,429	38,677
October	15,394	9,669	5,277	2,961	3,896	37,197	38,840
November	16,452	9,005	5,703	3,182	3,671	38,014	38,979
December	17,819	10,692	6,396	3,419	3,867	42,193	39,182
January	16,364	9,801	6,186	3,286	3,833	39,471	39,387
February	16,810	9,219	5,750	2,991	3,365	38,135	39,440
March	18,261	9,833	6,496	3,361	3,863	41,814	39,294
April	15,987	9,482	5,783	3,438	3,698	38,388	39,022
May	16,509	9,614	5,427	2,880	3,642	38,071	38,817
June	16,496	9,152	5,677	2,942	3,922	38,189	38,783
1996-97 p —							
July	16,775	9,678	6,304	3,110	4,329	40,196	38,904
August	15,527	10,305	5,507	2,832	3,757	37,927	39,066

(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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- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for September of 4% on the August 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 4.04%

	Trend as published	Trend change with seasonally adjusted August estimate	
		+4%	-4%
(tonnes, carcass weight)			
1995-96p			
March	39,294	39,228	39,293
April	39,022	38,917	39,030
May	38,817	38,757	38,813
June	38,783	38,942	38,794
1996-97p			
July	38,904	39,413	38,923
August	39,066	40,065	39,141
September	—	40,704	39,310

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>
1993-94	1,098	4,967	764	456	344	447	8,077	..	..
1994-95	1,087	5,113	741	484	343	436	8,206	..	..
1995-96 p	1,114	5,481	751	513	342	514	8,716	..	..
<i>1994-95 —</i>									
May	82	224	57	35	28	19	443	675	690
June	82	213	59	36	28	12	430	747	705
<i>1995-96 p —</i>									
July	87	245	62	39	31	10	474	727	715
August	92	373	63	45	32	19	623	705	719
September	97	587	65	51	32	46	876	718	717
October	105	726	67	55	32	68	1,054	713	713
November	100	689	66	51	28	70	1,005	702	710
December	103	643	71	48	26	65	956	716	711
January	100	563	68	44	26	56	857	720	719
February	86	445	60	36	26	49	701	730	732
March	90	392	60	36	27	46	650	727	748
April	83	307	54	35	26	37	542	767	765
May	86	274	57	37	27	31	512	795	780
June	86	239	60	36	29	17	466	825	792
<i>1996-97 p —</i>									
July	89	261	64	39	30	12	495	767	800

(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>
1993-94	607	454	356	159	181	53	1,811
1994-95	605	452	368	167	188	52	1,832
1995-96 p	606	457	372	163	187	50	1,835
<i>1994-95 —</i>							
May	53	40	32	14	17	4	159
June	51	39	31	13	16	4	154
<i>1995-96 p —</i>							
July	53	38	32	13	15	4	156
August	52	40	32	14	16	4	158
September	50	37	31	13	15	4	151
October	52	40	31	14	16	4	157
November	50	37	31	14	15	4	151
December	46	37	30	14	15	4	146
January	50	36	31	13	15	4	151
February	47	37	30	13	16	4	146
March	52	39	32	14	16	4	157
April	51	38	31	13	14	4	151
May	53	41	32	14	17	4	161
June	51	37	30	13	15	4	150
<i>1996-97 p —</i>							
July	51	39	33	14	17	4	158

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



**RELIABILITY OF JULY 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 August.

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

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

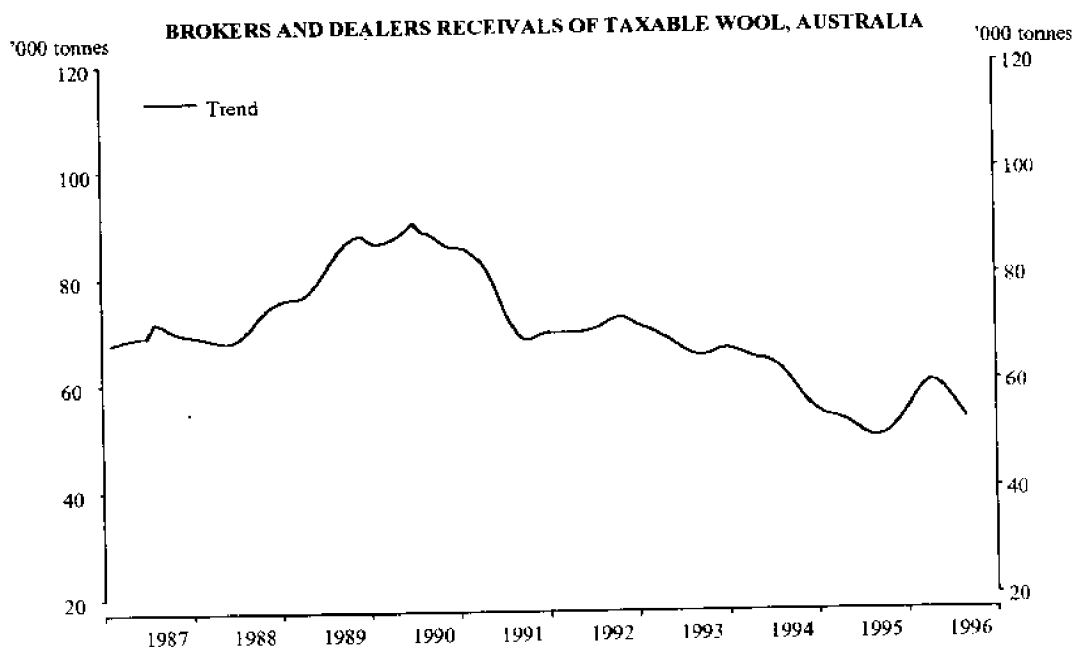
The percentage change of 2% was chosen because the average absolute monthly percentage change in the seasonally adjusted data since the inception of the series has been 2.12%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted July estimate</i>	
		+2%	-2%
(million litres)			
1995-96p			
February	732	732	733
March	748	749	750
April	765	765	766
May	780	779	778
June	792	789	784
1996-97p			
July	800	794	785
August	—	797	783

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

	Australia						Total	% of Total received by brokers	Seas- onally adjusted	Trend estimate(a)
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.				
1993-94	205,822	190,047	55,110	102,340	212,266	18,633	784,218	81.0	..	..
1994-95	177,649	171,915	51,935	86,977	173,383	17,577	679,435	83.4	..	..
1995-96 p	165,531	161,390	44,583	87,757	165,958	15,979	641,198	85.5	..	..
<i>1994-95 —</i>										
June	9,171	5,600	4,860	2,444	5,163	571	27,809	78.5	53,875	50,464
<i>1995-96 p—</i>										
July	11,803	6,074	4,990	4,539	9,632	844	37,882	81.4	48,038	49,713
August	17,264	14,807	5,534	10,529	22,418	1,445	71,998	88.4	50,720	49,429
September	18,760	20,435	4,777	12,787	19,676	1,499	77,934	87.8	49,314	49,838
October	20,176	24,676	3,633	13,032	21,125	1,800	84,442	88.1	49,725	50,788
November	16,521	22,518	2,037	9,639	15,522	2,475	68,712	86.8	51,322	52,215
December	10,051	15,503	1,943	3,917	6,799	1,625	39,837	82.3	54,003	54,181
January	10,798	12,794	1,966	4,890	11,159	1,399	43,005	86.0	58,444	56,483
February	13,969	11,162	3,850	6,315	16,748	871	52,915	85.1	58,356	58,530
March	13,449	10,416	4,105	7,878	16,422	662	52,932	83.4	57,184	59,673
April	11,361	9,460	3,511	6,566	12,719	604	44,221	84.4	61,828	59,541
May	11,172	8,683	4,057	4,787	9,325	1,798	39,823	82.7	62,315	58,397
June	10,207	4,862	4,179	2,878	4,414	957	27,496	80.4	56,518	56,675
<i>1996-97 p—</i>										
July	14,085	8,268	4,814	4,778	9,483	1,287	42,715	79.8	52,017	54,674
August	18,291	14,134	4,801	8,203	20,875	1,725	68,028	86.6	50,027	52,745

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



**RELIABILITY OF AUGUST 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 August:

- trend estimates as published;
- trend estimates assuming an increase in seasonally adjusted data for September of 9% on the August figure;
- trend estimates assuming a decrease in seasonally adjusted data for September of 9% on the August 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 8.20%

	<i>Trend as published</i>	<i>Trend change with seasonally adjusted August estimate</i>	
		+9%	-9%
		(tonnes)	
<i>1995-96p</i>			
March	59,673	59,739	59,898
April	59,541	59,631	59,910
May	58,397	58,422	58,561
June	56,675	56,667	56,299
<i>1996-97p</i>			
July	54,674	54,831	53,616
August	52,745	53,180	50,890
September	—	51,821	48,366

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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