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AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTION STATISTICS

MONTHLY STATEMENT NO. 6.

NOVEMBER, 1947

The attached statement is issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson), and shows the monthly production in Australia of certain commodities under the following general headings:-

Food, Drink and Tobacco,
Metals and Metal Products,
Chemicals and Allied Products,
Building Materials,
Building Fittings,
Power, Fuel and Light, and
Rubber Goods.

This statement is published in the third week of each month, and figures of the production of each of the commodities listed are given up to the latest available month. The second column in the tables indicates, for each commodity, the authority responsible for the present collection of the relevant statistics.

The scope of the statement will be widened from time to time to include new information as it becomes available. The following information, shown in this statement, occurs for the first time in this series:-

Food, Drink and Tobacco.

Jan.

In addition details of production of refined sugar, last shown in Statement No. 2, are shown again in this issue.

Speed in publication of the details shown increases their value but may also necessitate subsequent revision. Each statement contains revisions made up to the date of publication.

QUANTITY OF PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES IN AUSTRALIA

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Commodity	Collecting Authority (a)	Unit	Monthly Average			Monthly Total			
			1938-39	1945-46	1946-47	1947			
						June	July	August	September
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO -									
Butter (Factory Only)	C.D.P.	'000 tons	16.2	12.1	11.5	7.9	7.8	8.9	12.8
Cheese (Factory Only)	"	"	2.41	3.41	3.49	2.31	2.38	3.03	4.24
Margarine - Table	C.S.	"	0.227	0.652	0.457	0.176	0.188	0.246	0.271
Other	"	"	1.16	1.26	1.44	1.52	1.72	1.68	1.78
Jan	"	"	3.16	5.52	5.91	6.66	6.38	7.34	6.43
Meat (Bone-in-Weight) - Total									
Beef (including Veal)	"	"	80.5	67.1	74.5	87.0	94.9	84.8	n.a.
Lamb	"	"	46.6	33.9	40.5	55.9	62.0	54.2	44.8
Mutton	"	"	9.55	7.74	10.03	9.14	9.39	8.60	12.63
Pork	"	"	17.1	16.5	15.6	14.2	15.3	14.3	14.6
Bacon and Ham (cured weight)	"	"	3.09	2.93	2.59	2.32	2.65	2.17	n.a.
Sugar, refined	"	"	27.7	4.05	3.84	3.61	3.67	3.55	n.a.
Whateen Flour	T. & C.	"	28.2	35.7	36.1	30.0	37.6	35.3	n.a.
Beer	C.S.	'000 short tons	114	102	123	117	124	121	129
Tobacco and Cigarettes	T. & C.	million gals.	7.4	8.9	10.7	9.7	10.1	10.4	11.5
	"	lb.	1.92	2.04	2.39	2.28	2.76	2.63	2.61
METAL AND METAL PRODUCTS -									
Gold	M.D.	'000 fine oz.	134.2	57.4	75.9	74.0	114.0	77.0	75.0
Zinc, refined	C.S.	'000 tons	5.82	6.71	5.84	5.71	5.94	6.09	5.72
Pig-Iron	"	"	92.1	75.5	94.9	93.7	106.9	111.3	103.8
Blooms and Billots	"	"	93.3	86.4	94.1	90.0	93.8	105.7	104.4
Castings (Direct Metal & Steel)(b)	"	"	5.28	4.29	5.68	6.24	6.03	5.91	6.40
Ingot Steel (b)	"	"	97.5	37.9	102.5	96.3	104.2	117.2	115.4
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -									
Sulphate of Ammonia	N.F.	"	2.05	1.82	2.43	2.23	2.89	3.13	3.57
Superphosphate	C. & A.	"	98.2	88.9	92.1	95.4	99.3	97.3	93.6

(a) See Page 4 for key to abbreviations.
 (b) N.S.W. production only.

n.a. - Not available.

Commodity	Collecting Authority (a)	Unit	Monthly Average			Monthly Total				
			1938-39	1945-46 (b)	1946-47	1947				
						June	July	August	September	
BUILDING MATERIALS -										
Bricks ..	B.M.C.	Million	60.0	25.2	(f) 39.9	(f) 44.7	(f) 51.4	(f) 48.8	51.6	
Cement Building Sheets ..	P.W.R.	Mill.sq.yds.	0.79	1.42	1.74	1.64	2.07	1.82	1.91	
Cement, Portland ..	"	'000 tons	72.3	59.4	75.0	84.3	89.2	90.3	91.7	
Fibrous Plaster Sheets ..	B.M.C.	Mill. sq.yds.	0.634	0.451	(f) 0.819	0.838	1.050	0.996	0.955	
Roofing Tiles (Terra Cotta)	"	Million	3.31	1.96	3.04	3.09	3.51	3.52	3.65	
Sawn Native Timber ..	F.A.	Million.sq.ft.	(c) 59.8	71.5	(d) 81.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
BUILDING FITTINGS -										
Basins - Ferrous Casting ..	P.W.R.	'000	n.a.	2.74	2.86	3.66	4.63	4.04	3.32	
Sanitary Earthenware ..	"	"	"	(f) 1.52	1.98	1.93	2.58	2.22	2.82	
Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel ..	"	"	"	5.67	5.91	7.35	5.92	6.30	6.02	
Gas ..	"	"	"	2.16	2.83	3.45	3.68	3.09	4.41	
Baths - Ferrous Casting ..	"	"	"	3.59	3.70	4.40	5.30	4.53	4.44	
Coppers - Solid Fuel ..	"	"	"	3.75	6.74	6.17	6.09	7.06	6.89	
Gas ..	"	"	"	1.59	2.16	3.04	3.06	2.83	3.09	
Pans - Sanitary Earthenware ..	"	"	"	5.92	(f) 6.28	6.42	7.16	6.96	7.45	
Sinks - Ferrous Casting ..	"	"	"	2.96	3.29	4.07	3.82	3.29	3.12	
Sanitary Earthenware ..	"	"	"	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.25	0.22	
Stoves - Solid Fuel ..	"	"	4.54	(c) 3.82	3.37	3.89	4.97	4.49	4.76	
Gas ..	"	"	3.89	(c) 1.84	2.31	2.66	3.54	3.45	3.61	
Electric ..	"	"	(g) 0.73	0.69	0.89	1.21	1.12	1.18	1.18	

(a) See Page 4 for key to abbreviations.

(d) Average for eleven months only.

(b) Average for Building Fittings listed is that for the second six months of the year.

(c) Average for whole year.

(c) Includes figure for sleepers sawn, later figures do not.

(f) Revised since previous issue.

(g) Includes household stoves, ranges, stovettes, and cookers; later figures include household stoves only.

n.a. Not Available.

Commodity	Collecting Authority (a)	Units	Monthly Average			Monthly Totals			
			1946-46	1946-46	1946-47	June	July	August	18 months
POWER, FUEL AND LIGHT -									
Black Coal ..	J.C.B.	'000 tons	1,018	1,053	1,169	1,339	1,391	(d) 1,393	1,372
Brown Coal ..	S.S.	" "	304	461	490	540	588	577	535
Briquettes ..	"	" "	33.3	41.1	40.9	42.2	49.3	49.2	48.6
Electricity supplied for all purposes except traction - Melbourne ..	C.S.	Million K.W.H.	50.3	50.5	53.5	95.6	96.2	103.0	99.8
Electricity generated for all purposes except traction - Tasmania ..	S. S.	" "	47.0	67.5	65.7	70.1	75.6	73.8	68.3
Gas and Electricity - Sydney ..	"	(b)	126	177	196	200	212	212	214
RUBBER GOODS -									
Tyres - Pneumatic									
Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero., etc. ..	S. & S.	'000	113	94	140	137	158	150	153
Cycle ..	"	"	70	83	(c) 100	123	137	126	126
Tubes -									
Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero., etc. ..	"	"	89	77	121	126	145	142	140
Cycle ..	"	"	51	74	(c) 72	72	88	74	113

(a) B.M.C. - State Building Materials Control Authorities.
 C. & A. - Commonwealth Department of Commerce and Agriculture.
 G.D.I. - Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalization Committee Ltd.
 C.S. - Commonwealth Statistician.
 F.A. - Forest Authorities.
 J.C.B. - Joint Coal Board.
 M.D. - State Department of Mines.
 N.F. - Nitrogen Fertilizers Pty. Ltd.
 P.W.R. - Commonwealth Department of Post War Reconstruction.

(a) S. & S. - Commonwealth Department of Supply and Shipping.
 S.S. - State Statistician.
 T. & C. - Commonwealth Department of Trade and Customs.
 (b) Seasonally adjusted index of sales.
 (c) Average of second six months of year only.
 (d) Revised since previous issue.
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