

INQUIRIES

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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 2 : CHEMICALS, ETC.
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All annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision. This summary contains seasonally adjusted statistics of sulphuric acid. 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 reanalysis. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1976* (Reference No. 1.10).

As from July 1975 production statistics exclude production of single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons 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. An indication of the approximate magnitude of the break in comparability may be obtained by comparing annual 1974-75 data which are shown in this publication on both the old and the new basis.

Period	Acids (in terms of 100% acid)						Super-phosphate (b)	
	Hydro-chloric (401.29)	Nitric (401.37)	Sulphuric		Chlorine (405.82)	Sodium Hydroxide (100%) (caustic soda) (407.88)		Sulphate of ammonia (405.36)
			Original (401.57)	Seas.adj. (a)				
	tonnes	tonnes	- '000 tonnes -		tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes
1973-74	41,385	183,052	2,428	..	111,220	139,220	244,045	5,318
1974-75	42,819	173,970	1,770	..	109,302	139,206	266,483	3,309
1974-75 (c)	42,819	173,970	1,770	..	109,302	139,206	266,483	3,309
1975-76	46,958	147,559	1,295	..	113,326	137,238	219,764	2,157
1975 -								
September	3,914	15,186	72	73	8,666	9,315	21,088	63
October	3,766	7,907	73	68	10,239	12,396	18,752	84
November	3,499	15,669	109	106	6,567	8,063	12,109	189
December	4,240	19,652	113	104	10,371	12,659	19,577	195
1976 -								
January	3,422	9,811	129	118	9,123	11,227	17,276	241
February	3,428	10,467	135	127	8,980	11,247	14,278	262
March	4,569	12,172	153	154	11,345	13,478	16,305	331
April	3,455	11,062	161	155	10,217	11,293	16,185	308
May	2,249	6,339	102	97	8,266	9,802	18,451	226
June	4,623	10,330	107	114	9,860	12,713	17,261	130
July	4,550	14,692	108	146	9,830	11,664	16,440	117
August	4,162	13,661	106	115	9,106	10,980	17,701	161
September	5,385	18,418	130	136	9,528	11,618	18,552	214
October	3,747	13,387	136	123	9,726	11,542	15,237	133
1975-76 : July to Oct.	16,473	52,057	286	..	38,597	46,756	88,322	274
1976-77 : July to Oct.	17,844	60,158	481	..	38,190	45,804	67,930	805

(a) See note at top of page. (b) Code numbers 415.07 and 405.25. Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (c) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above.