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TABLE 1. SCOURED AND CARBONISED WOOL (a)
(tonnes)

Period	Sheep's or lambs' wool(b)	
	Scoured or otherwise degreased (c) (268.21)	Carbonised (268.29)
1986-87	110,442	19,812
1987-88	106,412	20,221
1988-89	100,977	18,865
1987—		
December qtr	29,254	4,920
1988—		
March qtr	28,251	5,359
June qtr	24,757	4,961
September qtr	22,749	4,278
December qtr	26,583	4,086
1989—		
March qtr	27,686	4,963
June qtr	23,959	5,539
July (d)	6,924	1,235
August	7,781	1,676
September	6,720	1,477
October	7,056	1,750
November	7,764	1,758
December	6,813	1,231
1988-89: July to Dec.	49,332	8,364
1989-90: July to Dec.	43,059	9,127

(a) Includes scoured and carbonised wool used in further processing (e.g. for production of tops). (b) Degreased, whether or not bleached or dyed in the mass. (c) Excludes scoured wool used for carbonising in the same establishment. Excludes feltingmatted, dead or waste wool prior to July 1989. (d) Collected on a monthly basis from July 1989.

TABLE 2. TOPS AND SEWING THREAD
(tonnes)

Period	Tops of, or predominantly of				Sewing thread(a) of, or predominantly of	
	Sheep's or lambs' wool (classified by micron)			Man-made fibres (262.03)	Cotton (651.20)	Synthetic fibres (651.45)
	23 and finer (268.72,74)	24 to 27 (268.73)	28 and above (268.76)			
1986-87	13,158	7,462	3,854	24,474	982	
1987-88	13,751	8,688	3,529	25,968	895	
1988-89	15,175	6,807	4,577	26,559	864	
1988—						
October	1,501	331	268	2,100	74	Not available prior to July 1989
November	1,761	527	318	2,607	97	
December	947	348	213	1,508	70	
1989—						
January	1,089	406	328	1,823	42	
February	945	921	477	2,342	73	
March	927	657	631	2,215	79	
April	1,057	527	616	2,201	46	
May	1,338	632	556	2,526	78	
June	1,189	526	517	2,232	73	
July	838	658	336	1,832	46	n.p.
August	1,001	438	669	2,108	60	n.p.
September	1,065	241	274	1,580	52	n.p.
October	820	326	633	1,780	48	n.p.
November	733	382	470	1,585	60	n.p.
December	816	207	194	1,218	51	n.p.
1988-89: July to Dec.	8,628	3,139	1,454	13,220	473	n.a.
1989-90: July to Dec.	5,274	2,252	2,577	10,103	317	n.p.

(a) Excludes elastic or elastomeric.

TABLE 3. WOOL YARN (a)
(tonnes)

Period	Woolen(b)				Total
	Pure(c)		Mixture(d)		
	Used in carpet manufacture (651.01)	Other (651.02)	Used in carpet manufacture (651.03)	Other (651.04)	
1986-87	8,195	1,691	5,845	1,754	17,485
1987-88	8,470	1,294	6,416	1,412	17,592
1988-89	7,831	1,082	6,192	1,106	16,211
1988—					
October	647	94	704	103	1,548
November	627	89	709	111	1,536
December	621	60	579	82	1,342
1989—					
January	207	56	221	77	561
February	730	84	447	89	1,350
March	655	117	390	86	1,248
April	639	78	403	75	1,195
May	727	104	417	92	1,340
June	796	103	431	81	1,412
July	640	94	484	81	1,299
August	734	114	565	110	1,523
September	673	73	561	89	1,396
October	594	58	529	89	1,270
November	763	80	635	123	1,600
December	548	31	427	68	1,075
1988-89: July to Dec.	4,076	539	3,883	606	9,104
1989-90: July to Dec.	3,953	451	3,201	560	8,163

TABLE 3. WOOL YARN (a) — continued
(tonnes)

Period	Worsted(e)				Total wool yarn			
	Pure(f)		Mixture(g)		Total	Original	Seasonally adjusted(h)	Trend(i)
	Machine	Other	Machine	Other				
	knitting (651.05)	(651.06)	knitting (651.07)	(651.08)				
1986-87	2,409	1,209	1,009	950	5,577	23,062	..	..
1987-88	2,334	1,317	832	1,000	5,484	23,076	..	..
1988-89	1,850	1,590	869	938	5,247	21,458	..	..
1988—								
October	205	149	74	86	514	2,062	1,938	1,897
November	203	166	91	83	543	2,079	1,748	1,902
December	134	120	71	71	396	1,738	2,121	1,882
1989—								
January	100	58	39	30	227	789	1,828	1,837
February	147	144	75	86	452	1,802	1,738	1,777
March	140	125	69	72	406	1,654	1,611	1,718
April	123	141	83	71	418	1,613	1,741	1,679
May	134	150	87	92	462	1,803	1,568	1,657
June	145	108	97	83	432	1,845	1,786	1,645
July	117	146	73	67	403	1,703	1,595	1,644
August	139	122	92	70	424	1,947	1,634	1,645
September	163	116	107	40	426	r1,822	r1,772	1,650
October	158	106	91	42	396	1,667	1,472	1,661
November	159	r137	71	47	r415	r2,015	r1,759	1,672
December	108	93	52	65	318	1,383	1,737	1,677
1988-89: July to Dec.	1,061	865	420	504	2,848	11,953	..	..
1989-90: July to Dec.	845	720	487	331	2,382	10,538	..	..

(a) Excludes elastic or elastometric. (b) Predominantly of carded sheep's or lambs' wool or carded fine animal hair. (c) Containing 95 per cent or more by weight of carded sheep's or lambs' wool. (d) Containing less than 95 per cent by weight of carded sheep's or lambs' wool. (e) Predominantly of combed sheep's or lambs' wool or combed fine animal hair. (f) Containing 95 per cent or more by weight of combed sheep's or lambs' wool. (g) Containing less than 95 per cent by weight of combed sheep's or lambs' wool. (h) See paragraph 5, Explanatory Notes. (i) See paragraph 6 to 9, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. COTTON YARN (a)
(tonnes)

Period	85% or more by weight of cotton (651.35)	Predominantly of but less than 85% by weight of cotton (651.36)	Total cotton yarn		
			Original	Seasonally adjusted(b)	Trend(c)
1986-87			21,161	..	..
1987-88			20,667	..	..
1988-89			20,504	..	..
1988—					
October	Not available prior to July 1989		1,659	1,578	1,626
November			1,888	1,778	1,626
December			1,629	1,773	1,630
1989—					
January			311	1,256	1,641
February			1,819	1,768	1,674
March			1,914	1,734	1,728
April			1,701	1,763	1,787
May			2,415	2,089	1,832
June			1,837	1,621	1,848
July	n.p.	n.p.	2,063	1,923	1,831
August	n.p.	n.p.	..	1,844	1,814
September	n.p.	n.p.	1,993	1,740	1,830
October	n.p.	n.p.	1,973	1,838	1,878
November	1,833	116	1,948	1,874	1,948
December	1,413	113	1,526	1,672	2,030
1988-89: July to Dec.	n.a.	n.a.	10,506	..	..
1989-90: July to Dec.	n.p.	n.p.	11,554	..	..

(a) Classified on a single yarn basis. Excludes sewing thread, elastic or elastomeric. (b) See paragraph 5, Explanatory Notes. (c) See paragraph 6 to 9, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. SYNTHETIC FIBRE YARN (a)
(tonnes)

Period	Yarn of synthetic staple fibres									Total
	Other fibres									
	Containing 85% or more by weight of synthetic staple fibres									
	Containing less than 85% by weight of synthetic staple fibres									
	Synthetic filament yarn		Acrylic		Polyester mixed with cotton		Other			
Polyamide (651.53)	Other (651.54)	Used in carpet manufacture (651.56,67)	Other manufacture (651.57,68)	Used in carpet manufacture (651.58)	Other (651.65)	(651.66)	(651.78)			
1986-87		715	1,184			5,360		11,389		
1987-88		895	1,288			4,585		10,173		
1988-89		n.p.	909			n.p.		10,359		
1988—										
October	Not available prior to July 1989		n.p.	n.p.	Not available separately prior to July 1989		522	Not available separately prior to July 1989	887	
November			57	102			468		906	
December			n.p.	56			346		689	
1989—										
January	Not available prior to July 1989		n.p.	39	Not available separately prior to July 1989		n.p.	Not available separately prior to July 1989	262	
February			n.p.	59			434		887	
March			n.p.	73			468		873	
April			n.p.	66			456		836	
May			n.p.	102			644		1,153	
June			n.p.	104			523		1,062	
July	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	88	103	n.p.	n.p.	47	1,042	
August	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	90	98	n.p.	465	58	1,006	
September	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	77	104	n.p.	450	51	1,075	
October	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	75	148	n.p.		378	1,032	
November	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	92	154	n.p.		376	1,028	
December	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	70	107	n.p.	286	34	660	
1988-89: July to Dec.	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.	5,286	
1989-90: July to Dec.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	491	714	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	5,144	

(a) Of, or predominantly of, synthetic fibres and predominantly of the fibre types named. Excludes sewing thread, elastic, elastomeric.

TABLE 6. WOOL BROADWOVEN FABRIC (a)
(*000 square metres)

Period	Woollen(b)			Total		
	Pure(d) (654.23.38)	Mixture(e) (654.24.36)	Worsted(c) (654.25.26.37.39)	Original	Seasonally adjusted(f)	Trend(g)
1986-87	3,953	2,777	4,515	11,245	..	..
1987-88	3,407	2,110	5,104	10,622	..	..
1988-89	2,914	1,892	4,862	9,669	..	..
1988—						
October	254	173	468	894	856	848
November	264	195	535	995	797	844
December	177	133	366	677	861	829
1989—						
January	133	148	217	498	822	808
February	223	164	431	819	750	783
March	275	145	412	832	748	767
April	206	115	344	666	708	764
May	261	140	394	795	729	773
June	264	174	390	827	839	781
July	247	135	367	749	803	788
August	355	153	500	1,007	879	787
September	189	119	411	719	708	779
October	194	124	453	770	699	769
November	255	192	450	897	750	764
December	187	110	395	693	899	761
1988-89: July to Dec.	1,553	1,007	2,673	5,233	..	..
1989-90: July to Dec.	1,426	833	2,576	4,835	..	..

(a) Excludes elastic fabrics. (b) Of, or predominantly, of carded sheep's or lambs' wool or carded fine animal hair. (c) Of, or predominantly, of combed sheep's or lambs' wool or combed fine animal hair. (d) Containing 95 per cent or more by weight of sheep's or lambs' wool. From July 1989 includes woollen pile and chenille containing less than 95 per cent by weight of sheep's or lambs' wool. (e) Containing less than 95 per cent by weight of sheep's or lambs' wool. From July 1989 excludes pile and chenille. (f) See paragraph 5, Explanatory Notes. (g) See paragraph 6 to 9, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 7. COTTON BROADWOVEN FABRIC (a)
(*000 square metres)

Period	Other than pile and chenille			Total		
	Pile and chenille		Containing less than 85% by weight of cotton (652.80)	Containing 85% or more by weight of cotton (652.70)	Original	Seasonally adjusted(c)
	Terry(b) (652.16)	Other (652.17)				
1986-87	8,746	n.p.	2,515	n.p.	38,237	..
1987-88	8,919	n.p.	2,976	n.p.	39,415	..
1988-89	10,106	n.p.	n.p.	23,856	36,307	..
1988—						
October	966	n.p.	n.p.	1,887	3,045	2,926
November	1,066	n.p.	n.p.	1,747	3,030	3,009
December	617	n.p.	n.p.	1,510	2,304	2,866
1989—						
January	365	n.p.	n.p.	500	951	3,382
February	829	n.p.	n.p.	1,892	2,832	2,890
March	851	n.p.	n.p.	1,976	3,033	2,999
April	807	n.p.	n.p.	1,926	2,994	2,955
May	978	n.p.	n.p.	2,447	3,673	2,996
June	881	—	251	2,240	3,372	3,056
July	949	n.p.	n.p.	2,446	3,739	3,185
August	1,090	—	405	2,067	3,562	3,033
September	1,117	—	709	2,277	4,103	3,500
October	880	n.p.	n.p.	2,229	3,454	3,403
November	741	—	574	2,629	3,945	3,795
December	486	—	495	1,796	2,776	3,620
1988-89: July to Dec.	5,394	n.p.	n.p.	12,875	19,452	..
1989-90: July to Dec.	5,263	n.p.	n.p.	13,444	21,579	..

(a) Broadwoven fabric of, or predominantly of, cotton. Excludes gauze and elastic fabrics. (b) Includes terry towelling and similar fabrics. (c) See paragraph 5, Explanatory Notes. (d) See paragraph 6 to 9, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 8. MAN-MADE FIBRES BROADWOVEN FABRIC (a)
(⁰000 square metres)

Period	Of, or predominantly of, staple fibres(b)					
	Containing 85% or more by weight of synthetic staple fibres and predominantly of		Containing less than 85% by weight of synthetic staple fibres and predominantly of			
			Polyester mixed mainly or solely with			
	Polyester(c) (653.21)	Fibres other than polyester (653.22)	Cotton (653.35)	Viscose (653.37)	Wool or fine animal hair (653.36)	Fibres other than polyester (653.39,40)
1986-87			26,040	20,593	4,100	53
1987-88			26,835	16,979	3,284	n.p.
1988-89			39,801	20,301	3,693	18
1988—						
October		Not available	3,608	1,604	267	—
November		prior to July 1989	3,423	1,756	305	—
December			2,938	1,523	248	—
1989—						
January			1,141	789	149	—
February			3,601	1,591	331	—
March			3,805	1,940	352	n.p.
April			2,816	1,728	407	n.p.
May			4,137	2,373	429	n.p.
June			4,703	2,198	332	n.p.
July	306	142	3,874	2,219	299	n.p.
August	334	108	3,410	1,988	291	n.p.
September	199	100	3,468	1,974	211	n.p.
October	247	108	3,006	2,042	223	n.p.
November	229	118	2,750	1,978	188	n.p.
December	154	59	2,324	1,557	143	n.p.
1988-89: July to Dec.	n.a.	n.a.	19,597	9,683	1,692	—
1989-90: July to Dec.	1,469	635	18,832	11,758	1,355	n.p.

TABLE 8. MAN-MADE FIBRES BROADWOVEN FABRIC (a) — continued
(⁰000 square metres)

Period	Of, or predominantly of, synthetic filaments(b)					Total man-made fibres broadwoven fabric		
	Containing 85% or more by weight of synthetic filaments and predominantly of					Original	Seasonally adjusted(e)	Trend(f)
	Polyethylene, polypropylene			Other (653.74,75)	Other(d) (653.50, 76.90)			
	Polyamide (653.71)	Polyester (653.72)	(653.73)					
1986-87	413	3,514	94,815	721	12,957	169,586	..	..
1987-88	500	4,458	97,411	443	12,384	166,696	..	..
1988-89	468	6,577	99,525	532	14,489	190,139	..	..
1988—								
October	n.p.	590	7,715	n.p.	1,308	15,659	14,554	15,982
November	n.p.	664	10,359	n.p.	1,284	18,273	16,447	16,877
December	32	370	7,323	24	1,065	13,875	16,161	17,562
1989—								
January	16	262	4,233	27	629	7,394	23,570	17,843
February	n.p.	471	9,288	n.p.	1,236	16,872	16,215	17,694
March	n.p.	638	8,345	n.p.	1,251	16,753	15,575	17,182
April	n.p.	547	7,589	n.p.	1,111	14,635	15,413	16,508
May	n.p.	643	8,729	n.p.	1,178	18,006	16,744	15,881
June	33	738	8,626	37	1,341	18,471	15,773	15,369
July	n.p.	1,696	7,653	n.p.	1,184	16,466	15,509	15,057
August	n.p.	1,660	8,510	n.p.	1,102	16,522	14,297	14,859
September	n.p.	737	8,194	n.p.	1,074	16,074	14,602	14,611
October	n.p.	710	7,172	n.p.	972	14,604	13,449	14,486
November	29	727	8,516	n.p.	1,132	15,751	14,111	14,447
December	15	580	8,356	n.p.	912	14,148	16,960	14,421
1988-89: July to Dec.	n.p.	3,278	52,716	n.p.	7,743	98,008	..	..
1989-90: July to Dec.	n.p.	4,110	48,401	n.p.	6,375	93,565	..	..

(a) Of, or predominantly of man-made fibres. Excludes elastic and tyre cord. (b) Excludes pile and chenille fabric. (c) Includes pure polyester. (d) Consists of pile fabric, chenille fabric and fabric of, or predominantly of, artificial fibres. (e) See paragraph 5, Explanatory Notes. (f) See paragraph 6 to 9, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 9. MATTRESSES
(number)

Period	Inner spring mattresses								
	NSW			Vic.			Qld		
	Width exceeding 107 cm but not exceeding 138 cm		Width exceeding 138 cm	Width exceeding 107 cm but not exceeding 138 cm		Width exceeding 138 cm	Width exceeding 107 cm but not exceeding 138 cm		Width exceeding 138 cm
	up to and including 107 cm (821 97)	up to and including 138 cm (821 98)		up to and including 107 cm (821 97)	up to and including 138 cm (821 98)		up to and including 107 cm (821 97)	up to and including 138 cm (821 98)	
1986-87	155,825	68,659	45,318	138,468	63,402	56,101	53,304	30,829	24,411
1987-88	168,319	71,430	58,028	132,151	70,053	60,387	71,557	35,513	31,268
1988-89	165,932	71,893	61,122	143,069	68,535	68,722	71,455	31,982	32,643
1986—									
December qtr	38,543	18,875	11,787	37,486	17,035	15,972	12,025	9,260	6,743
1987—									
March qtr	41,993	14,888	10,030	32,453	12,924	11,616	12,779	6,076	5,307
June qtr	37,338	17,933	12,232	31,411	14,078	13,373	7,231	5,785	
September qtr	42,565	17,659	12,996	33,164	18,612	14,865	16,593	9,019	7,368
December qtr	42,126	18,491	16,247	34,828	21,085	16,991	19,269	8,529	7,876
1988—									
March qtr	39,944	18,540	15,770	29,548	14,695	13,566	17,303	8,847	7,465
June qtr	43,684	16,740	13,015	34,611	15,661	14,965	18,392	9,318	8,559
September qtr	42,722	17,921	14,313	41,007	16,855	15,011	19,536	9,461	8,408
December qtr	38,688	18,664	14,738	40,641	19,014	19,679	18,624	8,652	8,512
1989—									
March qtr	39,048	17,498	15,173	33,397	14,494	14,193	15,683	6,286	7,433
June qtr	45,474	17,810	16,898	28,024	18,172	18,939	17,616	7,583	8,290
September qtr	35,961	16,929	14,666	43,645	18,718	17,752	19,506	8,473	9,253
December qtr	35,918	18,358	15,899	47,306	20,678	19,286	19,904	7,930	9,534
1988-89: July to Dec.	81,410	36,585	29,051	81,648	35,869	35,590	38,160	18,113	16,920
1989-90: July to Dec.	71,879	35,287	30,565	90,951	39,596	37,038	39,410	16,403	18,787

TABLE 9. MATTRESSES—continued
(number)

Period	Inner spring mattresses—continued								
	SA			WA and Tas			Australia		
	Width exceeding 107 cm but not exceeding 138 cm		Width exceeding 138 cm	Width exceeding 107 cm but not exceeding 138 cm		Width exceeding 138 cm	Width exceeding 107 cm but not exceeding 138 cm		Width exceeding 138 cm
	up to and including 107 cm (821 97)	up to and including 138 cm (821 98)		up to and including 107 cm (821 97)	up to and including 138 cm (821 98)		up to and including 107 cm (821 97)	up to and including 138 cm (821 98)	
1986-87	33,360	9,868	7,768	58,432	21,529	23,666	439,389	194,287	157,264
1987-88	30,175	9,095	9,552	61,150	18,784	23,551	463,352	204,875	182,786
1988-89	32,256	11,025	9,771	55,924	21,161	23,609	468,636	204,596	195,867
1986—									
December qtr	8,658	2,619	2,131	15,247	5,484	5,594	111,959	53,273	42,227
1987—									
March qtr	7,714	2,223	1,856	17,346	5,630	5,471	112,285	41,741	34,280
June qtr	8,338	2,311	1,851	13,418	4,901	5,610	103,878	50,027	39,556
September qtr	7,657	2,162	2,348	13,679	4,959	5,221	113,658	52,411	42,798
December qtr	7,351	2,432	2,458	15,945	4,999	8,023	119,519	55,336	51,595
1988—									
March qtr	6,951	2,195	1,961	14,751	4,797	6,216	108,497	49,074	44,978
June qtr	8,216	2,306	2,785	16,775	4,029	4,091	121,678	48,054	43,415
September qtr	8,086	2,836	2,326	13,477	4,703	5,163	124,828	51,776	46,121
December qtr	7,714	2,366	2,262	13,610	5,423	5,716	119,277	54,119	51,171
1989—									
March qtr	8,178	3,221	2,739	13,804	4,862	5,597	110,110	46,361	45,135
June qtr	8,278	2,602	2,180	15,033	6,173	7,133	114,421	52,340	53,440
September qtr	8,985	2,033	2,494	13,180	4,906	5,227	121,277	51,059	49,392
December qtr	7,170	1,944	2,485	14,338	4,241	5,723	124,636	53,151	52,927
1988-89: July to Dec.	15,800	5,202	4,852	27,087	10,126	10,879	244,105	105,895	97,292
1989-90: July to Dec.	16,155	3,977	4,979	27,518	9,147	10,950	945,913	104,210	102,319

TABLE 9. MATTRESSES — continued
(number)

Period	Water mattresses		Mattresses of artificial plastic material (expanded foam or sponge)	
	Width up to and including 107 cm (893 92)	Width exceeding 107 cm (893 93)	Width up to and including 107 cm (822 21)	Width exceeding 107 cm (822 22)
1986-87	5,165	52,223		
1987-88	5,943	42,060		
1988-89	7,506	47,357		
1986— December qtr	1,422	15,094		
1987— March qtr	1,057	9,510		
June qtr	1,051	13,073		
September qtr	1,499	10,463	Not available prior to September Quarter 1989	
December qtr	1,191	9,234		
1988— March qtr	1,631	10,177		
June qtr	1,622	12,186		
September qtr	1,479	11,427		
December qtr	2,232	10,976		
1989— March qtr	1,688	12,047		
June qtr	2,108	12,907		
September qtr	3,806	17,355		
December qtr	3,613	17,922	r19,802	r22,899
1988-89: July to Dec.	3,711	22,403	20,364	18,550
1989-90: July to Dec.	7,419	35,277	n.a.	n.a.
			40,166	41,449

TABLE 10. MATTRESS SUPPORTS (a)
(number)

Period	Sprung									
	NSW			Vic.				Qld		
	Width up to and including 107 cm (821 22)	Width exceeding 107 cm but not including 138 cm (821 24)	Width exceeding 138 cm (821 26)	Width up to and including 107 cm (821 22)	Width exceeding 107 cm but not including 138 cm (821 24)	Width exceeding 138 cm (821 26)	Width up to and including 107 cm (821 22)	Width exceeding 107 cm but not including 138 cm (821 24)	Width exceeding 138 cm (821 26)	Width exceeding 138 cm (821 26)
1986-87	55,192	38,060	34,720	48,239	31,329	40,090	26,572	20,547		20,031
1987-88	52,732	35,422	40,170	48,958	30,129	39,937	34,378	24,168		27,804
1988-89	51,497	37,196	43,830	53,858	32,316	46,094	37,926	21,363		27,820
1986— December qtr	13,304	9,125	8,061	13,627	9,009	11,947	6,819	5,954		4,449
1987— March qtr	15,870	9,596	9,258	10,264	6,475	8,402	6,174	3,983		4,685
June qtr	12,568	9,403	7,909	11,220	7,432	9,610	6,938	4,642		4,930
September qtr	12,968	7,892	8,044	11,908	7,422	9,811	7,663	6,385		6,580
December qtr	13,806	10,339	12,713	13,847	9,012	11,577	8,971	5,895		7,224
1988— March qtr	13,145	8,861	9,862	10,915	6,512	8,921	8,641	5,761		6,596
June qtr	12,813	8,330	9,551	11,928	7,183	9,628	9,103	6,127		7,404
September qtr	13,040	9,044	10,730	13,673	7,883	10,688	9,864	6,560		7,667
December qtr	12,135	9,541	11,211	14,329	8,987	12,316	9,822	5,621		7,710
1989— March qtr	13,012	9,357	10,718	11,155	7,163	10,288	9,380	4,212		5,755
June qtr	13,310	9,254	11,171	14,701	8,283	12,802	8,860	4,970		6,688
September qtr	11,603	8,834	9,980	11,895	7,322	10,864	9,211	5,543		7,652
December qtr	13,157	9,358	11,211	12,472	8,014	12,559	11,327	5,626		8,076
1988-89: July to Dec.	25,175	18,585	21,941	28,002	16,870	23,004	19,686	12,181		15,377
1989-90: July to Dec.	24,760	18,192	21,191	24,367	15,336	23,423	20,538	11,169		15,728

(a) Excludes mattress supports made of rubber.

TABLE 10. MATTRESS SUPPORTS(a)—continued
(number)

Period	Sprung—continued								
	SA			Other States(b)			Australia		
	Width up to and including 107 cm (821 22)	Width exceeding 107 cm but not exceeding 138 cm (821 24)	Width exceeding 138 cm (821 26)	Width up to and including 107 cm (821 22)	Width exceeding 107 cm but not exceeding 138 cm (821 24)	Width exceeding 138 cm (821 26)	Width up to and including 107 cm (821 22)	Width exceeding 107 cm but not exceeding 138 cm (821 24)	Width exceeding 138 cm (821 26)
1986-87	(c)6,559	(c)3,861	(c)4,210	(d)23,970	(d)17,394	(d)18,499	160,666	111,469	117,658
1987-88	10,219	5,402	7,195	22,964	14,791	21,667	168,891	109,912	136,773
1988-89	10,650	6,158	7,606	19,852	14,983	20,888	173,783	112,016	146,238
1986— December qtr	2,349	1,404	1,528	5,856	4,260	4,482	41,955	29,752	30,467
1987— March qtr	2,215	1,321	1,500	5,755	3,879	4,194	40,278	25,254	28,039
June qtr	2,129	1,414	1,291	4,645	3,725	4,375	37,500	26,616	28,205
September qtr	2,408	1,451	1,795	5,604	3,214	4,140	40,551	26,364	30,370
December qtr	2,845	1,484	2,003	5,390	3,971	6,679	44,859	30,701	40,196
1988— March qtr	2,229	1,186	1,522	5,237	3,863	5,533	40,167	26,183	32,434
June qtr	2,737	1,281	1,875	6,733	3,743	5,315	43,314	26,664	33,773
September qtr	2,209	1,504	1,845	4,707	2,940	4,707	43,493	27,931	35,637
December qtr	2,302	1,237	1,944	4,927	3,602	4,926	43,515	28,988	38,107
1989— March qtr	2,352	1,965	2,196	4,950	3,744	4,758	40,849	26,441	33,715
June qtr	3,787	1,452	1,621	5,268	4,697	6,497	45,926	28,656	38,779
September qtr	2,118	1,030	1,966	4,983	2,698	3,295	43,810	25,427	33,757
December qtr	2,048	1,088	1,894	4,261	2,565	3,499	43,265	26,651	37,239
1988-89: July to Dec.	4,511	2,741	3,789	9,634	6,542	9,633	87,008	56,919	73,744
1989-90: July to Dec.	4,166	2,118	3,860	7,244	5,263	6,794	81,075	52,078	70,996

TABLE 10. MATTRESS SUPPORTS(a)—continued
(number)

Period	Woven wire link mesh and wire spring (821 28)	
1986-87		71,220
1987-88		n.p.
1988-89		n.p.
1986— December qtr		19,539
1987— March qtr		17,765
June qtr		18,946
September qtr		n.p.
December qtr		n.p.
1988— March qtr		n.p.
June qtr		n.p.
September qtr		n.p.
December qtr		n.p.
1989— March qtr		n.p.
June qtr		n.p.
September qtr		n.p.
December qtr		n.p.

(a) Excludes mattress supports made of rubber. (b) Includes SA prior to December quarter 1986. (c) Excludes September quarter 1986. (d) Excludes SA from December quarter 1986.

TABLE 11. TEXTILE FLOOR COVERINGS (a)
(¹000 square metres)

Period	Tufted		Woven			Other (659 20, 61,62)	Total		
	Wool or fine animal hair(b) (659 41)	Man-made fibres(b) (659 42,43)	Other textile materials (659 49)	Wool or fine animal hair (659 51)	Other textile materials (659 53)		Original	Seasonally adjusted(c)	Trend(d)
1986-87 r	12,473	23,875					41,779	..	..
1987-88 r	13,396	23,857					41,651	..	..
1988-89 r	13,323	28,291					44,888	..	..
1988—									
October	1,135	2,427		Not available separately prior to July 1989			3,880	3,527	3,694
November	1,328	2,626					4,303	3,697	3,860
December	1,049	2,327					3,655	3,793	4,028
1989—									
January	451	1,247							r
February	1,151	2,391					1,797	5,064	4,144
March	1,064	2,479					3,816	3,944	4,167
April	1,038	2,340					3,772	3,835	4,087
May	1,338	2,544					3,626	3,999	3,925
June	1,121	2,538					4,190	3,780	3,734
July	996	2,155	n.p.	221	—		3,914	3,693	3,570
August	1,118	2,508	n.p.	223	—	n.p.	3,489	3,257	3,459
September	995		2,736	205	—	n.p.	3,909	3,372	3,428
October	981		2,692	215	—	48	3,984	3,512	3,470
November	1,093		2,011	220	—	41	3,929	3,487	3,597
December	912	1,947	n.p.	168	—	n.p.	4,404	3,780	3,769
1988-89: July to Dec.	7,158	14,755	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3,659	3,953	3,955
1989-90: July to Dec.	6,095	n.p.	n.p.	1,252	—	n.p.	23,773	..	..
							23,374	..	..

(a) Consisting of carpets, carpeting (excluding underfelt), floor rugs, mats and matting of, or predominantly of, textile materials other than coir, sisal, or other hard fibres.
(b) Prior to July 1989 only includes piece goods. (c) See paragraph 5, Explanatory Notes. (d) See paragraph 6 to 9, Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 12. TOWELS, SHEETS, PILLOW CASES AND BOLSTER CASES
(¹000 square metres)

Period	Towels (including tea towels) of cotton, terry towelling or similar cotton terry fabrics			Sheets, pillow cases and bolster cases	
	Not exceeding 55 cm in width (658 61)	Exceeding 55 cm but not exceeding 75 cm in width (658 62)	Exceeding 75 cm in width (658 63)	Cotton (658 49)	Other (658 55)
1989—					
July	72	209	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
August	84	318	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
September	57	250	138	n.p.	n.p.
October	65	246	52	n.p.	n.p.
November	34	205	50	n.p.	n.p.
December	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.

Not available prior to July 1989

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication is one of a series of nine containing monthly and quarterly production statistics. The titles of the other publications of this series are shown in paragraph 10.

Classification

2. Data contained in these publications are mostly based on monthly or quarterly collections conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Most items are identified by the commodity codes used in the Australian Manufacturing Production Commodity Classification (AMPPCC), which was developed by the ABS to facilitate greater comparability of manufacturing production commodity statistics with import and export commodity statistics. AMPPCC items were introduced into the monthly production collections (Catalogues 8301.0, 8357.0 to 8363.0, 8367.0 and 8368.0) from July 1989. The last available data relating to superseded commodity items are published in the June 1989 issue. In cases where data are derived from sources other than ABS collections no commodity code is shown and the source of the data is acknowledged in a footnote.

Scope and coverage

3. Manufacturing commodity statistics collected by the ABS exclude details relating to single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons employed and production of establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities but which may carry on, in a minor way, some manufacturing. However, except for a few commodities the effect on production levels and movements is marginal.

4. Annual figures shown in this publication are derived by aggregating monthly/quarterly production and relate to production during the year ended 30 June. They may differ from annual manufacturing census data which relate to the census year and, in the case of businesses unable to report on a June year basis, include details in respect of substitute accounting periods.

Seasonal adjustment and trend estimates

5. This publication contains seasonally adjusted statistics of several items. In the seasonal adjustment account had been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but also, where appropriate, of 'working-day' effects (arising from the varying number 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. However, care should be exercised in interpreting the figures for those months in which Christmas/New Year and Easter holidays fall as some manufacturers very holiday shutdowns in the light of prevailing demand for their products. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are available on request.

6. The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series to create trend estimates is a means of reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates

have been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

7. While this smoothing technique enables estimates of trend to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent months as data for subsequent months become available. Generally subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months have little impact on the series. There will also be revisions as a result of revisions to the original estimates and annual reviews of seasonal and 'working day' factors.

8. Because of the highly irregular nature of some production series it is not possible to discern with reasonable confidence the current direction of the trend at the end of these series. For such highly irregular series the ABS does not provide the last two trend estimates.

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