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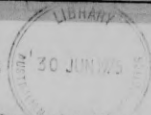


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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 49 : BUILDING MATERIALS
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The figures for 1971-72 are derived from the Annual Factory Census. All other annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. Production figures for Northern Territory and A.C.T. are included with S.A. and N.S.W. respectively. This summary contains seasonally adjusted statistics of clay bricks, in Table 1, page 1 and Portland cement in Table 3, page 2. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but also of "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. The seasonally adjusted figures have been revised following annual reanalyses. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series will be given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1975" (Ref. No. 1.10), to be issued shortly.

TABLE 1. - BRICKS

Clay

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A. (472,01,03)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia			Total bricks
							Original	Seas. adj. (a)	Concrete and silica lime (b)	
	million	million	million	million	million	million	million	million	million	million
1971-72	706	438	192	159	228	21.1	1,744	..	139	1,883
1972-73	734	443	216	169	290	22.3	1,874	..	165	2,039
1973-74	799	522	238	(c)	302	(c)	2,053	..	173	2,226
1974 -										
February	64.3	43.2	18.4	(c)	23.4	(c)	165	174	15.4	181
March	66.8	43.2	19.7	(c)	27.8	(c)	173	167	14.3	188
April	65.2	41.9	19.9	(c)	25.9	(c)	169	175	13.7	182
May	74.4	49.3	20.5	(c)	26.3	(c)	189	173	15.5	204
June	62.1	46.9	18.4	(c)	25.7	(c)	168	173	13.4	181
July	72.8	48.7	21.1	(c)	26.2	(c)	189	171	13.7	203
August	63.3	44.2	14.4	(c)	26.4	(c)	167	160	12.3	179
September	62.4	41.0	17.8	(c)	22.3	(c)	162	154	11.2	173
October	61.2	33.4	16.1	(c)	25.8	(c)	155	143	11.4	167
November	50.8	35.5	15.6	(c)	22.6	(c)	143	138	10.9	155
December	46.6	30.1	11.1	(c)	18.5	(c)	119	131	8.8	128
1975 -										
January	30.5	18.0	6.9	(c)	12.9	(c)	78	106	5.6	84
February	46.2	37.2	12.3	(c)	19.9	(c)	129	136	7.9	137
March	47.4	38.5	12.8	(c)	20.7	(c)	133	138	8.4	142
1973-74 : July to Mar.	597	384	179	(c)	224	(c)	1,528	..	130.1	1,471
1974-75 : July to Mar.	481	327	128	(c)	195	(c)	1,275	..	90.2	1,365

(a) See note at top of page. (b) Code numbers 475.21.23; 479.45.47. (c) Not available for publication.

TABLE 6. - PLASTER SHEETS - NON-ACOUSTIC : STATES, CONCRETE PRODUCTS : BLOCKS AND PIPES

Period	Plaster sheets - non-acoustic					Concrete blocks (in terms of 16"x8"x8") (475,27)	Concrete pipes other than agricultural (475,46)	Concrete box culverts (475,50)
	N.S.W. and Qld	Vic.	S.A. (479,32,33)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
	'000 sq.m	'000 sq.m	'000 sq.m	'000 sq.m	'000 sq.m	'000 sq.m	million	tonnes
1971-72	15,743	12,986	(a)	(a)	(a)	34,314	73.1	787,600
1972-73	18,692	14,733	(a)	(a)	(a)	39,796	79.3	908,183
1973-74	21,594	15,516	(a)	(a)	(a)	44,270	89.5	913,674
1974 -								
February	1,822	1,245	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,671	6.90	75,879
March	1,651	1,350	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,591	7.47	75,555
April	1,374	1,136	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,036	7.22	72,981
May	2,161	1,560	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,434	8.43	83,528
June	1,537	1,299	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,423	7.56	78,597
July	2,136	1,359	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,148	8.62	85,470
August	1,756	1,400	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,756	6.41	72,545
September	1,771	1,500	(a)	(a)	(a)	3,881	7.40	75,425
October	2,009	1,671	(a)	(a)	(a)	4,372	7.57	70,051
November	1,755	1,501	(a)	(a)	..	3,871	6.94	65,428
December	1,311	1,114	(a)	(a)	..	2,925	5.21	47,133
1975 -								
January	546	780	(a)	(a)	..	1,623	3.87	31,706
February	1,386	1,204	(a)	(a)	..	3,114	6.02	60,683
March	1,279	1,631	(a)	(a)	..	3,437	6.11	65,423
1973-74 : July to Mar.	16,551	11,522	(a)	(a)	(a)	33,377	66.3	678,568
1974-75 : July to Mar.	13,950	12,161	(a)	(a)	(a)	31,127	58.1	574,864

(a) Not available for publication.

TABLE 7. - READY MIXED CONCRETE (a)
(*000 cubic metres)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A. and N.T. (475,90)	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia
1971-72	3,476	2,548	1,297	979	915	213	266	9,695
1972-73	3,552	2,381	1,500	975	860	200	259	9,726
1973-74	3,626	2,553	1,513	1,048	992	236	256	10,225
1974 -								
February	240	203	123	89.7	84.9	20.3	21.5	783
March	345	256	130	94.5	77.7	21.8	23.9	949
April	309	187	124	55.0	74.0	19.5	17.4	786
May	344	258	137	49.5	78.8	24.8	27.4	919
June	324	243	128	112.7	84.6	19.8	22.3	934
July	377	141	149	91.7	73.9	16.2	20.6	869
August	318	195	133	101.5	77.6	22.7	21.0	869
September	314	214	110	95.5	80.7	21.3	27.6	862
October	313	238	132	95.2	80.2	23.9	25.8	908
November	322	251	134	99.3	85.4	23.7	29.2	945
December	274	202	115	78.2	70.4	18.7	25.0	783
1975 -								
January	204	154	94	61.4	58.9	11.8	20.8	604
February	230	228	119	79.9	73.3	20.1	30.9	781
March	253	223	123	83.7	77.4	20.0	31.0	812
1973-74 : July to Mar.	2,649	1,865	1,125	831	755	172	189	7,586
1974-75 : July to Mar.	2,603	1,846	1,110	786	678	178	232	7,433

(a) Reported production of ready mixed concrete for sale as such. Excludes production used, or for use, in the same establishment.

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