

## **Cattle on feed assisting continuity of supply**

Cattle on feed for the April to June 2021 quarter increased to 1,173,652 head, a 168,617 head increase from March, according to the latest results of the Australian Lot Feeders' Association (ALFA) and Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) survey.

Queensland accounted for a large proportion of the increase in cattle numbers on feed, increasing by 166,381 head, or 30.7% to 708,557 head.

New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia recorded modest increases in cattle numbers on feed. New South Wales increased by 12,758 head, or 4.1% to 324,715 head, Victoria increased by 7,433 head, or 12.9% to 65,027 head and South Australia increased by 477 head, or 1.3% to 37,003 head.

Western Australia was the only state to record a decrease in cattle numbers on feed, decreasing by 18,432, or 32.5%, to 38,350 head, in line with seasonal trends.

ALFA President, Bryce Camm, said the lift in cattle on feed was reflective of the role the feedlot sector is playing in beef production even during uncertain market conditions.

"In an operating environment disrupted by COVID-19 and influenced heavily by herd rebuilding supply and demand dynamics, the feedlot sector continues to provide production certainty that's attractive to brand owners and supply chains."

"Of note, Queensland cattle on feed increased significantly from the previous quarter to 708,557 head, a 30% increase for the quarter; much of which was in yards with a capacity of 10,000 head or greater."

"The fundamental driver is the desire of supply chains to provide consistent quality and supply to their customers 24 hours, 365 days a year, and feedlots facilitate this by providing production certainty in what is otherwise currently an unpredictable market, he said.

Steve Bignell, MLA Market Information Manager, said lot feeders continued to see strong market signals for finished cattle during the quarter.

"The Queensland 100-day grain fed steer over-the-hook (OTH) indicator continued to trade at elevated levels, averaging 677¢/kg carcass weight (cwt) in the June quarter. These signals continue to drive national feedlot utilisation which increased to 81% and above the 5-year June quarter average of 77%," he said.

In the previous March quarter, more than 50% of beef production and domestic consumption was grainfed. Mr Bignell said that he expected that trend to be reflected in the production statistics due out on the 20th of August.

"In this national herd rebuild, when supply remains tight, feedlots are doing an amazing job at assuring continuity of product, both domestically and globally."

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## NUMBERS ON FEED

Quarter	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	Total
<b>Jun-21</b>	324,715	65,027	708,557	37,003	38,350	<b>1,173,652</b>
<b>Mar-21</b>	311,957	57,594	542,176	36,526	56,782	<b>1,005,035</b>
<b>Jun-20</b>	263,489	57,211	611,683	40,714	37,096	<b>1,010,192</b>

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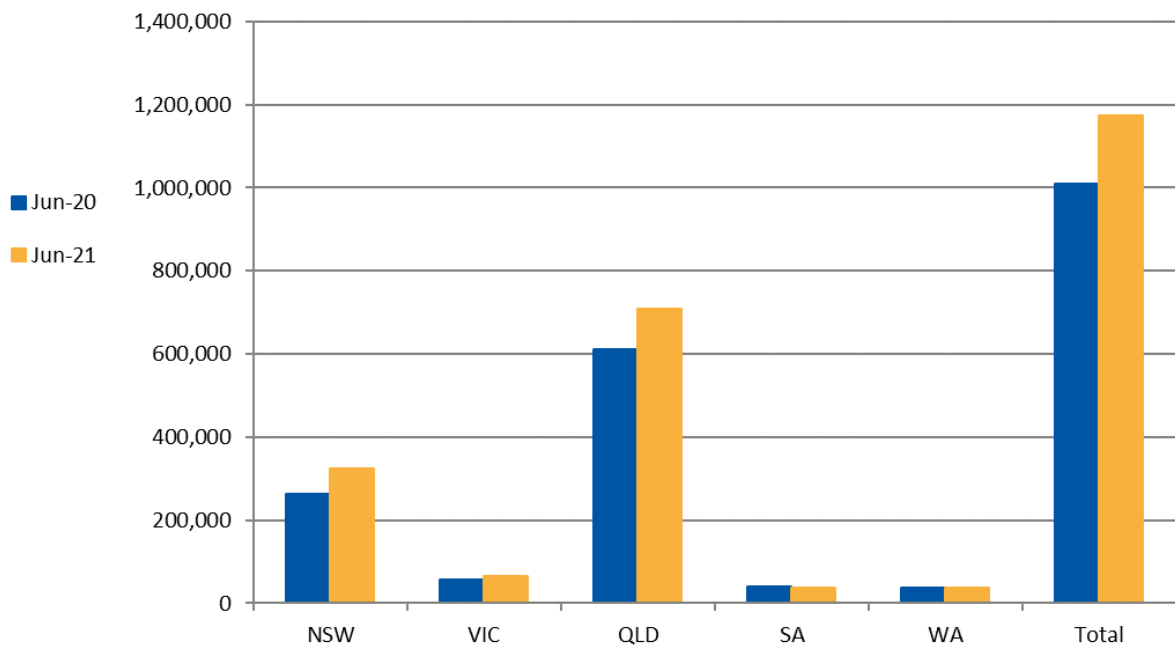
Quarter	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	Total
<b>Jun-21</b>	171,612	46,600	397,429	28,712	30,949	<b>675,302</b>
<b>Mar-21</b>	219,087	47,089	321,600	26,256	51,504	<b>665,536</b>
<b>Jun-20</b>	181,050	48,011	379,635	29,126	58,432	<b>696,253</b>

## CAPACITY

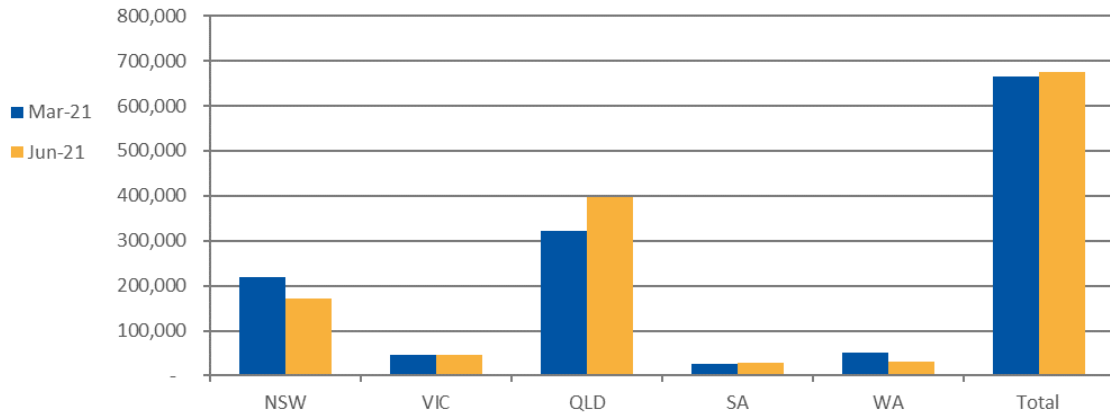
Quarter	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	Total
<b>Jun-21</b>	412,274	78,892	829,628	53,814	73,477	<b>1,448,085</b>
<b>Mar-21</b>	411,274	79,392	832,725	53,614	73,477	<b>1,450,482</b>
<b>Jun-20</b>	411,538	79,392	814,968	53,614	73,477	<b>1,432,989</b>

**Source:** Feedlot Capacity figures are provided by AUS-MEAT Limited (AUS-MEAT). AUS-MEAT owns and administers the National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme (NFAS) on behalf of ALFA and the feedlot sector. Actual Feedlot Capacity figures are reported under the NFAS.

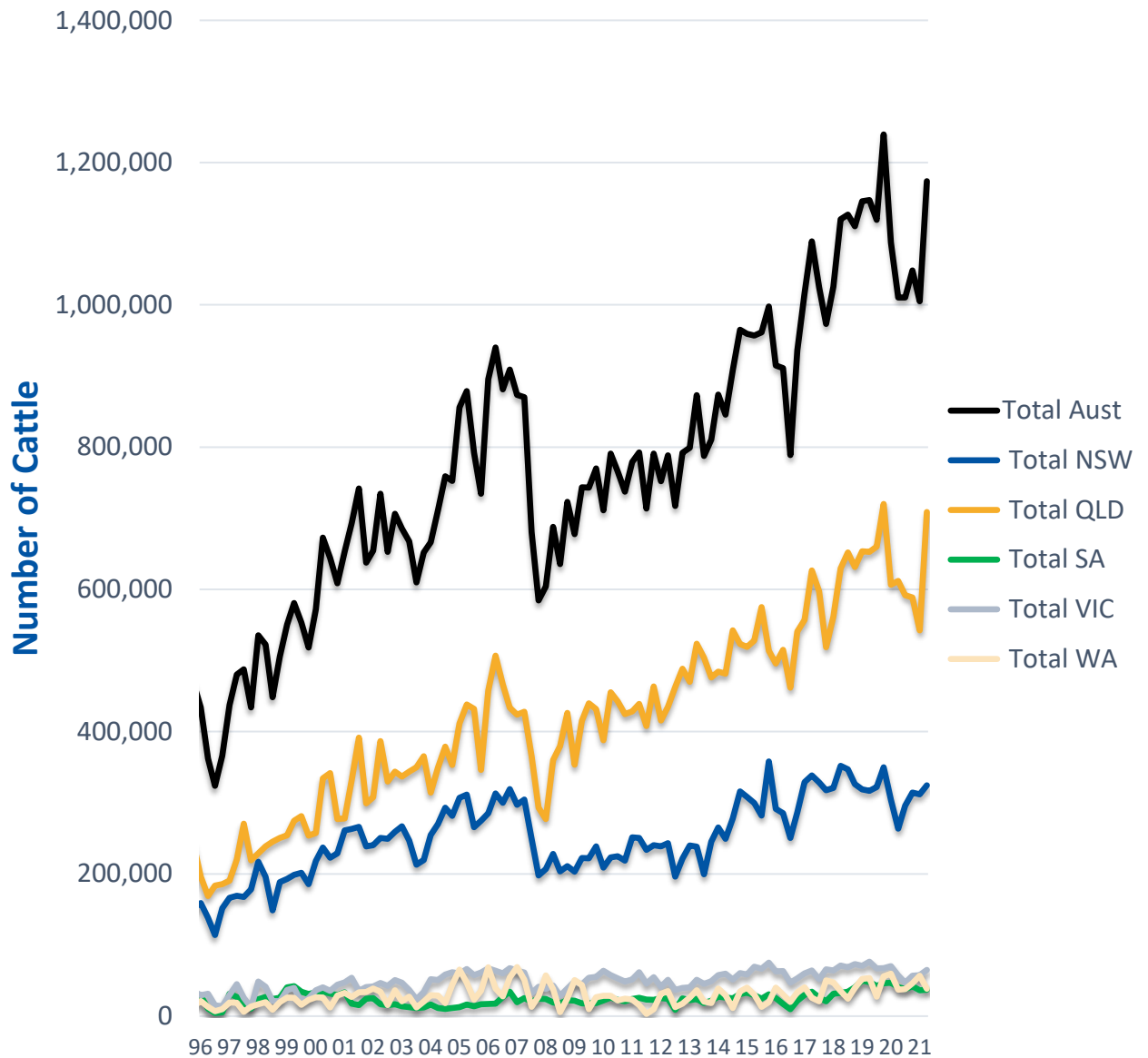
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## CATTLE NUMBERS ON FEED - HISTORIC



	Numbers on Feed Jun 21	Numbers on Feed Mar 21	Numbers on Feed Jun 20
<b>New South Wales</b>			
Less than 500 head	743	680	618
500 -1000 head	8,452	11,112	5,541
1001 - 10,000 head	111,882	91,788	99,303
over 10,000 head	203,638	208,377	158,027
<b>State Total</b>	<b>324,715</b>	<b>311,957</b>	<b>263,489</b>
<b>Queensland</b>			
Less than 500 head	7,556	4,744	5,894
500 -1000 head	17,688	15,742	16,977
1001 - 10,000 head	182,950	150,201	156,663
over 10,000 head	500,363	371,489	432,149
<b>State Total</b>	<b>708,557</b>	<b>542,176</b>	<b>611,683</b>
<b>Victoria</b>			
Less than 500 head	0	0	0
500 -1000 head	4,307	4,582	4,265
1001 - 10,000 head	25,934	21,755	25,713
over 10,000 head	34,786	31,257	27,232
<b>State Total</b>	<b>65,027</b>	<b>57,594</b>	<b>57,211</b>
<b>South Australia</b>			
Less than 500 head	842	960	960
500 -1000 head	4,606	3,495	1,892
1001 - 10,000 head	17,855	14,702	22,262
over 10,000 head	13,700	17,369	15,600
<b>State Total</b>	<b>37,003</b>	<b>36,526</b>	<b>40,714</b>
<b>Western Australia</b>			
Less than 500 head	1,388	2,379	1,871
500 -1000 head	3,272	4,798	2,999
1001 - 10,000 head	33,690	49,605	32,226
over 10,000 head	0	0	0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>38,350</b>	<b>56,782</b>	<b>37,096</b>
<b>Australia</b>			
Less than 500 head	10,529	8,763	9,343
500 -1000 head	38,325	39,729	31,674
1001 - 10,000 head	372,311	328,051	336,167
over 10,000 head	752,487	628,492	633,008
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,173,652</b>	<b>1,005,035</b>	<b>1,010,192</b>

Note: Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this document may not add up to the totals.