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PRODUCTION STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER 1967 (PRELIMINARY)

Preliminary estimates for December 1967 for certain major indicators of production are shown below. Production statistics for December for an extensive range of commodities will be published later in the series of 52 Monthly Production Summaries and the Monthly Bulletin of Production Statistics.

2. This statement includes seasonally adjusted statistics of several commodities. 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. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1967" issued on 18 July 1967.

No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1966			Months 1967		
			1965-66	1966-67	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.	Pig iron	'000 tons	(a)4,380	(a)4,893	433	420	413	416	382	435
2.	Ingot steel	" "	(a)5,561	(a)6,065	541	524	516	530	477	537
3.	Blooms and slabs	" "	(a)4,823	(a)5,233	465	441	446	473	432	457
4.	Tinplate	" "	(a) 236	(a) 257	22.7	22.6	22.9	23.1	23.4	24.0
5.	Gas (available for issue) - Original	mill. therms	300	299	25.2	22.5	20.8	23.7	21.2	20.1
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	25.1	24.7	24.8	23.6	23.3	24.1
6.	Electricity - Original	mill. kWh	38,279	41,441	3,387	3,276	3,162	3,605	3,508	3,209
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	3,428	3,427	3,463	3,623	3,669	3,566
7.	Bricks, clay	million	1,385	1,358	117	122	97	123	127	104
8.	Cement, Portland - Original	'000 tons	3,688	3,639	316	313	267	354	324	277
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	292	301	289	326	312	301
9.	Sawn Australian-grown timber (b)	mill. sup ft	1,517	1,431	129	127	110	139	130	(c)
10.	Hardboard	mill. sq ft	362	352	33.8	34.4	23.3	34.3	33.4	24.5
11.	Floor coverings	'000 sq yd	25,733	24,231	2,182	2,253	1,905	2,458	2,605	2,102
12.	Acid - Sulphuric	'000 tons	1,752	1,979	165	157	156	160	153	161
13.	Nitric	ton	25,522	31,003	3,136	1,865	2,155	2,657	3,256	2,828
14.	Hydrochloric	"	5,447	6,654	717	597	523	649	659	530
15.	Refrigerators, domestic	'000	214	232	23.2	24.2	20.3	24.7	25.4	17.6
16.	Clothes washing machines, domestic	"	241	231	20.8	22.3	17.3	23.8	26.7	16.9
17.	Radio sets (incl. radiograms)	"	396	448	44.3	58.8	47.5	49.9	61.4	45.7
18.	Television sets	"	277	251	20.1	21.9	16.6	20.7	21.9	16.2

(a) Year ended 31 May. (b) Source - Commonwealth Forestry and Timber Bureau and Victorian Forests Commission. (c) Not yet available.
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No.	Item	Unit	Year		Months 1966			Months 1967		
			1965-66	1966-67	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
19.	Electric motors - under 1 hp -									
	Original	'000	2,384	2,540	221	254	186	251	287	197
	Seas. adj.	"	..	..	212	208	204	233	236	224
20.	1 hp and over	"	126	140	11.2	13.6	10.2	12.7	13.6	8.5
21.	Internal combustion engines - Petrol (a)	"	224	265	32.0	36.2	25.8	34.5	30.5	15.1
22.	Lawn mowers - petrol - rotary type	"	176	217	31.5	32.2	25.0	29.6	25.0	9.6
23.	Cars and station wagons	"	294	296	22.4	26.4	21.6	30.0	30.9	19.2
24.	Utilities and panel vans	"	49.1	49.2	3.99	4.26	3.17	4.49	5.01	3.48
25.	Trucks and truck type vehicles	"	21.6	r22.5	1.76	1.87	1.64	2.30	2.11	1.56
26.	Yarn (b) - Cotton	'000 lb	59,020	61,181	5,111	5,710	3,936	5,615	5,369	4,166
27.	Wool	" "	52,054	50,868	4,501	r5,097	3,415	5,266	5,282	3,680
	Woven cloth (b) -									
28.	Cotton (excl. Towelling) - Original	'000 sq yd	55,701	57,311	4,842	5,043	3,927	5,310	r5,227	4,230
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	4,236	4,595	4,585	4,481	r4,853	5,054
29.	Wool (excl. blanketing) - Original	" "	23,386	r21,053	r1,867	r2,186	1,584	2,243	r2,402	1,756
	Seas. adj.	" "	..	..	r1,710	r1,758	1,768	1,969	r1,972	2,014
30.	Cellulosic fibre	" "	32,985	35,592	3,078	3,104	2,435	3,186	3,114	2,481
31.	Synthetic fibre	" "	20,805	r23,522	r1,918	r1,991	1,410	2,424	r2,421	1,869
32.	Confectionery - Chocolate base	mill. lb	104.3	107.2	7.84	8.33	5.92	8.24	7.72	5.46
33.	Other	" "	107.9	111.0	11.09	11.73	9.13	11.24	11.44	9.41
34.	Beer (c) (d)	mill. gal	279	303	26.9	30.4	31.3	28.0	28.9	32.1
35.	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes (c)	mill. lb	56.0	58.1	5.17	5.22	4.16	5.76	r5.04	3.98

(a) Excludes marine inboard, motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aero engines, but includes engines for outboard motors. (b) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (c) From July 1966 as recorded by Department of Customs and Excise. (d) From July 1966 includes waste beer.

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