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POULTRY AND GAME BIRDS SLAUGHTERED SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a Poultry and Game Birds Slaughtered Survey from December 2013.

The survey will be conducted by mail from a sample of approximately 90 poultry processing businesses nationally.

Information will be collected on a range of livestock slaughtering indicators including:

- total chickens for meat production, ducks and drakes;
- turkeys and geese slaughtered; and
- dressed weight and cost per live bird.

The primary purpose of the survey will be to assist the understanding of the poultry processing industry.

The principal users of the survey will be:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics in the compilation of the National Accounts;
- Meat and Livestock Australia;
- state agricultural departments; and
- other key industrial bodies.

Results from the survey will be used to monitor the poultry processing industry for planning and economic and performance analysis.

The survey has been field tested to ensure the required data is readily available and provider load has been minimised as much as possible. There has been a high level of respondent cooperation, therefore, no significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

Results from the survey are expected to be released from early 2014.

The survey is likely to be repeated quarterly on a continuing basis.

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