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Information Supplied in Respect of Beef and Veal and Other Meats

A. Production: Production measures and policies

1. Statistical data on total volume of production

Production

('000 metric tons)

	Beef and veal	Mutton, lamb and goat's meat	Pork
1964/65	486	159	60
1965/66	470	167	67
1966/67	465	167	73

2. Trends in production and estimates for 1970

The domestic production (especially of beef) is to a large extent augmented by supplies from adjoining territories which form a customs union with the Republic of South Africa. Since 1947/48 the production of beef and veal has increased by 2.2 per cent per annum; mutton, lamb and goat's meat by 4.2 per cent per annum and pork by 0.8 per cent per annum. The production for 1970 is estimated as follows:

'000 metric tons

Beef and veal	506
Mutton, lamb and goat's meat	192
Pork	80

3. Statistical data on carry-over stocks and stockpiling

There is no governmental or private stockpiling of meat in the Republic.

4. Factors which affect production
5. Policies and measures of governments or other bodies likely to influence production, other than those listed under B

The general trend of meat production is to follow the increase in the demand for meat subject to the very variable South African climatic conditions. Measures of the Livestock and Meat Industries Control Board, apart from price support, include some extension and research where necessary.

B. Protection and support measures and policies

I. Internal support measures and policies

1. Inventory of the instruments of support

The Livestock and Meat Industries Control Board sets floor prices in the nine main urban centres at which it is prepared to buy dressed carcasses of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs at the auctions in these centres. These floor prices are reviewed annually in the light of production and consumption trends. Producers marketing in these urban centres (referred to as controlled areas) are therefore guaranteed at least certain minimum prices for their slaughtered livestock at the auctions. Price support measures do not exist in areas other than these main urban centres. If circumstances should warrant such action, the Board also regulates the flow of livestock to the controlled areas by allotting weekly quotas to the various selling agents. In order to further its aims of price stabilization to producers, the Meat Board also collects levies on livestock slaughtered at abattoirs and the stabilization funds thus obtained are used for financing its buying and selling operations on the local market as well as supplementing overseas realizations where necessary.

2. Levels of guaranteed prices or support prices

Producers' floor prices at the main auctions

<u>Beef (grade I)</u>		<u>Veal (grade I)</u>	
<u>As from:</u>	<u>\$ per kg.</u>	<u>As from:</u>	<u>\$ per kg.</u>
1.4.65	0.43	17.6.62	0.22
17.4.66	0.49	17.4.66	0.37
		30.4.67	0.43

<u>Mutton (grade I)</u>		<u>Lamb (grade I)</u>	
<u>As from:</u>	<u>\$ per kg.</u>	<u>As from:</u>	<u>\$ per kg.</u>
1.4.65	0.54	1.4.65	0.62

<u>Porkers (grade I)</u>		<u>Baconers (grade I)</u>	
<u>As from:</u>	<u>\$ per kg.</u>	<u>As from:</u>	<u>\$ per kg.</u>
21.2.65	0.52	31.10.65	0.54

In the case of beef the basic floor price given above is increased for the greater part of the season by a variable seasonal premium. The maximum level of this premium (\$0.06 per kg.) is reached during November/December of each year.

3. Amount of producer subsidies

See under 1 and 2 above.

4. Average returns to producers

Average returns (all grades) to producers ex farm

(\$/kg.)

	Beef and veal	Mutton, lamb and goat's meat	Fork
1964/65	0.40	0.57	0.47
1965/66	0.43	0.54	0.41
1966/67	0.48	0.55	0.42

5. Method of determining returns for producers

See under 1 and 2 above.

II. Measures at the frontier

Import Duties

	Tariff heading	Rate of duty	
		M.f.n.	Preferential
02.01.10	Meat of animals of the bovine species	333 1/3¢ per 100 lb.	250¢ per 100 lb. (N.Z.)
02.01.20	Meat of sheep and goats	333 1/3¢ per 100 lb.	250¢ per 100 lb. (N.Z.)
02.01.30	Meat of swine	333 1/3¢ per 100 lb.	250¢ per 100 lb. (N.Z.)

C. Consumption and internal prices

1. Statistical data on consumption
2. Trends in consumption and estimates for 1970

Consumption

('000 metric tons)

	Beef and veal	Mutton, lamb and goat's meat	Pork
1964/65	530	160	60
1965/66	514	166	64
1966/67	509	168	70
1970 (estimate)	535	184	77

Over the past twenty years the total consumption of beef and veal has increased on average by 1.4 per cent per annum, mutton, lamb and goat's meat by 2.1 per cent per annum and pork by 1.3 per cent.

3. Retail and wholesale prices on major internal markets

Wholesale prices (average auction prices for all grades in nine controlled areas)

(\$/kg.)

	Beef	Veal	Lamb, mutton and goat's meat	Pork
1965	0.48	0.42	0.64	0.51
1966	0.50	0.44	0.66	0.48
1967	0.59	0.56	0.68	0.54

Retail prices (average prices in nine controlled areas)

(\$/kg.)

	Beef (Grade I and II)	Mutton and lamb (Grade J)	Pork (Grade I)
1965	0.90	1.05	1.07
1966	0.93	1.08	1.07
1967	0.99	1.13	1.10

4. Factors which condition the evolution of internal consumption

5. Policies and measures affecting consumption

No consumer subsidies are paid in the case of meat. Promotion measures by the Board include publications, lectures and demonstrations, butchery competitions, a publicity film and participation in agricultural shows.

D. International trade and prices

1. Statistical data on the volume and value of imports and exports by source and destination

International trade

Q: Metric tons
 V: Dollars

Description	Exports: Destinations Imports: Countries of origin	1965		1966	
		Q	V	Q	V
Beef and veal, fresh, chilled or frozen	<u>Exports</u>				
	United Kingdom	11,490	4,906,707	17,371	12,424,701
	Other	2,556	1,639,451	6,099	3,574,684
		14,046	6,546,158	23,470	15,999,385
Meat of animals of the bovine species	<u>Imports</u>	87	39,088	11,368	5,997,548
Mutton, lamb and goat's meat, fresh, chilled or frozen	<u>Exports</u>	372	247,729	299	185,861
Pork, fresh, chilled or frozen	<u>Exports</u>				
	United Kingdom	69	39,200	940	621,515
	Hong Kong	4	3,300	-	-
	Other	354	286,893	679	417,962
		427	329,393	1,619	1,039,477
Meat of swine	<u>Imports</u>				
	Sweden	361	314,332	-	-
	Italy	-	2,356	-	-
	Other	-	203	27	21,763
		361	316,891	27	21,763

2. Levels of export prices prevailing in various markets; levels of import prices

3. Export aid measures and policies

Exports of meat are in no way subsidized by the Government.

4. Description of bilateral agreements affecting imports or exports