

SURVEY OF SEASON

The killings of meat returned to the Department during the 1948-49 season as available for export totalled 340,009 tons.

Average weights for lamb and mutton for the four seasons 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, and 1948-49 are as shown in Table 9.

Table 9

				North Island.				South Island.	
				1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1945-46.	1946-47.
				lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Lambs ..	..	..	..	31.39	35.15	33.4	35.32	34.61	35.58
Wethers ..	..	..	..	54.32	60.18	59.6	59.87	49.67	52.41
Ewes ..	..	..	..	52.51	57.23	56.9	56.43	52.83	54.01

				South Island—contd.		Dominion.			
				1947-48.	1948-49.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
				lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Lambs ..	..	..	..	34.9	35.76	32.81	35.35	34.1	35.54
Wethers ..	..	..	..	51.1	51.81	53.86	59.42	58.8	59.19
Ewes ..	..	..	..	55.1	55.13	52.61	56.05	56.2	56.00

The killings for export month by month throughout the 1948-49 season with the total 1946-47 and 1947-48 figures for comparison are shown in the following table.

Frozen meat killings for export, season 1948-49, were as shown in Table 10.

Table 10—Frozen Meat Killings for Export, Season 1948-49

	Lamb.	Wether Mutton.	Ewe Mutton.	Quarter Beef.	Veal.	Boneless Bobby Veal.	Boneless Bull Beef.	Boneless Cow and Ox Beef.	Baconers.	Porkers.	Choppers.	Edible Offal.	Total.
1948	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
October ..	8	20	79	67	6	910	114	154	487	48	13	190	2,096
November ..	3,644	449	550	227	5	460	241	192	1,136	59	12	316	7,291
December ..	30,529	796	1,378	330	10	169	363	199	2,029	74	22	1,220	37,119
1949													
January ..	44,554	1,255	6,483	563	6	76	443	387	1,320	105	25	1,889	57,106
February ..	35,068	2,420	17,401	1,793	21	26	838	813	1,326	371	38	2,302	62,417
March ..	32,300	3,604	16,533	5,885	35	29	894	1,412	1,347	783	30	2,374	65,226
April ..	20,763	2,552	5,578	8,560	41	42	556	1,441	721	969	14	1,525	42,862
May ..	15,087	1,413	3,901	10,968	53	51	560	2,926	276	809	21	1,466	37,531
June ..	5,797	381	1,942	5,722	29	99	381	1,696	109	136	1	695	16,988
July ..	360	80	361	775	4	1,231	94	343	85	2	..	421	3,756
August ..	86	22	27	201	4	3,562	72	195	70	3	..	526	4,768
September ..	1	122	73	129	2	1,841	64	151	140	10	..	316	2,849
Totals ..	188,197	13,114	54,406	35,220	216	8,496	4,620	9,909	9,046	3,369	176	13,240	340,009
1947-48 season	181,975	14,732	50,548	50,149	715	8,312	4,995	9,097	9,225	4,212	212	12,864	347,036
1946-47 season	179,908	20,358	57,213	50,728	544	7,469	5,124	9,121	7,769	3,736	245	12,609	354,824